



NATIONAL MEDIATION BOARD

1301 K St NW, Suite 250E
Washington, DC, 20005

In the Matter of the
REPRESENTATION OF EMPLOYEES
of
AUSTIN WESTERN RAILROAD
Train and Engine Service Employees

53 NMB No. 15

CASE NO. R-7679

CERTIFICATION

February 26, 2026

The services of the National Mediation Board (Board) were invoked by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen (BLET) on December 4, 2025, to investigate and determine who may represent for the purposes of the Railway Labor Act (RLA), as provided by Section 2, Ninth, thereof, personnel described as “Train and Engine Service Employees”, employees of Austin Western Railroad (Carrier).

At the time this application was received, these employees were unrepresented.

The Board assigned Investigator John S.F. Gross to investigate.

FINDINGS

The investigation disclosed that a dispute existed among the craft or class of Train and Engine Service Employees, and by direction of the Board, the Investigator was instructed to conduct an election to determine the employees’ representation choice.

The following is the result of the election as reported by Investigator John S.F. Gross.

Election Results for Train and Engine Service Employees

Eligible Employees	30
Valid Votes	21
BLET	15
“No” Votes	6
Write-in Votes	0
Void Votes	0

The Board further finds that the Carrier and employees in this case are, respectively, a Carrier and employees within the meaning of the RLA, as amended; this Board has jurisdiction over the dispute involved herein; and the interested parties, as well as the Carrier, were given due notice of the Board's investigation.

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NOW, THEREFORE, in accordance with Section 2, Ninth, of the RLA, as amended, and based upon its investigation pursuant thereto, the Board certifies that the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen has been duly designated and authorized to represent for the purposes of the RLA, as amended, the craft or class of Train and Engine Service Employees, employees of Austin Western Railroad, its successors and assigns.

By direction of the NATIONAL MEDIATION BOARD.



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