

**MINUTES OF THE JUNE 29, 2023
MEETING OF THE WEST VIRGINIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES GRIEVANCE BOARD**

The June 29, 2023 meeting of the West Virginia Public Employees Grievance Board was called to order at the Grievance Board's office located at 1701 5th Avenue, Suite 142, Charleston, West Virginia, at 1:01 p.m. by Chairman, John Myers. Chairman Myers requested a roll call to establish a quorum. A quorum was established. Board Member Maria Eshenaur participated via telephone. Secretary William Burdette, PEGB Director, Michelle L. Bradley, Chief Administrative Law Judge Billie Thacker Catlett, ALJ's Landon R. Brown and Wes White, Executive Assistant, Kate A. Craddock were present in person. Also present via telephone was Dena Smith from the Finance Division.

Chairman Myers sought for approval of the March 23, 2023, Board Meeting minutes. Secretary William Burdette moved the minutes be approved as written. The motion was seconded by Board Member Maria Eshenaur and approved unanimously.

Dena Smith from Finance presented and reviewed the Financial Report. Ms. Smith stated the current expenditure benchmark is at 92%, the Grievance Board is under at this time with 79%. Discussion was held regarding funds available to purchase new case management software and equipment. Board Member Maria Eshenaur made a motion for the Financial Report to be approved as written. The motion was seconded by Secretary William Burdette and approved unanimously.

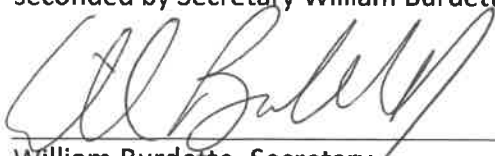
PEGB Director Michelle L. Bradley presented and reviewed the Administrative Report and introduced the Grievance Board's newly hired ALJ, Wes White. Chief Administrative Law Judge Billie Thacker Catlett reviewed the Administrative Law Judge Production Report. Secretary William Burdette made a motion for the Administrative Reports to be approved as written. The motion was seconded by Board Member Maria Eshenaur and approved unanimously.

Director Bradley gave a Legislative Wrap-up. She reviewed highlights of SB 461 and its potential impact on the Grievance Board. At the current time, the bill is waiting on signage from the governor. Director Bradley informed the Board she had submitted a recommendation that Governor Justice veto SB 461. She stated if passed, she will monitor its impact and re-evaluate for next session to propose legislation.

There were no comments during the Public Comments period of the Board Meeting.

Board Members unanimously agreed the next Board Meeting would take place on September 21, 2023, at 1:00 p.m., at 1701 5th Avenue, Suite 142, Charleston, West Virginia.

Motion for adjournment was made by Board Member Maria Eshenaur. The motion was seconded by Secretary William Burdette. The Board Meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.



William Burdette, Secretary
Public Employees Grievance Board

9-21-23

Date of Approval