

State of New Hampshire

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

PORTSMOUTH POLICE OFFICERS
I.B.P.O., LOCAL 402

Complainant

v.

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH, POLICE
COMMISSION

Respondent

CASE NO. P-0709:15

DECISION NO. 97-002

MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE AND ORDER TO MEDIATE

The Board, meeting at its offices in Concord, New Hampshire, on January 8, 1997, took the following actions:

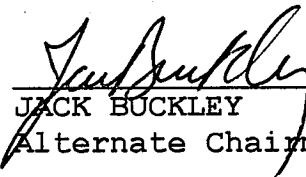
1. In response to the filing of an amended complaint in the above-captioned matter and in accordance with Item 4 of this Board's order in Decision No. 96-086, it convened to hear the positions of the parties with respect to the aforesaid amended unfair labor practice (ULP) filed by the Union on November 25, 1996 and the City's answer filed on December 10, 1996.
2. At the opening of the hearing in this matter, the parties advised the Board that they had reached an agreement as to how to proceed in order to resolve questions of negotiability relating to standard operating procedures (SOP's) of the Police Department. In involved their agreement "to meet in order to facilitate negotiability differences, with the assistance of a mutually acceptable mediator, Mark Grossman, (1) to assess issues, (2) to assist the parties in determining negotiability, (3) to resolve the merits of issues which parties are willing to settle and (4) to identify any remaining issues as to negotiability, either with or without

recommendations. This will be accomplished without the parties' waiving any rights with respect to procedural or substantive motions or matters now before the PELRB and the PELRB will retain jurisdiction during the foregoing efforts. The parties will submit letters every sixty (60) days advising the Board of their progress" or of other needs which may arise in the meantime.

3. Consistent with the foregoing agreement of the parties, the PELRB GRANTED their motion to continue this matter on its docket pending the foregoing mediation efforts, directed the agreed-to mediation and directed the filing of progress reports as agreed to by the parties.

So ordered.

Signed this 23rd day of January, 1997.



JACK BUCKLEY
Alternate Chairman

By unanimous vote. Alternate Chairman Jack Buckley presiding.
Members E. Vincent Hall and William F. Kidder present and voting.