

Biographies of Chair and Board Members



Rosemary A. Townley, Member

John F. Wirenius, Chair

Anthony Zumbolo, Member

John F. Wirenius was appointed Chairperson of the New York State Public Employment Relations Board (“PERB”) in June 2016, after having served as PERB’s Deputy Chair and General Counsel for two years. Prior to joining PERB, he was Deputy General Counsel for the New York City Office of Collective Bargaining, and earlier in his career represented both management and labor. He has published numerous scholarly articles on topics ranging from the First Amendment to labor law, and two books. He is a 1990 graduate of the Columbia University School of Law, where he was a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar. He received his undergraduate degree *summa cum laude* from Fordham College in 1987.

Anthony Zumbolo was appointed to serve as a PERB Board Member in June 2018. He spent nearly 35 years at PERB, retiring as the agency’s Executive Director in 2016. From 2002 to 2017, he served as a part-time Public Service Professor in the Department of Public Administration and Policy at the Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy. Prior to joining PERB, he was a business representative for a local union. Mr. Zumbolo is permanently certified as a secondary school social studies teacher and has degrees in economics from the University at Buffalo (BA) and University at Albany (MA). He completed his Doctorate in Organizational Behavior and Public Management at Rockefeller College. His dissertation examining decision-making in negotiations and mediation won the national Labor and Employment Relations Association’s Best Dissertation Award.

Rosemary A. Townley was appointed to serve as a PERB Board Member in June 2018. Ms. Townley has been a full-time, independent arbitrator and mediator for over 30 years based in the Metropolitan New York City region. She is a member of AAA’s Commercial, Employment, Executive Contracts, Complex Case, and Labor Panels, and handles international cases assigned by ICDR. Ms. Townley’s experience includes the disposition of over 4,500 arbitration cases and 500 mediation matters, ranging from the resolution of disputes concerning international investment banking to collective bargaining issues between the NFL and the NFL Players Association. She serves as a permanent contract arbitrator in the fields of transportation, education, energy (electric, oil, gas, and nuclear power), home health care, entertainment, news, and others.

Information Pursuant to Executive Law § 203-b

Name	County of Residence	Term Expires	FY 22-23 Compensation	FY 22-23 Expenses	Est. FY 23-24 Compensation	Est. FY 23-24 Expenses	Est. FY 24-25 Compensation	Est. FY 24-25 Expenses
John F. Wirenius, Chairperson	Albany	5/31/2019	NYS Salaried Employee	\$0.00	NYS Salaried Employee	\$0.00	NYS Salaried Employee	\$0.00
Anthony Zumbolo, Board Member	Albany	5/31/2023	Per Diem Employee	\$0.00	Per Diem Employee	\$0.00	Per Diem Employee	\$0.00
Rosemary A. Townley, Board Member	Manhattan	5/31/2027	Per Diem Employee	\$0.00	Per Diem Employee	\$0.00	Per Diem Employee	\$0.00