



## NATIONAL MEDIATION BOARD

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

In the Matter of the  
REPRESENTATION OF EMPLOYEES  
of  
CICERO CENTRAL RAILROAD  
Train and Engine Service Employees

53 NMB No. 18

CASE NO. RD-7627

REVOCATION OF  
CERTIFICATION –  
DISMISSAL –  
WITHDRAWN DURING  
INVESTIGATION

April 7, 2026

On February 18, 2026, Roberto Alaniz, an individual, filed an application with the National Mediation Board (NMB or Board) seeking to decertify the International Association of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail, and Transportation Workers (SMART) as the representative of the Train and Engine Service Employees craft or class at Cicero Central Railroad (Carrier). SMART was certified in NMB Case No. R-7564 as the representative of the craft or class of Train and Engine Service Employees at the Carrier. *Cicero Central R.R.*, 49 NMB 8 (2022).

The Board assigned Eileen M. Hennessey to investigate.

On March 31, 2026, SMART filed a letter stating that, “[E]ffective immediately, SMART hereinafter disclaims any and all interest in the representation of the [Train and Engine Service Employees employed by the Carrier].” On April 2, 2026, Alaniz informed the Board that in light of SMART’s disclaimer he was requesting to revoke his application.

On the basis of the above disclaimer by SMART and communication from Alaniz, the NMB hereby revokes, the certification issued to SMART in NMB Case No. R-7564; dismisses the application in NMB Case No. RD-7627; and closes its file in that case subject to part 1206.4(b)(3) of the NMB Rules.

By direction of the NATIONAL MEDIATION BOARD.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Maria-Kate Dowling". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Maria" and last name "Dowling" being more prominent than the middle name "Kate".

Maria-Kate Dowling  
General Counsel