Today Governor Brown appointed two new members to the five-member Public Employment Relations Board. Both appointees are former union representatives. The Board has now filled four of the five slots, and will continue under the direction of PERB Chair Anita Martinez. The appointments are subject to Senate confirmation.

The new appointees are:

**Priscilla Winslow**, 60, of Berkeley. Winslow was assistant chief counsel at the California Teachers Association from 1996 to 2012. Previously she was the managing partner at the Law Offices of Winslow and Fassler. Early in her career, from 1979 to 1983, she served as legal advisor to the chair of the California Public Employment Relations Board, and prior to that was staff counsel for several unions. She earned her law degree from the University of California, Davis School of Law.

**Eric Banks**, 41, of San Diego. Banks was a partner at TenPageMemo LLC since 2013. He served in multiple positions with the Service Employees International Union, Local 221, from 2001 to 2013, including advisor, president, and director of government and community relations. Banks served in multiple positions for various AIDS organizations from 1993 to 2001.
At least two sessions at CALPELRA’s 2012 Annual Conference predicted that PERB would shift from a pro-management Board to a pro-union Board. With these appointments, that shift has happened. Even though public employers can rely on the stability of over 2,000 PERB decisions forming PERB’s body of law, we expect subtle changes in Board decisions, especially where prior precedent lacks clarity.

Register for CALPELRA’s full-day Labor Relations Academy 9 training on preparing for factfinding and the public impasse hearing, currently scheduled for:
March 22, 2013, at the Four Points by Sheraton, Pleasanton, and April 9, 2013, at the Centre At Sycamore Plaza, in Lakewood.

See the schedule for more information.