LOCAL FINANCE BOARD

Local Government Ethics Law

January 10, 2018 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 9:33 am by Timothy J. Cunningham, Chairman. Emma Salay, Deputy Executive Secretary stated that in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, C.10:4-6 et seq., proper notice was given to the Secretary of State, the *Star-Ledger* and the *Times of Trenton*. A roll call vote was taken; 5 members were present: Alan Avery, Francis Blee, Timothy J. Cunningham, Ted Light and Adrian Mapp. Dominick DiRocco, William Close and Idida Rodriguez were absent. Ms. Rodriguez arrived at 9:43 am. There were two vacancies. A quorum was present. Also present were Patricia Parkin McNamara, Executive Secretary, Melanie Walter, Deputy Attorney General and staff members: Nick Bennett, Dana C. Jones, Paul Urbish, Dina Venero and Tina Vignali.

MINUTES

The December 13, 2017 minutes. A motion was made by Mr. Blee and second by Mr. Avery to approve the minutes. A roll call was taken: 5 affirmative, 2 absent (Mr. DiRocco and Mr. Close), 1 abstain (Mr. Mapp). Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.1. A motion was made by Mr. Blee and second by Mr. Avery to dismiss the complaint for having no reasonable factual basis. A roll call was taken: 5 affirmative, 2 absent (Mr. Dirocco and Mr. Close), 1 recuse (Mr. Mapp). Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.2. A motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Ms. Rodriguez to dismiss the complaint for having no reasonable factual basis. A roll call was taken: 6 affirmative, 2 absent (Mr. DiRocco and Mr. Close). Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.3. A motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Mr. Blee to dismiss the complaint for having no factual basis and for lack of jurisdiction. A roll call was taken: 6 affirmative, 2 absent (Mr. RiRocco and Mr. Close). Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.4. A motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Ms. Rodriguez to dismiss the complaint for lack of jurisdiction. A roll call was taken: 6 affirmative, 2 absent (Mr. DiRocco and Mr. Close). Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.5. The matter was deferred.

Concerning the matter of III.A.6. A motion was made by Mr. Blee and second by Mr. Light to dismiss the complaint for lack of jurisdiction in the first claim and having no reasonable factual basis in the second claim. A roll call was taken: 6 affirmative, 2 absent (Mr. DiRocco and Mr. Close). Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.7. The matter was deferred.

Concerning the matter of III.A.8. The matter was deferred.

Concerning the matter of III.A.9. The matter was deferred.

Concerning the matter of III.A.10. A motion was made by Mr. Blee and second by Mr. Mapp to find a violation and assess a \$100. fine to non-filers of the 2017 Financial Disclosure Statement. A roll call was taken: 6 affirmative, 2 absent (Mr. DiRocco and Mr. Close). Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.11. A motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Mr. Blee to reverse the determination of the local ethics board and find no violation of the Local Government Ethics Law subsections (c) and (d). A roll call was taken: 6 affirmative, 2 absent (Mr. DiRocco and Mr. Close). Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.12. A motion was made by Ms. Rodriguez and second by Mr. Light to transmit a contested case to the Office of Administrative Law for hearing. A roll call was taken: 6 affirmative, 2 absent (Mr. DiRocco and Mr. Close). Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.13. The matter was deferred.

Concerning the matter of III.A.14. A motion was made by Ms. Rodriguez and second by Mr. Avery to transmit a contested case to the Office of Administrative Law for hearing. A roll call was taken: 6 affirmative, 2 absent (Mr. DiRocco and Mr. Close). Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.15. The matter was deferred.

At 10:16 am, a motion was made by Mr. Cunningham and second by Mr. Avery to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing complaints, advisory opinions and to receive legal advice. A roll call was taken: 6 affirmative, 2 absent (Mr. DiRocco and Mr. Close). Motion passed.

At 11:08 am, a motion was made by Mr. Blee and second by Mr. Avery to go into open session. A roll call vote was taken: 6 affirmative, 1 absent (Mr. DiRocco and Mr. Close). Motion passed.

The Local Finance Board determined to break from the Ethics portion of the meeting and take a brief recess. A brief recess was taken. The Local Finance Board will reconvene to consider applications.

The Local Finance Board reconvened to consider applications.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Parkin McNamara

Executive Secretary