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Your Bargaining Committee has agreed to enter talks with representatives of the provincial government this week in an attempt to reach a tentative agreement for Government Licensed Professionals. Negotiations are scheduled for January 19, 20, and 21.

We have agreed to an expedited format for negotiations – limiting the scope of proposals for both parties – as a potential opportunity to reach a settlement which reflects members' key priorities. If the parties are not able to achieve a settlement in this format, we will proceed with collective bargaining with a full agenda of proposals on February 5.

The committee met to refine our bargaining strategy on January 10 and 15, which included a review of membership feedback and recent developments at other bargaining tables in BC's public sector.

We want to thank all members who have taken the time to comment on the priorities outlined in Bargaining Bulletin #7 (found online at http://www.pea.org/media/documents/GLP_2009_Bargaining_Bulletin_07.pdf). Feedback to date confirms that the committee has successfully identified professionals' key issues for this round of collective bargaining.

We'll keep members informed on the status of negotiations with future bulletins and welcome your continued feedback.

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