



Legal Alert: Senate Confirms Pearce and Hayes as Board Members

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On June 22, 2010, the Senate confirmed Mark Pearce and Brian Hayes to serve as members of the National Labor Relations Board (the "Board"). Pearce has been serving on the Board since April 7, 2010, when he was recess appointed by President Obama. Pearce's term will run through August 27, 2013. Hayes was the labor policy director for the Republicans on the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee prior to his appointment to the Board. His term expires December 16, 2012.

The Senate did not confirm Craig Becker, who has been serving as a Board member since April 5, 2010, after he was recess appointed by the President. Becker's nomination is still pending. His recess appointment will expire when the Senate adjourns its 2011 session.

With the addition of Hayes, the Board will have a full five-member panel for the first time since December 2007. Chairman Wilma Liebman, whose term expires at the end of August 2011, and Peter Schaumber, whose term expires at the end of August 2010, are the other two Board members.

Additionally, President Obama has named NLRB attorney Lafe Solomon as acting General Counsel for the Board, effective June 21, 2010. He replaces Ronald Meisburg, who resigned last weekend. Meisburg's term was due to expire in August 2010.

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