

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
BEFORE THE WISCONSIN EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION

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In the Matter of the Petition of  
  
SERVICE EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL UNION WISCONSIN  
  
Involving Certain Employees of  
  
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN HOSPITALS AND CLINICS AUTHORITY

Case ID: 640.0004

Case Type: E\_ME

DECISION NO. 40376-A

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Appearances:

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**ORDER DISMISSING PETITION FOR ELECTION**

On March 25, 2024, Service Employees International Union Wisconsin (SEIU) filed a petition with the Wisconsin Employment Relations Commission seeking an election to determine if certain employees of the University of Wisconsin Hospitals and Clinics Authority (UWHCA) wish to be represented by SEIU for the purposes of collective bargaining under the Municipal Employment Relations Act.

On June 4, 2024, the Commission issued an Order holding the petition in abeyance pending final disposition of litigation in which SEIU contends that UWHCA is an employer within the meaning of the Wisconsin Employment Peace Act.

On November 17, 2025, SEIU advised the Commission that it is withdrawing its Petition for Election under the Municipal Employment Relations Act, without prejudice in this matter. On

November 19, 2025, the University of Wisconsin Hospitals and Clinics Authority advised the Commission that it has no objection to the withdrawal;

**NOW, THEREFORE, it is:**

**ORDERED**

The March 25, 2024, petition for election is dismissed without prejudice.

Issued at the City of Madison, Wisconsin, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of November 2025.

**WISCONSIN EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION**

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Peter G. Davis, Chairman

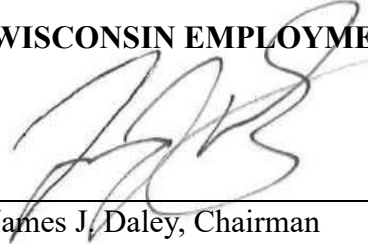
**MEMORANDUM ACCOMPANYING ORDER HOLDING PETITION IN ABEYANCE**

As reflected in the prelude to the Commission's Order, SEIU is currently contending that the Commission has jurisdiction over the UWHCA under either the Wisconsin Employment Peace Act or the Municipal Employment Relations Act.

In *UWHCA*, Dec. No. 39765 (WERC, 11/22), the Commission concluded that the UWHCA was not an employer within the meaning of the Wisconsin Employment Peace Act. That decision was affirmed by the Dane County Circuit Court (2022CV003199) in March of 2024 and SEIU subsequently sought review in the Court of Appeals. Should it ultimately be concluded that the Commission does have jurisdiction over the UWHCA under the Peace Act, such a result would conflict with any Commission assertion of jurisdiction under the Municipal Employment Relations Act. Given that potential conflict of results, the Commission concludes it is appropriate to hold the March 25, 2024, petition in abeyance pending final disposition of litigation in which SEIU contends that UWHCA is an employer within the meaning of the Wisconsin Employment Peace Act.

Issued at the City of Madison, Wisconsin, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June 2024.

**WISCONSIN EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION**

  
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James J. Daley, Chairman