

**MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF PERSONNEL APPEALS
Zoom Meeting
Helena, Montana
9:00 a.m.
February 15, 2024**

Call to Order – Establish Quorum – Introduction of Board & Staff Members Present: (00:23)

Members Present via Zoom:

Brian Hopkins, Board Chair
Jenny Stringer, Management Member
Curtis Schomer, Alt Labor Member

Staff Present via Zoom:

Trisha Shupe, Board Secretary
Ben Williams, Attorney, Department of Labor and Industry
Wendy Jackson, Dispute Resolution Section Chief

Approval of Minutes for November 16, 2023, meeting (04:00)

Board Chair moved to approve the minutes as amended. Member Schomer moved to approve minutes from the previous meeting as amended and Member Stringer seconded the motion. November 16, 2024, meeting minutes were approved as amended.

Public Opportunity to Comment (2-3-103 MCA) (05:00):

There were no comments by the Public.

Staff/Attorney Comments (05:23):

There were no comments from Staff/Attorney.

Board Action – Case for Oral Argument (06:13):

**Petitioner: Nashua Education Association; MFPE
Counter Petitioner: Nashua Public School District
Case #2024DRS00016**

Oral argument was waived.

Board Discussion of Case for Oral Argument (00:08:00)

Chair Hopkins called for discussion and observations by the Board. Board Member Stringer made a motion to uphold and affirm the Investigating Officers Finding that the Unfair Labor Practice Charge in this case lacks Probable Merit and is Dismissed. The motion was seconded by Member Schomer. Vote: 3-0. The motion passed.

Scheduling of Next Meeting

April 18, 2024

Meeting adjourned. (00:30:28):

There being no further business to come before the Board, Board Chair moved to adjourn the meeting. Member Stringer seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned.