

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
Pennsylvania Milk Marketing Board

MINUTES

SPECIAL SUNSHINE MEETING

March 19, 2020

9:00 A.M.

Telephone Conference

Via Skype

**1. CALL OF MEETING TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:**

**Chairman Rob Barley** called the Special Sunshine Meeting of the Pennsylvania Milk Marketing Board to order via Skype Telephone conference.

Steve Zalman called the roll. Those in attendance and constituting a quorum were:

**Board Members:**

**Present:** Chairman Rob Barley, Consumer Member Carol Hardbarger, Member James Van Blarcom

**Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Doug Eberly, Esq., Jim Petrascu, Esq., Steven Zalman, John Bell, Esq. (PA Farm Bureau), Jason Statler, Esq. (PADC), Marvin Beshore, Esq. (PADC), Wendy Yoviene, Esq. (PAMD)

**DISCUSSION:** **Chairman Barley** read the announcement of Dr. Carol Hardbarger's resignation as the Consumer Member for the PMMB Board. She has been an unbiased voice for PA consumers, farmers, milk dealers and retailers. She single-handedly reshaped the PMMB office culture and structure to perform as she likes to say a "well oiled machine". However, it is with great excitement that we announce that she will be accepting the full-time position of Executive Secretary for PMMB. The Board interviewed several candidates and felt all would fall short of Carol's high standards. Member Van Blarcom & I were reluctant to make the choice because we did not want to lose Carol's leadership on the Board. In the end the decision was done with the best interest for the PA Milk Marketing Board. We look forward to Governor Wolf, and the PA Senate, in selecting an excellent candidate in replacing Dr. Hardbarger as the Consumer Member.

**Chairman Barley** followed with a pause for silent reflection and prayer in light of all that is going on, and as we move forward.

**2. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Official General Order A-1005 Over-Order Premium**

**PRESENTED by:** Chairman Barley

**MOTION by:** Member Van Blarcom

Moved to accept the Official General Order A-1005 Over-Order Premium) **Seconded by Consumer Member Hardbarger. Motion carried without dissent.**

**Assenting:** Chairman Rob Barley, Consumer Member Carol Hardbarger, Member James Van Blarcom

**Dissenting:** None

## **6. REPORT OF CHIEF COUNSEL**

**PRESENTED by:** Doug Eberly

**DISCUSSION:** Chief Counsel stated that it is apparent from the Chairman's announcement, that the Board did meet for a personnel issues, with nothing else to report. There were no official actions or deliberation, other than the personnel issues that took place.

## **3. REMINDERS:**

<u>SUNSHINE MEETING:</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>ROOM</u>
Regular Sunshine Meeting	Wed. Apr 1, 2020	1:00 P.M.	309 Ag Bldg.

### **HEARING(S):**

**DISCUSSION:** Member Van Blarcom confirmed his full agreement with Chairman Barley's announcement concerning Carol's transition.

Wendy Yovienne congratulated Carol on her new position. It is very exciting for the dairy industry.

Marvin Beshore also expressed his congratulations to Carol, and he further inquired as to when the appointment changes will occur. Chairman Barley stated that it will be effective as of Friday, March 20, it she will be made official as Executive Secretary.

Marvin Beshore further inquired if the April Sunshine meeting will be in the same format as today? Chairman Barley responded that it has not yet been determined, but further information will be forth coming to all.

## **4. ADJOURNMENT:**

**Chairman Barley**, hearing no further matters to come before the Board, adjourned the meeting at 9:14 A.M.