

# 19-PELRB-2024

## STATE OF NEW MEXICO PUBLIC EMPLOYEE LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

In re:

**INTERNATIONAL UNION OF  
POLICE ASSOCIATIONS,**  
Petitioner,

and

**PELRB NO. 343-23**

**CHAVES COUNTY,**  
Respondent.

### ORDER

**THIS MATTER** comes before the Board on a submission by the International Union of Police Associations (“IUPA” or “Union”) disclaiming interest as the exclusive bargaining representative for a group of Chaves County employees comprised of deputy sheriffs employed by Chaves County. The Board, having reviewed the file and being otherwise sufficiently advised,

**FINDS:**

1. On December 8, 2017 this Board certified IUPA as the exclusive bargaining representative for non-probationary deputy sheriffs employed by Chaves County.
2. On December 6, 2023, a Petition was filed by Benjamin Conklin, purporting to be President of an organization called the “Chavez County Sheriff’s Office Local 507” in this case seeking to decertify IUPA as the exclusive bargaining representative for the deputy sheriffs employed by Chaves County.
3. On December 12, 2023, IUPA sent notice to this Board that it was disclaiming all interest in continuing to serve as the exclusive bargaining representative for the unit described above.
4. Notice of the Disclaimer of Interest was publicly posted in the place where notices to employees are usually posted and no timely objections were received by the Board.

**THEREFORE**, the Board recognizes the Union’s disclaimer of interest as the collective bargaining representative effective December 12, 2023 and both parties are relieved of their bargaining obligations under the Public Employee Bargaining Act. The Decertification Petition filed in this case on December 6, 2023, is recognized as having been **DISMISSED** pursuant to NMAC 11.21.2.42 effective December 12, 2023.

### **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE LABOR RELATIONS BOARD**

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*Peggy Nelson*

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**PEGGY J. NELSON, BOARD CHAIR**

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