

STATE OF WASHINGTON  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION

In the matter of the petition of:

TEAMSTERS LOCAL 117

Involving certain employees of:

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF  
CORRECTIONS

CASE 137669-E-23

DECISION 13791 - PSRA

CERTIFICATION  
Self-Determination by Card Check

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FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Teamsters Local 117 filed a representation petition concerning the Corrections Specialist 4—HQ position that oversees the canine program at the Washington State Department of Corrections. The Public Employment Relations Commission (PERC) determined the petition was timely filed and accompanied by a sufficient showing of interest. No other organization claimed to represent the employees involved.
2. The existing bargaining unit, last certified in *Washington State Department of Corrections*, Decision 13374 (PSRA, 2021), represented by Teamsters Local 117 is described as follows:

All Corrections Specialists 4 Supervisors of the Washington State Department of Corrections, excluding confidential employees, and all other employees.

3. Because the more than 50 percent showing of interest threshold was met, PERC conducted card check proceedings. The employees were given a free choice in the proceedings. The tally of results was provided to the parties. No meritorious election objections were filed.

4. The existing bargaining unit represented by Teamsters Local 117 shall be modified to include the Corrections Specialist 4 – HQ position that oversees the canine program for a bargaining unit described as follows:

All Corrections Specialists 4 Supervisors of the Washington State Department of Corrections, excluding confidential employees, and all other employees.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The unit described in finding of fact 4 is an appropriate unit within the meaning of RCW 41.80.070.
2. Representation proceedings were conducted in accordance with RCW 41.80.135 and chapter 391-25 WAC.

CERTIFICATION

Washington State Department of Corrections Corrections Specialist 4 – HQ position that oversees the canine program employees in the bargaining unit described in finding of fact 4 have chosen

TEAMSTERS LOCAL 117

as their representative for the purpose of collective bargaining with their employer.

ISSUED at Olympia, Washington, this 14th day of February, 2024.

PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION

  
MICHAEL P. SELLARS, Executive Director



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DECISION 13791 - PSRA has been served by mail and electronically by the Public Employment Relations Commission to the parties and their representatives listed below.

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