

**Minutes of the OLRB Advisory Committee  
June 15, 2021 (By Video Conference)**

**Ontario Labour Relations Board**

In attendance:     Bernard Fishbein – Chair, OLRB  
                         Ursula Boylan – Deputy Registrar, OLRB  
                         Aaron Hart – Solicitor, OLRB

                         James Jennings – Ontario Bar Association  
                         Graham Williamson – Union  
                         Jim Robbins – Union  
                         Laurie Kent – Union  
                         Chris Fiore – Employer  
                         Melissa Kronick – Union  
                         Craig Morrison – Union  
                         Keith Burkhardt - Employer

Regrets:             Paul Lalonde - Employer  
                         Aryn Hadibhai – Ministry of Labour  
                         Lindsay Lawrence – Solicitor, OLRB  
                         Ben Ratelband – Employer

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Bernard Fishbein chaired the meeting. Meeting commenced at 5:05

**1.        Departures and Arrivals**

Bernie advised that Matt Wilson left the Board and is now the Chair of the Grievance Settlement Board of Ontario. Two new part-time VC appointments Brian Smeenk (current chair of Public Service Grievance Board) and John Martelli, long-time in house counsel at Bruce Power. Previously we had Maureen Doyle and Neil Keating appointed. They have started and are currently sitting and hearing cases.

**2.        Successor Legislation for the College of Trades**

Aaron advised about the Building Opportunities in the Skilled Trades and Apprenticeship Act.

### **3. Summary**

Catherine provided the stats that will be included in the Annual Report. 2800 Applications. Increase in IO applications. Approximately 234 Covid related applications. All hearings held remotely (nearly the same as last year). Mediation 90% of cases resolved. Votes were all held electronically. 89.5% turn out rate in votes. Significantly higher than in person votes.

### **4. Practice Notes and Reminders**

Catherine advised that all staff work remotely. Parties have to e-file all documents. Front desk staff have their cell phones posted. Check Board website for updates. In response to requests, we are now posting project agreements on our website. Looking at our in person hearing policies to keep up to date with medical advice. If there is anything you would like to tell us, please do so.

### **5. Next Meeting Dates**

Next meetings will be held June 15, 2021, September 21, 2021

Meeting adjourned at 5:49 pm.

Minutes taken by Aaron Hart.