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The Corner

We offered three local law school students the opportunity to work in a paid summer internship at PERB. The legal interns are working with our staff attorneys to research issues and support our case processing. We are growing the labor community and providing opportunities to law students to learn about the field. PERB relies on the labor expertise of our community; exposing law students to labor relations helps ensure a steady supply of expertise in the future.

Clarene Phyllis Martin, Executive Director

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

August 13, 2019 Second Tuesdays

August 15, 2019 Board Meeting

September 19, 2019 Board Meeting

TBD Rulemaking Hearing

## SECOND TUESDAYS

The PERB Institute of Labor Relations has an upcoming training session on August 13, 2019. John Higgins will lead a session on Elections. Email <a href="mailto:royale.simms@dc.gov">royale.simms@dc.gov</a> to request more details and registration instructions. Seating is limited. Early registration recommended.

# **Approval of Rules for Publication**

On March 21, 2019, the Board approved proposed rules for publication in the D.C. Register. Since the publication of the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, we have received comments and feedback. The comment period for the proposed rules has been extended until August 30, 2019. Additionally, the Board voted to hold a Rulemaking Hearing this September, but the time and location have yet to be determined.

#### **ALRA Conference**

PERB participated in the Association of Labor Relations Agencies (ALRA) annual conference. ALRA is an association of impartial government agencies in the United States and Canada. PERB staff attorneys attended panels that provided balanced discussions on the state of labor relations. PERB staff attorneys also attended trainings to refine neutrality and legal skills. We all gained a little more expertise in labor relations through our attendance.

# **Welcome the Supervisory Attorney Advisor**

Erica Balkum accepted the position as the Supervisory Attorney Advisor and began on July 15, 2019. She previously worked as an attorney advisor for PERB for more than 3 years, and provides demonstrated knowledge of PERB, as well as other experience with labor-management issues. We are excited to welcome her back.