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**Government of the District of Columbia  
Public Employee Relations Board**

In the Matter of:	)	
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National Association of Government Employees,	)	PERB Case No. 16-AC-01
	)	
Petitioner,	)	
	)	Opinion No. 1582
v.	)	
	)	
District of Columbia	)	
Department of Forensic Sciences,	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	

**DECISION AND ORDER**

Petitioner National Association of Government Employees (“NAGE”) filed a petition to amend Certification No. 161 to clarify that NAGE, and not NAGE Local R3-05, is the union representing the bargaining unit described in the Certification.

Certification 161 was issued on April 30, 2015, pursuant to *Nat’l Ass’n of Gov’t Emp. and D.C. Metro. Police Dep’t and Dep’t of Forensic Sci.*, 62 D.C. Reg. 9209, Slip Op. No. 1519, PERB Cases No. 15-UM-01 & 15-CU-02 (2015). In those cases, the Board created a bargaining unit of employees who were formerly under the authority of the Metropolitan Police Department (“MPD”), but are now in the Department of Forensic Sciences (“DFS”).

NAGE asserts that the Certification incorrectly lists NAGE Local R3-05, instead of NAGE, as the exclusive representative of the employees. The original certification, issued under Case No. 0R002 on December 14, 1979, certified NAGE as the exclusive representatives of the bargaining unit at MPD, not NAGE Local R3-05. Therefore, NAGE Local R3-05 was not the certified exclusive representative of the bargaining unit when it was at MPD, and should not be listed as the exclusive representative now that the unit is at DFS. In accordance with PERB Rule 516, NAGE requests that the Certification be modified to reflect that NAGE, and not NAGE Local R3-05, is the exclusive representative for the purposes described in the certification.

The facts asserted by NAGE support the Petition. Further, NAGE asserted—and PERB confirmed—that the D.C. Department of Forensic Sciences (“DFS”) does not oppose the Petition. Thus, in accordance with PERB Rule 516, NAGE’s Petition is granted.

**ORDER**

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:**

1. Certification No. 161 is modified to clarify that NAGE, and not NAGE Local R3-05, is the union representing the bargaining unit described in the Certification.
2. Nothing in this Order is to be construed as altering the scope of the bargaining unit except in the manner discussed in this Decision.
3. Pursuant to Board Rule 559.1, this Decision and Order is final upon issuance.

**BY ORDER OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RELATIONS BOARD**

By unanimous vote of Board Chairperson Charles Murphy, and Members Yvonne Dixon, Ann Hoffman, Barbara Somson, and Douglas A. Warshof.

June 14, 2016

Washington, D.C.

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

This is to certify that the attached Decision and Order in PERB Case No. 16-AC-01, Op. No. 1582 was sent by File and ServeXpress to the following parties on this the 30<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2016.

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