

## Minutes

### D.C. OFFICE OF EMPLOYEE APPEALS (OEA) BOARD MEETING

Thursday, November 17, 2022

Location: Virtual Meeting Via Webex

**Persons Present:** Lasheka Brown (OEA General Counsel), Sheila Barfield (OEA Executive Director), Sommer Murphy (OEA Deputy General Counsel), Clarence Labor, Jr. (OEA Board Chair), Jelani Freeman (OEA Board Member), Peter Rosenstein (OEA Board Member), Dionna Maria Lewis (OEA Board Member), and Wynter Clarke (OEA Paralegal).

**Call to Order** – Clarence Labor, Jr. called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

- I. Ascertainment of Quorum** – There was a quorum of Board members present for the office to conduct business.
- II. Adoption of Agenda** –Peter Rosenstein moved to adopt the agenda. Jelani Freeman seconded the motion. The agenda was adopted by the Board.
- III. Minutes from Previous Meeting** – The August 25, 2022 meeting minutes were reviewed. There were no corrections. The minutes were accepted.

#### **IV. New Business**

**A. Summary**— Clarence Labor provided that a summary of the matters to be decided were provided in the agenda for this meeting. The summaries were posted to the OEA website, the Board of Ethics and Government Accountability’s website, and printed and posted in OEA’s front office. The matters to be decided are as follows:

1. Employee v. Office of Unified Communications, OEA Matter No. 1601-0022-21
2. Employee v. Department of Small and Local Business Development, OEA Matter No. J-0009-18R20R21

**B. Public Comments on Petitions for Review** – There were no public comments offered.

**C. Deliberations** –Jelani Freeman moved that the meeting be closed for deliberations in accordance with D.C. Code § 2-575(b)(13). Peter Rosenstein seconded the motion. All Board members voted in favor of closing the meeting. Clarence Labor, Jr. stated that the meeting was closed for deliberations.

#### **D. Open Portion of Meeting Resumed**

**E. Final Votes** – Clarence Labor Jr. provided that the Board considered all of the matters. The following represents the final votes for each case:

##### **1. Employee v. Office of Unified Communications, OEA Matter No. 1601-0022-21**

MEMBER	GRANTED	REVERSED	DENIED	REMANDED	DISMISSED
Clarence Labor, Jr.			X		
Jelani Freeman			X		
Peter Rosenstein			X		
Dionna Lewis			X		

Four Board Members voted in favor of denying Agency’s Petition for Review. Therefore, the petition was denied.

**2. Employee v. Department of Small and Local Business Development, OEA Matter No. J-0009-18R20R21**

<b>MEMBER</b>	<b>GRANTED</b>	<b>REVERSED</b>	<b>DENIED</b>	<b>REMANDED</b>	<b>DISMISSED</b>
Clarence Labor, Jr.			X		
Jelani Freeman			X		
Peter Rosenstein			X		
Dionna Lewis			X		

Four Board Members voted in favor of denying Employee’s Petition for Review. Therefore, the petition was denied.

**F. Public Comments**

1. There were no public comments offered.

**V. Adjournment** – Peter Rosenstein moved that the meeting be adjourned; Dionna Maria Lewis seconded the motion. All members voted affirmatively to adjourn the meeting. Clarence Labor, Jr. adjourned the meeting at 9:27 a.m.

**Respectfully Submitted,  
Wynter Clarke  
Paralegal Specialist**