

STATE OF WISCONSIN

STATE PERSONNEL BOARD

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PEARSON REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION  
Case No. 77-110-I  
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DECISION AND ORDER

**OFFICIAL**

Before: Morgan, Warren and Hessert, Board Members.

DECISION

By letter dated May 23, 1977, Mr. Pearson requested that the Board review the locksmith series. He alleged that the class specifications were not adequate and the pay range was not commensurate with the level of skill required in the job.

We requested the Bureau of Personnel to respond to this request for investigation. Verne Knoll, Deputy Director of the Bureau, did so respond by letter dated June 10, 1977. Mr. Pearson has been asked to respond to Mr. Knoll's letter. He has done so but only to say Mr. Knoll failed to address the two specific areas of concern raised by the request for investigation.

We have a discretionary authority under Sec. 16.05(4), Wis. Stats., to investigate the matters set forth in Mr. Pearson's request. However, we have previously held that we will only exercise our discretion when the request for investigation involves issues of broad and important policy matters. See Schwarz v. Schmid, Case No. 74-114 (November 75, 1975).

Mr. Pearson's concerns regarding the locksmith series come within the purview of this Board under Sec. 16.07, Wis. Stats. However, Mr. Knoll,

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in his response, stated that as a result of a Bureau survey of maintenance positions, a new locksmith series was created in 1973. This Board approved the Bureau's recommendations regarding that series effective April 29, 1973. Part of a survey and ultimately this Board's approval is a review of the duties and responsibilities of each level in a classification and a review of the appropriate compensation for such levels.

We conclude we will not investigate the issues raised by Mr. Pearson. The classification series was reviewed and approved only a few years ago. Further there are no facts alleged in the record to date which, if assumed to be true, would show that the series needs further review.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this request for investigation is denied.

Dated: 10-12, 1977.

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James Morgan, Chairperson