

**State of New Hampshire**  
**PUBLIC EMPLOYEE LABOR RELATIONS BOARD**

Non-Supervisory Classified Employees of NH Employment Security (S-0306-4) and Classified Supervisory Employees of N.H. Employment Security (S-0306-5) And Classified Employees of NH Employment Security (S-0306-6)	*
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Petitioners	*
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SEA/SEIU Local 1984, AFL-CIO, CLC	*
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Respondent	*

Case No.s S-0306-4  
S-0306-5  
S-0306-6

Decision No. 2006-201

**ORDER**

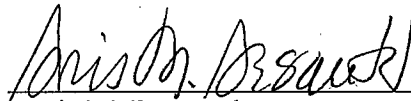
The Public Employee Labor Relations Board ("PELRB") has conferred to consider a filing by the Respondent entitled "Appeal to the Full Board". The PELRB created the procedural device of an informal pre-hearing conference to facilitate our proceedings and encourage informal disposition of matters pending before it. Admin R. Pub 202.01. Its administrative rules do not contemplate appeals of decisions in such proceedings and we do not intend to our decision in this matter to encourage such interim appeals nor shall this decision have any precedential value. This may explain the lack of any citation to authority by counsel to assist us in our decision-making.

That being said, we have reviewed the documents filed by all parties in this matter that constitute the record as well as the hearing officer's decision (Decision No. 2006-171). We find that the hearing officer acted within appropriate discretion in conducting the informal pre-hearing conference and deciding as he did.

Therefore, we deny the Respondent's "appeal" and issue this order in the event a higher authority, if required, would characterize a decision by a hearing officer in an informal pre-hearing conference as the equivalent of decisions by hearing officers in evidentiary or final hearings and thereby governed by Admin R. Pub 205.01.

So ordered.

Signed this 2nd day of November, 2006



Doris M. Desautel  
Chair

By unanimous decision. Chair Doris M. Desautel presiding. E. Vincent Hall and James M. O'Mara, Jr. present and voting.

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