

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND AGENDA

Public Employment Relations Board

Regarding the Board's Participation in the 19th Annual Public Sector Conference
Organized by the Labor & Employment Law Section
Of The State Bar of California
May 3, 2013 ~ 12:10 p.m.

LOCATION: The Claremont Resort & Spa*
41 Tunnel Road
Berkeley, CA 94705

PURPOSE: The four current members of the Public Employment Relations Board have been invited to participate and will participate in a panel discussion during the conference luncheon.** The Board will answer questions selected by the conference planning committee from those submitted in advance by conference registrants.

1. Roll Call and Call to Order
2. Public Participation: Members of the public may address the Board during this portion of the agenda. Members of the public who are not registered for the conference may ask questions at this time.
3. Board Presentation: This is an opportunity for the Board to answer questions submitted in advance by conference participants to the Board. See Attachment A.
4. Recess to Closed Session: The Board will meet in a continuous closed session each business day beginning immediately upon recess of the open portion of this meeting through the Board's next regularly scheduled public meeting on June 13, 2013.

The purpose of these closed sessions will be to deliberate on cases listed on the Board's Docket (Gov. Code sec. 11126(c)(3)), personnel (Gov. Code sec. 11126(a)), pending litigation (Gov. Code sec. 11126(e)(1)), and any pending requests for injunctive relief (Gov. Code sec. 11126(e)(2)(c)).

** This meeting is accessible to the physically disabled. A person who needs disability-related accommodations or modifications in order to participate in the meeting shall make a request no later than five working days before the meeting to the Board by contacting Ms. Regina Keith at 916.322.8226 or sending a written request to Ms. Keith at PERB, 1031 18th Street, Sacramento, California 95811. Requests for further information should also be directed via telephone or writing to Ms. Keith. Additional information is also available on PERB's website at www.perb.ca.gov.*

*** Only conference participants who have paid the conference fee will be provided lunch.*

ATTACHMENT A

1. What is the average length of time (from docketing to issuance of decision) it is taking for the Board to issue a decision? Is the Board satisfied with how quickly it is issuing decisions? If not, what is the Board doing about it?
2. Has the Board considered promulgating recommended timelines from the issuance of a decision? For example, setting a goal of 90 days? What about setting goals for other parts of the process: ie. 60 days from UPC filing to complaint/dismissal; 90 days from complaint to ALJ hearing; 60 days for issuance of decision, etc.
3. Is PERB considering implementing an on-line docketing system – similar to PACER in the federal courts or at least an on-line system to view pleadings as most state courts have? If not, would PERB consider that?
4. Staffing: Does PERB have plans to hire additional ALJ's or Regional Attorneys at any of its offices? If so, where?
5. Informal Conferences: Now that SCMS is under the auspices of PERB, would PERB consider using SCMS mediators to conduct informal conferences, thereby freeing the regional attorneys to focus on charge disposition?

Has or would PERB consider volunteer mediators to assist with informal conferences?

6. ALJ Proceedings: Given PERB's improving (or at least stable) budget, would the Board be open to allowing ALJ's to travel to the location of the parties for a hearing if the parties agree to split the costs?
7. Factfinding: How is PERB populating its factfinder list? Is there an application or any minimum qualifications for the factfinders that PERB is providing to the parties?

Is PERB willing to make the complete list available to the public?

How are the seven factfinders that PERB provides to the parties selected – is it random or some other process?

Does PERB have a process for receiving complaints about factfinders?

8. What are the major decisions that the Board expects to be released this year? Are there any areas in the law that PERB is looking to make changes?
9. PERB Regulations: What is the status of the most recent draft discussion regulations? Any plans to move forward with those?

Any other regulatory packages anticipated for this year?

10. Any plans to have more PERB conferences to provide training, like PERB used to do before the recession?
11. In the budget crisis, has PERB reformed its processes to become more effective and efficient?
12. What is the case load at PERB?
13. Is PERB needed?

Easier (but more personal) questions:

1. What do you enjoy most about being a PERB Board member?
2. How did you begin your career in labor relations? What do you like most about the field?
3. What do you hope to accomplish during your tenure at PERB?