## 1 STATE OF NEVADA 2 LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE-MANAGEMENT 3 RELATIONS BOARD 4 5 TERESA DANIEL, IDA SIERRA, MARQUIS LEWIS, AARON LEÉ. 6 ANDREW D. GASCA, KEVIN CERVANTES, LUTHER J. SOTO. 7 BEVERLY ABRAM, LATRICE BANKS, CASE NO. A1-046028 DENISE MAYFIELD, LINDA 8 KORSCHINOWSKI, CHARLEEN DAVIS-ITEM: 767 SHAW, DAVID M. SHAW, ARGRETTA O. 9 HUTSON, ET AL. <u>ORDER</u> 10 Complainant, 11 VS. 12 EDUCATION SUPPORT EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION, 13 Respondents. 14 For Complainant: Teresa Daniel, Ida Sierra, Marquis Lewis, Aaron Lee, Andrew D. 15 Gasca, Kevin Cervantes, Luther J. Soto, Beverly Abram, Latrice Banks. Denise Mayfield, Linda Korschinowski, Charleen Davis-Shaw, David M. 16 Shaw, Argretta O. Hutson, et al., In Proper Person 17 For Respondent: Education Support Employees Association and their attorney James W. Penrose, Esq. 18 On the 12th day of October, 2011, this matter came on before the State of Nevada, Local 19 Government Employee-Management Relations Board ("Board"), for consideration and decision 20 pursuant to the provisions of NRS and NAC chapters 288, NRS chapter 233B, and was properly 21 22 noticed pursuant to Nevada's open meeting laws. 23 Complainants in this matter are a collection of local government employees employed by the Clark County School District. The complaint in this matter alleges that Respondent 24 Education Support Employees Association ("ESEA") has denied Complainants' request to 25 26 withdraw from union membership. ESEA now requests that this matter be dismissed pursuant to

NAC 288.375(1) due to a lack of probable cause. As is discussed herein, the Board grants

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ESEA's motion to dismiss.

Upon review of the pleadings, including the motion and the opposition, as well as the evidence and affidavits attached to the pleadings, the Board finds two separate bases supporting dismissal of this matter.

NAC 288.200(1) requires that complaints before this Board contain "clear and concise statement of the facts constituting the alleged practice sufficient to raise a justiciable controversy under chapter 288 of NRS, including the time and place of the occurrence of the particular acts and the names of persons involved." The complaint at issue in this case does not satisfy these requirements.

The complaint was filed with this Board on July 19, 2011, but also identifies a window of time in which withdrawal from the union may be requested as from July 1 to July 15. Thus the complaint was filed four days following the close of the withdrawal window and approximately 8 days following the request to withdraw submitted on July 11, 2011. Given the rapid succession between the members' request to withdraw and the filing of the complaint with the Board calls into question whether or not the ESEA did in fact deny the request to withdraw.

Subsequent evidence presented to the Board asserts that the ESEA has in fact processed the members' requests to withdraw and that Complainants are no longer members of ESEA as they had requested. The Board looks to the affidavit of Brian Christensen which was submitted as evidence to support the motion to dismiss. The opposition does not refute or contest the facts stated in Mr. Christensen's affidavit. The Board finds this to be substantial evidence that ESEA has complied with Complainants' requests and allowed their resignations from ESEA.

The Board, having duly considered the pleadings filed herein, and having fully considered the law and being fully advised in the premises makes its Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order as follows:

## FINDINGS OF FACT

 Complainants Teresa Daniel, Ida Sierra, Marquis J. Lewis, Aaron Lee Andrew D. Gasca, Argetta O. Huston, Luther J. Soto, Beverlyn Abram, Latrice Banks, Denise Mayfield, Linda Korshinowski, Charleen Davis-Shaw and David Mr. Shaw (collectively "Complainants") filed the complaint in this matter on July 19, 2011.

- 2. The complaint in this matter does not state the time and place of any prohibited labor practice, nor does the complaint identify the names of the particular persons involved.
- 3. On or about July 11, 2011 Complainants submitted a request to withdraw their membership in ESEA to ESEA.
- 4. As established by the affidavit of Brian Christensen, ESEA has allowed Complainants' resignations under the terms of the ESEA membership agreement.
- 5. Complainants have not disputed the facts contained in the affidavit of Brian Christensen.
- 6. If any of the foregoing findings is more appropriately construed a conclusion of law, it may be so construed.

## CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- NAC 288.200(1) states that a complaint must contain facts sufficient to state a justiciable controversy under NRS Chapter 288.
- 2. The complaint filed in this matter does not comply with the requirements of NAC 288.200(1).
- 3. As the complaint does not comply with NAC 288.200(1) dismissal without prejudice is proper pursuant to NAC 288.375(1).
- 4. Additionally, the complaint is not supported by probable cause pursuant to NAC 288.375(1) because substantial evidence indicates that ESEA complied with Complainants' request and allowed Complainants to withdraw membership in ESEA.
- 5. As this matter will be dismissed, all other notices and pleadings are rendered moot.
- If any of the foregoing conclusions is more appropriately construed a finding of fact, it
  may be so construed.

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**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING** I hereby certify that I am an employee of the Local Government Employee-Management Relations Board, and that on the 31st day of October, 2011, I served a copy of the foregoing ORDER by mailing a copy thereof, postage prepaid to: Teresa Daniel and Members etal. PO Box 531634 Henderson, NV 89053 James W. Penrose, Esq. Dyer, Lawrence, Penrose, Flaherty, Donaldson, & Prunty 2805 Mountain Street Carson City, NV 89703 YCE HOLTZ, Executive Assistar