**STATE BOARD OF ARBITRATION AND CONCILIATION (12-186)**

Regulatory Agenda 2025-2026

AGENCY UMBRELLA UNIT: **12-186**

AGENCY NAME: **State Board of Arbitration and Conciliation**

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**EMERGENCY RULES ADOPTED SINCE THE LAST REGULATORY AGENDA:** None

**EXPECTED 2025-2026 RULEMAKING ACTIVITY:**

**CHAPTER 1**: General Rules

STATUTORY BASIS: 26 M.R.S. § 931

PURPOSE: The rules define certain terms used throughout the rules of the State Board of Arbitration and Conciliation and contain other rules of general application. Proposed changes intend to simplify and clarify existing rule language and make revisions or additions necessary to ensure consistency with current statutory requirements.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: By September 30, 2026

AFFECTED PARTIES: Parties who have agreed to utilize the Board's services as a board of inquiry or a board of conciliation in the private sector, as a fact-finding panel in the public sector, or as a board of arbitration in either the public or private sector.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A

**CHAPTER 3**: Logging Dispute Resolution Board

STATUTORY BASIS: 26 M.R.S. § 931

PURPOSE: The rules govern the procedures of the Logging Dispute Resolution Board (“Board”), as established in chapter 47 of Title 26 of the Maine Revised Statutes (“the Act”). The Board may hear and decide disputes between a forest products harvester and forest landowner related to wage violations, payout amounts, contract violations or disputes related to hiring, in accordance with the Act and these rules. Proposed changes intend to simplify and clarify existing rule language and make revisions or additions necessary to ensure consistency with current statutory requirements.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: By September 30, 2026

AFFECTED PARTIES: Forest products harvesters and forest landowners, as defined by 26 M.R.S. § 3701.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A

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