

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT  
NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD  
**RC PETITION**

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**INSTRUCTIONS:** Unless e-Filed using the Agency's website, [www.nlr.gov](http://www.nlr.gov), submit an original of this Petition to an NLRB office in the Region in which the employer concerned is located. The petition must be accompanied by both a showing of interest (see 6b below) and a certificate of service showing service on the employer and all other parties named in the petition of: (1) the petition; (2) Statement of Position form (Form NLRB-505); and (3) Description of Representation Case Procedures (Form NLRB 4812). The showing of interest should only be filed with the NLRB and should not be served on the employer or any other party.

1. PURPOSE OF THIS PETITION: RC-CERTIFICATION OF REPRESENTATIVE - A substantial number of employees wish to be represented for purposes of collective bargaining by Petitioner and Petitioner desires to be certified as representative of the employees. The Petitioner alleges that the following circumstances exist and requests that the National Labor Relations Board proceed under its proper authority pursuant to Section 9 of the National Labor Relations Act.

2a. Name of Employer  
Northwestern University

2b. Address(es) of Establishment(s) involved (Street and number, city, State, ZIP code)  
633 Clark Street, Evanston, Illinois 60208

3a. Employer Representative - Name and Title  
Morton Schapiro, President

3b. Address (if same as 2b - state same)  
same

3c. Tel. No.  
847 491-7456

3d. Cell No.

3e. Fax No.

3f. E-Mail Address  
nu-president@northwestern.edu

4a. Type of Establishment (Factory, mine, wholesaler, etc.)  
University

4b. Principal product or service  
Education

5a. City and State where unit is located:  
Evanston, IL

5b. Description of Unit Involved  
Included: see attached  
Excluded: see attached

6a. No. of Employees in Unit:  
525

6b. Do a substantial number (30% or more) of the employees in the unit wish to be represented by the Petitioner? Yes  No

Check One:  7a. Request for recognition as Bargaining Representative was made on (Date) 6/9/2016 and Employer declined recognition on or about 6/9/2016 (Date) (If no reply received, so state).  
 7b. Petitioner is currently recognized as Bargaining Representative and desires certification under the Act.

8a. Name of Recognized or Certified Bargaining Agent (If none, so state).  
none

8b. Address

8c. Tel No.

8d. Cell No.

8e. Fax No.

8f. E-Mail Address

8g. Affiliation, if any

8h. Date of Recognition or Certification

8i. Expiration Date of Current or Most Recent Contract, if any (Month, Day, Year)

9. Is there now a strike or picketing at the Employer's establishment(s) involved? No If so, approximately how many employees are participating? \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of labor organization) \_\_\_\_\_, has picketed the Employer since (Month, Day, Year) \_\_\_\_\_

10. Organizations or individuals other than Petitioner and those named in items 8 and 9, which have claimed recognition as representatives and other organizations and individuals known to have a representative interest in any employees in the unit described in item 5b above. (If none, so state)

10a. Name

10b. Address

10c. Tel. No.

10d. Cell No.

10e. Fax No.

10f. E-Mail Address

11. Election Details: If the NLRB conducts an election in this matter, state your position with respect to any such election.

11a. Election Type:  Manual  Mail  Mixed Manual/Mail

11b. Election Date(s):  
see attachment

11c. Election Time(s):  
see attachment

11d. Election Location(s):  
see attachment

12a. Full Name of Petitioner (including local name and number)  
Service Employees International Union Local 73 CLC/CTW

12b. Address (street and number, city, state, and ZIP code)  
300 S Ashland Ave, Suite 400 Chicago IL 60607

12c. Full name of national or international labor organization of which Petitioner is an affiliate or constituent (if none, so state)  
Service Employees International Union CLC/CTW

12d. Tel No.  
312 588 7544

12e. Cell No.  
812 219-4108

12f. Fax No.  
312 588 7545

12g. E-Mail Address  
smcgough@seiu73.org

13. Representative of the Petitioner who will accept service of all papers for purposes of the representation proceeding.

13a. Name and Title  
Sean McGough, SEIU Local 73 Organizing Director

13b. Address (street and number, city, state, and ZIP code)  
300 S Ashland, Suite 400 Chicago, IL 60607

13c. Tel No.  
312 588 7544

13d. Cell No.  
812 219-4108

13e. Fax No.  
312 588-7545

13f. E-Mail Address  
smcgough@seiu73.org

I declare that I have read the above petition and that the statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Name (Print)  
Sean McGough

Signature  
[Signature]

Title  
Organizing Director, SEIU 73

Date  
6/9/16

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**PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT**

Solicitation of the information on this form is authorized by the National Labor Relations Act (NLRA), 29 U.S.C. § 151 et seq. The principal use of the information is to assist the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) in processing representation and related proceedings or litigation. The routine uses for the information are fully set forth in the Federal Register, 71 Fed. Reg. 74942-43 (Dec. 13, 2006). The NLRB will further explain these uses upon request. Disclosure of this information to the NLRB is voluntary; however, failure to supply the information will cause the NLRB to decline to invoke its processes.

## **5b. Description of Unit Involved**

**Including:** All full-time and part-time graduate and undergraduate non-tenure-eligible faculty (including the follow titles: Adjunct Faculty, Adjunct Instructors, Adjunct Lecturers, Adjunct Assistant Professors, Adjunct Associate Professors, Adjunct Professors; Postdoctoral Fellows, Visiting Postdocs, Clinical Assistant Professors, Clinical Associate Professors, Clinical Professors, Artists-in-Residence, Instructors, Lecturers, Senior Lecturers, Distinguished Senior Lecturers, Visiting Faculty, Visiting Assistant Professors, Visiting Associate Professors, Visiting Lecturers, Visiting Scholars, Visiting Professors, Research Assistant Professors, Research Associate Professors, Research Professors, Assistant Professors of Instruction, Associate Professors of Instruction, Professors of Instruction, and Weinberg College Advisors who hold teaching-track appointments) employed by Northwestern University and currently teaching at least one course at Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences, McCormick School of Engineering & Applied Sciences, Bienen School of Music, the School of Communication, the School of Education & Social Policy, Medill School of Journalism, and the Graduate School.

**Excluding:** All tenured faculty, tenure-eligible faculty, emeritus faculty, research faculty who are not teaching courses, the Feinberg School of Medicine faculty, the Pritzker Law School faculty, the Kellogg School of Business faculty, the School for Professional Studies faculty, Northwestern in Qatar faculty, all faculty teaching only at the Chicago or Doha campuses, all administrators (including deans, directors, provosts, and chairs who may have teaching assignments); graduate students, athletic coaches, all other employees employed by the University, including those who teach a class or course and are separately compensated for such teaching, managers, confidential employees, office clerical employees, professional employees, guards and supervisors as defined in the Act.

**11b.** The Petitioner is requesting a mail ballot election in which ballots would be mailed on Wednesday, June 22, 2016 and counted on Friday, July 8, 2016.

**11c.** The Petitioner is requesting a mail ballot election in which ballots would be mailed on Wednesday, June 22, 2016 and counted on Friday, July 8, 2016.

**11d.** The Petitioner is requesting a mail ballot election in which ballots would be mailed on Wednesday, June 22, 2016 and counted on Friday, July 8, 2016.

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

**Employer Name:** Northwestern University

**Service on the Employer**

I hereby certify that on 6/9/16 (date), a copy of the petition involving the Employer named above, a Statement of Position (Form NLRB-505), and a Description of Procedures (Form NLRB-4812) were served on the Employer by: (check whichever is applicable)

- e-mail to the email address shown on the petition.
- facsimile (with the permission of the Employer) to the facsimile number shown on the petition.
- overnight mail to the mailing address shown on the petition.
- hand-delivery to \_\_\_\_\_ (name of Employer's representative) at the following address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Service on the Other Party Named in the Petition**

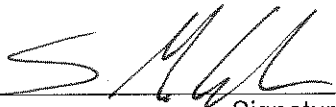
I hereby certify that on \_\_\_\_\_ (date), a copy of the petition involving the Employer named above, a Statement of Position (Form NLRB-505), and a Description of Procedures (Form NLRB-4812) were also served on \_\_\_\_\_ (name of party or parties) by: (check whichever is applicable)

- email to the email address shown on the petition.
- facsimile (with the permission of the party) to the facsimile number shown on the petition.
- overnight mail to the mailing address shown on the petition.
- hand-delivery to \_\_\_\_\_ (name of party's representative) at the following address: \_\_\_\_\_

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- hand-delivery to \_\_\_\_\_ (name of party's representative) at the following address: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Signature

Sean McGeough, SEIU Local 73  
Name and Title Organizing Director

6/9/16  
Date

**REVIEW THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT INFORMATION  
BEFORE FILLING OUT A STATEMENT OF POSITION FORM**

**Completing and Filing this Form:** The Notice of Hearing indicates which parties are responsible for completing the form. If you are required to complete the form, you must have it signed by an authorized representative and file a completed copy (including all attachments) with the RD and serve copies on all parties named in the petition by the date and time established for its submission. If more space is needed for your answers, additional pages may be attached. If you have questions about this form or would like assistance in filling out this form, please contact the Board agent assigned to handle this case. **You may E-File your Statement of Position at [www.nlr.gov](http://www.nlr.gov), but unlike other e-Filed documents, it will *not* be timely if filed on the due date but after noon in the time zone of the Region where the petition was filed.**

*Note: Non-employer parties who complete this Statement of Position are NOT required to complete items 8f and 8g of the form, or to provide a commerce questionnaire or the lists described in item 7. In RM cases, the employer is NOT required to complete items 3, 5, 6, and 8a-8e of the form.*

**Required Lists:** The employer's Statement of Position must include a list of the full names, work locations, shifts, and job classifications of all individuals in the proposed unit as of the payroll period preceding the filing of the petition who remain employed at the time of filing. If the employer contends that the proposed unit is inappropriate, the employer must separately list the full names, work locations, shifts and job classifications of all individuals that it contends must be added to the proposed unit to make it an appropriate unit. The employer must also indicate those individuals, if any, whom it believes must be excluded from the proposed unit to make it an appropriate unit. These lists must be alphabetized (overall or by department). Unless the employer certifies that it does not possess the capacity to produce the lists in the required form, the lists must be in a table in a Microsoft Word file (.doc or .docx) or a file that is compatible with Microsoft Word, the first column of the table must begin with each employee's last name, and the font size of the list must be the equivalent of Times New Roman 10 or larger. That font does not need to be used but the font must be that size or larger. A sample, optional form for the list is provided on the NLRB website at <http://www.nlr.gov/what-we-do/conduct-elections/representation-case-rules-effective-april-14-2015>.

**Consequences of Failure to Supply Information:** Failure to supply the information requested by this form may preclude you from litigating issues under 102.66(d) of the Board's Rules and Regulations. Section 102.66(d) provides as follows:

A party shall be precluded from raising any issue, presenting any evidence relating to any issue, cross-examining any witness concerning any issue, and presenting argument concerning any issue that the party failed to raise in its timely Statement of Position or to place in dispute in response to another party's Statement of Position or response, except that no party shall be precluded from contesting or presenting evidence relevant to the Board's statutory jurisdiction to process the petition. Nor shall any party be precluded, on the grounds that a voter's eligibility or inclusion was not contested at the pre-election hearing, from challenging the eligibility of any voter during the election. If a party contends that the proposed unit is not appropriate in its Statement of Position but fails to specify the classifications, locations, or other employee groupings that must be added to or excluded from the proposed unit to make it an appropriate unit, the party shall also be precluded from raising any issue as to the appropriateness of the unit, presenting any evidence relating to the appropriateness of the unit, cross-examining any witness concerning the appropriateness of the unit, and presenting argument concerning the appropriateness of the unit. If the employer fails to timely furnish the lists of employees described in §§102.63(b)(1)(iii), (b)(2)(iii), or (b)(3)(iii), the employer shall be precluded from contesting the appropriateness of the proposed unit at any time and from contesting the eligibility or inclusion of any individuals at the pre-election hearing, including by presenting evidence or argument, or by cross-examination of witnesses.

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**STATEMENT OF POSITION**

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**INSTRUCTIONS:** Submit this Statement of Position to an NLRB Office in the Region in which the petition was filed and serve it and all attachments on each party named in the petition in this case such that it is received by them by the date and time specified in the notice of hearing.  
**Note:** Non-employer parties who complete this form are NOT required to complete items 8f or 8g below or to provide a commerce questionnaire or the lists described in item 7. In RM cases, the employer is NOT required to respond to items 3, 5, 6, and 8a-8e below.

1a. Full name of party filing Statement of Position		1c. Business Phone:	1e. Fax No.:
1b. Address (Street and number, city, state, and ZIP code)		1d. Cell No.:	1f. e-Mail Address
2. Do you agree that the NLRB has jurisdiction over the Employer in this case? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (A completed commerce questionnaire (Attachment A) must be submitted by the Employer, regardless of whether jurisdiction is admitted)			
3. Do you agree that the proposed unit is appropriate? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (If not, answer 3a and 3b.)			
a. State the basis for your contention that the proposed unit is not appropriate. (If you contend a classification should be excluded or included briefly explain why, such as shares a community of interest or are supervisors or guards.)			
b. State any classifications, locations, or other employee groupings that must be added to or excluded from the proposed unit to make it an appropriate unit. Added _____ Excluded _____			
4. Other than the individuals in classifications listed in 3b, list any individual(s) whose eligibility to vote you intend to contest at the pre-election hearing in this case and the basis for contesting their eligibility.			
5. Is there a bar to conducting an election in this case? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, state the basis for your position.			
6. Describe all other issues you intend to raise at the pre-election hearing.			
7. The employer must provide the following lists which must be alphabetized (overall or by department) in the format specified at <a href="http://www.nlr.gov/what-we-do/conduct-elections/representation-case-rules-effective-april-14-2015">http://www.nlr.gov/what-we-do/conduct-elections/representation-case-rules-effective-april-14-2015</a> . (a) A list containing the full names, work locations, shifts and job classification of all individuals in the proposed unit as of the payroll period immediately preceding the filing of the petition who remain employed as of the date of the filing of the petition. (Attachment B) (b) If the employer contends that the proposed unit is inappropriate the employer must provide (1) a separate list containing the full names, work locations, shifts and job classifications of all individuals that it contends must be added to the proposed unit, if any to make it an appropriate unit, (Attachment C) and (2) a list containing the full names of any individuals it contends must be excluded from the proposed unit to make it an appropriate unit.			
State your position with respect to the details of any election that may be conducted in this matter. 8a. Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Manual <input type="checkbox"/> Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed Manual/Mail			
8b. Date(s)	8c. Time(s)	8d. Location(s)	
8e. Eligibility Period (e.g. special eligibility formula)	8f. Last Payroll Period Ending Date	8g. Length of payroll period <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly <input type="checkbox"/> Biweekly <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify length)	
9. Representative who will accept service of all papers for purposes of the representation proceeding			
9a. Full name and title of authorized representative		9b. Signature of authorized representative	9c. Date
9d. Address (Street and number, city, state, and ZIP code)			9e. e-Mail Address
9f. Business Phone No.:		9g. Fax No.	9h. Cell No.

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DESCRIPTION OF REPRESENTATION CASE PROCEDURES  
IN CERTIFICATION AND DECERTIFICATION CASES

The National Labor Relations Act grants employees the right to bargain collectively through representatives of their own choosing and to refrain from such activity. A party may file an RC, RD or RM petition with the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) to conduct a secret ballot election to determine whether a representative will represent, or continue to represent, a unit of employees. An RC petition is generally filed by a union that desires to be certified as the bargaining representative. An RD petition is filed by employees who seek to remove the currently recognized union as the bargaining representative. An RM petition is filed by an employer who seeks an election because one or more individuals or unions have sought recognition as the bargaining representative, or based on a reasonable belief supported by objective considerations that the currently recognized union has lost its majority status. This form generally describes representation case procedures in RC, RD and RM cases, also referred to as certification and decertification cases.

**Right to be Represented** – Any party to a case with the NLRB has the right to be represented by an attorney or other representative in any proceeding before the NLRB. A party wishing to have a representative appear on its behalf should have the representative complete a Notice of Appearance (Form NLRB-4701), and E-File it at [www.nlr.gov](http://www.nlr.gov) or forward it to the NLRB Regional Office handling the petition as soon as possible.

**Filing and Service of Petition** – A party filing an RC, RD or RM petition is required to serve a copy of its petition on the parties named in the petition along with this form and the Statement of Position form. The petitioner files the petition with the NLRB, together with (1) a certificate showing service of these documents on the other parties named in the petition, and (2) a showing of interest to support the petition. The showing of interest is not served on the other parties.

**Notice of Hearing** – After a petition in a certification or decertification case is filed with the NLRB, the NLRB reviews both the petition and the required showing of interest for sufficiency, assigns the petition a case number, and promptly sends letters to the parties notifying them of the Board agent who will be handling the case. In most cases, the letters include a Notice of Representation Hearing. Except in cases presenting unusually complex issues, this pre-election hearing is set for a date 8 days (excluding intervening federal holidays) from the date of service of the notice of hearing. Once the hearing begins, it will continue day to day until completed absent extraordinary circumstances. The Notice of Representation Hearing also sets the due date for filing and serving the Statement(s) of Position. Included with the Notice of Representation Hearing are a copy of the petition, this form, a Statement of Position form, a Notice of Petition for Election, and a letter advising how to contact the Board agent who will be handling the case and discussing those documents.

**Hearing Postponement:** The regional director may postpone the hearing for up to 2 business days upon request of a party showing special circumstances and for more than 2 business days upon request of a party showing extraordinary circumstances. A party wishing to request a postponement should make the request in writing and set forth in detail the grounds for the request. The request should include the positions of the other parties regarding the postponement. The request should be filed with the regional director. E-Filing the request is preferred, but not required. A copy of the request must be served simultaneously on all the other parties, and that fact must be noted in the request.

**Statement of Position Form and List(s) of Employees** – The Statement of Position form solicits commerce and other information that will facilitate entry into election agreements or streamline the pre-election hearing if the parties are unable to enter into an election agreement. As part of its Statement of Position form, the employer also provides a list of the full names, work locations, shifts, and job classifications of all individuals in the proposed unit. If the employer contends that the proposed unit is not appropriate, the employer must separately list the same information for all individuals that the employer contends must be added to the proposed unit to make it an appropriate unit, and must further indicate those individuals, if any, whom it believes must be excluded from the proposed unit to make it an appropriate unit. These lists must be alphabetized (overall or by department).

Unless the employer certifies that it does not possess the capacity to produce the lists in the required form, the lists must be in a table in a Microsoft Word file (.doc or .docx) or a file that is compatible with Microsoft Word, the first column of the table must begin with each employee's last name, and the font size of the list must be the equivalent of Times New Roman 10 or larger. That font does not need to be

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Ordinarily the Statement of Position must be filed with the Regional Office and served on the other parties such that it is received by them by noon on the business day before the opening of the hearing. The regional director may postpone the due date for filing and serving the Statement of Position for up to 2 business days upon request of a party showing special circumstances and for more than 2 business days upon request of a party showing extraordinary circumstances. The Statement of Position form may be E-Filed but, unlike other E-Filed documents, will *not* be timely if filed on the due date but after noon in the time zone of the Region where the petition is filed. Consequences for failing to satisfy the Statement of Position requirement are discussed on the following page under the heading "Preclusion."

A request to postpone the hearing will not automatically be treated as a request for an extension of the Statement of Position due date. If a party wishes to request both a postponement of the hearing and a postponement of the Statement of Position due date, the request must make that clear and must specify the reasons that postponements of both are sought.

**Posting and Distribution of Notice of Petition for Election** – Within 2 business days after service of the notice of hearing, the employer must post the Notice of Petition for Election in conspicuous places, including all places where notices to employees are customarily posted, and must also distribute it electronically if the employer customarily communicates with its employees electronically. The employer must maintain the posting until the petition is dismissed or withdrawn, or the Notice of Petition for Election is replaced by the Notice of Election. The employer's failure properly to post or distribute the Notice of Petition for Election may be grounds for setting aside the election if proper and timely objections are filed.

**Election Agreements** – Elections can occur either by agreement of the parties or by direction of the regional director or the Board. Three types of agreements are available: (1) a Consent Election Agreement (Form NLRB-651); (2) a Stipulated Election Agreement (Form NLRB-652); and (3) a Full Consent Agreement (Form NLRB-5509). In the Consent Election Agreement and the Stipulated Election Agreement, the parties agree on an appropriate unit and the method, date, time, and place of a secret ballot election that will be conducted by an NLRB agent. In the Consent Agreement, the parties also agree that post-election matters (election objections or determinative challenged ballots) will be resolved with finality by the regional director; whereas in the Stipulated Election Agreement, the parties agree that they may request Board review of the regional director's post-election determinations. A Full Consent Agreement provides that the regional director will make final determinations regarding all pre-election and post-election issues.

**Hearing Cancellation Based on Agreement of the Parties** – The issuance of the Notice of Representation Hearing does not mean that the matter cannot be resolved by agreement of the parties. On the contrary, the NLRB encourages prompt voluntary adjustments and the Board agent assigned to the case will work with the parties to enter into an election agreement, so the parties can avoid the time and expense of participating in a hearing.

**Hearing** – A hearing will be held unless the parties enter into an election agreement approved by the regional director or the petition is dismissed or withdrawn.

*Purpose of Hearing:* The purpose of a pre-election hearing is to determine if a question of representation exists. A question of representation exists if a proper petition has been filed concerning a unit appropriate for the purpose of collective bargaining or, in the case of a decertification petition, concerning a unit in which a labor organization has been certified or is being currently recognized by the employer as the bargaining representative. Disputes concerning individuals' eligibility to vote or inclusion in an appropriate unit ordinarily need not be litigated or resolved before an election is conducted.

*Issues at Hearing:* Issues that might be litigated at the pre-election hearing include: jurisdiction; labor organization status; bars to elections; unit appropriateness; expanding and contracting unit issues; inclusion of professional employees with nonprofessional employees; and eligibility formulas. At the hearing, the Statement of Position will be received into evidence and, prior to the introduction of further evidence, all other parties will respond on the record to each issue raised in the Statement. The hearing officer will not receive evidence concerning any issue as to which the parties have not taken adverse positions, except for evidence regarding the Board's jurisdiction over the employer and evidence concerning any issue, such as the appropriateness of the proposed unit, as to which the regional director determines that record evidence is necessary.



*Preclusion:* At the hearing, a party will be precluded from raising any issue, presenting any evidence relating to any issue, cross-examining any witness concerning any issue, and presenting argument concerning any issue that the party failed to raise in its timely Statement of Position or to place in dispute in response to another party's Statement of Position or response, except that no party will be precluded from contesting or presenting evidence relevant to the Board's statutory jurisdiction to process the petition. Nor shall any party be precluded, on the grounds that a voter's eligibility or inclusion was not contested at the pre-election hearing, from challenging the eligibility of any voter during the election. If a party contends that the proposed unit is not appropriate in its Statement of Position but fails to specify the classifications, locations, or other employee groupings that must be added to or excluded from the proposed unit to make it an appropriate unit, the party shall also be precluded from raising any issue as to the appropriateness of the unit, presenting any evidence relating to the appropriateness of the unit, cross-examining any witness concerning the appropriateness of the unit, and presenting argument concerning the appropriateness of the unit. As set forth in §102.66(d) of the Board's rules, if the employer fails to timely furnish the lists of employees, the employer will be precluded from contesting the appropriateness of the proposed unit at any time and from contesting the eligibility or inclusion of any individuals at the pre-election hearing, including by presenting evidence or argument, or by cross-examination of witnesses.

*Conduct of Hearing:* If held, the hearing is usually open to the public and will be conducted by a hearing officer of the NLRB. Any party has the right to appear at any hearing in person, by counsel, or by other representative, to call, examine, and cross-examine witnesses, and to introduce into the record evidence of the significant facts that support the party's contentions and are relevant to the existence of a question of representation. The hearing officer also has the power to call, examine, and cross-examine witnesses and to introduce into the record documentary and other evidence. Witnesses will be examined orally under oath. The rules of evidence prevailing in courts of law or equity shall not be controlling. Parties appearing at any hearing who have or whose witnesses have handicaps falling within the provisions of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, and 29 C.F.R. 100.503, and who in order to participate in this hearing need appropriate auxiliary aids, as defined in 29 C.F.R. 100.503, should notify the regional director as soon as possible and request the necessary assistance.

*Official Record:* An official reporter will make the only official transcript of the proceedings and all citations in briefs or arguments must refer to the official record. (*Copies of exhibits should be supplied to the hearing officer and other parties at the time the exhibit is offered in evidence.*) All statements made in the hearing room will be recorded by the official reporter while the hearing is on the record. If a party wishes to make off-the-record remarks, requests to make such remarks should be directed to the hearing officer and not to the official reporter. After the close of the hearing, any request for corrections to the record, either by stipulation or motion, should be forwarded to the regional director.

*Motions and Objections:* All motions must be in writing unless stated orally on the record at the hearing and must briefly state the relief sought and the grounds for the motion. A copy of any motion must be served immediately on the other parties to the proceeding. Motions made during the hearing are filed with the hearing officer. All other motions are filed with the regional director, except that motions made after the transfer of the record to the Board are filed with the Board. If not E-Filed, an original and two copies of written motions shall be filed. Statements of reasons in support of motions or objections should be as concise as possible. Objections shall not be deemed waived by further participation in the hearing. On appropriate request, objections may be permitted to stand to an entire line of questioning. Automatic exceptions will be allowed to all adverse rulings.

*Election Details:* Prior to the close of the hearing the hearing officer will: (1) solicit the parties' positions (but will not permit litigation) on the type, date(s), time(s), and location(s) of the election and the eligibility period; (2) solicit the name, address, email address, facsimile number, and phone number of the employer's on-site representative to whom the regional director should transmit the Notice of Election if an election is directed; (3) inform the parties that the regional director will issue a decision as soon as practicable and will immediately transmit the document to the parties and their designated representatives by email, facsimile, or by overnight mail (if neither an email address nor facsimile number was provided); and (4) inform the parties of their obligations if the director directs an election and of the time for complying with those obligations.

*Oral Argument and Briefs:* Upon request, any party is entitled to a reasonable period at the close of the hearing for oral argument, which will be included in the official transcript of the hearing. At any time before the close of the hearing, any party may file a memorandum addressing relevant issues or points of

law. *Post-hearing* briefs shall be filed only upon special permission of the regional director and within the time and addressing the subjects permitted by the regional director. If filed, copies of the memorandum or brief shall be served on all other parties to the proceeding and a statement of such service shall be filed with the memorandum or brief. No reply brief may be filed except upon special leave of the regional director. If allowed, briefs should be double-spaced on 8½ by 11 inch paper. Briefs must be filed in accordance with the provisions of Section 102.111(b) of the Board's Rules. E-Filing of briefs through the Board's website, [www.nlr.gov](http://www.nlr.gov), is encouraged, but not required. Facsimile transmission of briefs is NOT permitted.

**Regional Director Decision** - After the hearing, the regional director issues a decision directing an election, dismissing the petition or reopening the hearing. A request for review of the regional director's pre-election decision may be filed with the Board at any time after issuance of the decision until 14 days after a final disposition of the proceeding by the regional director. Accordingly, a party need not file a request for review before the election in order to preserve its right to contest that decision after the election. Instead, a party can wait to see whether the election results have mooted the basis of an appeal. The Board will grant a request for review only where compelling reasons exist therefor.

**Voter List** – The employer must provide to the regional director and the parties named in the election agreement or direction of election a list of the full names, work locations, shifts, job classifications, and contact information (including home addresses, available personal email addresses, and available home and personal cellular (“cell”) telephone numbers) of all eligible voters. (In construction industry elections, unless the parties stipulate to the contrary, also eligible to vote are all employees in the unit who either (1) were employed a total of 30 working days or more within the 12 months preceding the election eligibility date or (2) had some employment in the 12 months preceding the election eligibility date and were employed 45 working days or more within the 24 months immediately preceding the election eligibility date. However, employees meeting either of those criteria who were terminated for cause or who quit voluntarily prior to the completion of the last job for which they were employed, are not eligible.) The employer must also include in a separate section of the voter list the same information for those individuals whom the parties have agreed should be permitted to vote subject to challenge or those individuals who, according to the direction of election, will be permitted to vote subject to challenge.

The list of names must be alphabetized (overall or by department) and be in the same Microsoft Word file (or Microsoft Word compatible file) format as the initial lists provided with the Statement of Position form unless the parties agree to a different format or the employer certifies that it does not possess the capacity to produce the list in the required form. When feasible, the list must be filed electronically with the regional director and served electronically on the other parties named in the agreement or direction.

To be timely filed and served, the voter list must be *received* by the regional director and the parties named in the agreement or direction respectively within 2 business days after the approval of the agreement or issuance of the direction unless a longer time is specified in the agreement or direction. A certificate of service on all parties must be filed with the regional director when the voter list is filed. The employer's failure to file or serve the list within the specified time or in proper format shall be grounds for setting aside the election whenever proper and timely objections are filed. The parties shall not use the list for purposes other than the representation proceeding, Board proceedings arising from it, and related matters.

**Waiver of Time to Use Voter List** – Under existing NLRB practice, an election is not ordinarily scheduled for a date earlier than 10 days after the date when the employer must file the voter list with the Regional Office. However, the parties entitled to receive the voter list may waive all or part of the 10-day period by executing Form NLRB-4483. A waiver will not be effective unless all parties who are entitled to the list agree to waive the same number of days.

**Election** – Information about the election, requirements to post and distribute the Notice of Election, and possible proceedings after the election is available from the Regional Office and will be provided to the parties when the Notice of Election is sent to the parties.

**Withdrawal or Dismissal** – If it is determined that the NLRB does not have jurisdiction or that other criteria for proceeding to an election are not met, the petitioner is offered an opportunity to withdraw the petition. If the petitioner does not withdraw the petition, the regional director will dismiss the petition and advise the petitioner of the reason for the dismissal and of the right to appeal to the Board.