

**SOUTH HADLEY ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS EXECUTIVE SESSION VIRTUAL MEETING
MARCH 29, 2023 AT 6:00 P.M.**

Present for Board: Chair John Hine, Vice Chair Denise Presley, Paul Dobosh, Kurt Schenker

Present for staff: General Manager Sean Fitzgerald, Financial Manager Michael Conchieri,
Administrative Assistant Kim Mendoza

Guests: Lisa Brodeur-McGan and Katharine Shove from Brodeur-McGan, P.C, counsel for the Board

After the meeting was called to order by Chair John Hine at 6:03 P.M, and he told the Board the purpose of the meeting (to discuss an open meeting law complaint), there was a motion and a second and the Board moved into executive session after a roll call vote to discuss the complaint (see open session minutes).

Ms. Brodeur-McGan introduced Ms. Shove and

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Mr. Hine outlined that the Board met on December 8, 2022 for contract negotiations and could not agree on a proposal to offer Mr. Fitzgerald. Then they met on December 20, 2022, without Mr. Fitzgerald and, after discussions, a vote was taken on a bargaining position proposal to be presented to Mr. Fitzgerald to see if it was acceptable to him. With a majority vote for the proposed salary increase, Mr. Hine met with Mr. Fitzgerald who did agree to the proposal. The Board then met on January 26th in open session and each board member was asked to state their position on the GM proposed contract increase before a vote was taken to approve the new GM contract.

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[REDACTED] Ms. Presley and Mr. Dobosh agreed with Mr. Hine's recollection of the December 20, 2022, meeting.

Mr. Hine said that the complaint alleged that there was not enough detail in the December 20, 2020 minutes so the public could understand how the Board reached its decision. Mr. Hine reviewed the options brought before the board for responding to the complaint before the Board took a vote. The Board could either handle the complaint themselves or refer the complaint to counsel to handle the response.

Mr. Schenker moved to accept the proposal to refer the matter to counsel, Mr. Dobosh seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0, by a roll call vote: Mr. Dobosh-aye, Mr. Schenker-aye, Ms. Presley-aye, Mr. Hine-aye.

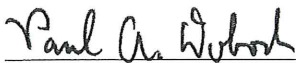
Mr. Hine stated that at the April 27th open meeting, there will be an agenda item topic and would state that the open meeting law complaint was referred to counsel.

Adjourn

On a motion by Mr. Dobosh and seconded by Mr. Schenker, it was

VOTED: To adjourn the executive session, by roll call vote; Ms. Presley-aye, Mr. Dobosh-aye, Mr. Schenker-aye, Mr. Hine-aye.

The Executive Session ended at 7:03 PM.



Paul Dobosh, Clerk

Approved: April 27, 2023



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