

**Minutes of the OLRB Advisory Committee  
May 1, 2020 (By Video Conference)**

**Ontario Labour Relations Board**

In attendance: Bernard Fishbein – Chair, OLRB  
Catherine Gilbert – Director/Registrar, OLRB  
Ursula Boylan – Deputy Registrar, OLRB  
Lindsay Lawrence – Solicitor, OLRB  
Aaron Hart – Solicitor, OLRB  
Matthew Wilson – Alternate Chair, OLRB  
Travis Kearns – Manager of Mediation Services, OLRB

Jim Robbins – Union  
Laurie Kent – Union  
Chris Fiore – Employer  
Melissa Kronick – Union  
Paul Lalonde – Employer  
Craig Morrison – Employer  
Keith Burkhardt – Employer  
Amy Hadibhai – Ministry of Labour  
Sara Smith – Employer  
Marina Schellenberg – Employer  
Graham Williamson – Union

Regrets: Ben Ratelband – Employer

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Bernard Fishbein chaired the meeting. The meeting commenced at 12:00 pm.

**1. Update from the Board**

Ms. Gilbert provides update about the Board's most recent Notices to Community. The Board is triaging applications. Ms. Gilbert advised that covid-related decisions are being posted on the Board's website. Further advised that the Board is conducting telehearings and video conference hearings. Advised that the Board is reviewing scheduled hearings to consider when they can be conducted by alternative means and advised that parties can write to the Board to request a cmh or an alternative hearing. Ms. Gilbert reminded the committee that parties need to provide e-mail or fax numbers

for Responding Parties and Interested Parties and that all forms were required to be e-filed. Ms. Gilbert also advised that at present we are only conducting electronic votes and that at this time in person hearings are cancelled up until May 29.

Mr. Krashinsky asked if there was discussion about reopening in the future and inquired about hearings after May 29. Would they be by video conference.

Ms. Gilbert advised that we do not have news on that yet, but that those are issues that are under discussion.

Mr. Fishbein advised that we have to consider some of the logistical issues in determining our hearing choices.

Mr. Burkhardt asked whether the Board would recommence the weekly application list.

Ms. Gilbert advised that she would look into recommencing the application list.

Ms. Kronick advised that she has been asked on certain hearings to advise about dates. She asked if it is assumed that we should write in and request new dates or are we waiting for the Board to say here is what we should do regarding new dates?

Ms. Gilbert advised that parties should feel free to write in to request dates if they don't hear from the Board

Mr. Fishbein advised that the Board is trying to review on a rolling basis cases that are about to be cancelled to advise the parties if they can proceed electronically.

Meeting ends at 12:46