

LOCAL FINANCE BOARD

Local Government Ethics Law

March 14, 2018 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 9:18 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; 8 members were present: Alan Avery, Francis Blee, William Close, Timothy J. Cunningham, Ted Light, Dominick DiRocco, Adrian Mapp and Idida Rodriguez. 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.

APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR

A motion was made by Mr. Light and second by Mr. DiRocco to appoint Ms. Rodriguez Vice-Chair of the Local Finance Board. A roll call was taken: 8 affirmative. Motion passed.

MINUTES

The February 14, 2018 minutes. A motion was made by Mr. Blee and second by Mr. Close to approve the minutes. A roll call was taken: 8 affirmative. Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.1. A motion was made by Mr. Blee and second by Ms. Rodriguez to dismiss the complaint for having no reasonable factual basis. A roll call was taken: 8 affirmative. Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.2. A motion was made by Mr. Blee and second by Mr. Mapp to investigate the complaint. A roll call was taken: 8 affirmative. Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.3. A motion was made by Mr. Blee and second by Mr. Close to investigate the complaint. A roll call was taken: 8 affirmative. Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.4. A motion was made by Mr. Blee and second by Ms. Rodriguez to dismiss the complaint for having no reasonable factual basis. A roll call was taken: 8 affirmative. Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.5. A motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Mr. Blee to dismiss the complaint for having no reasonable factual basis. A roll call was taken: 8. Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.6. A motion was made by Ms. Rodriguez and second by Mr. Mapp to find no violation. A roll call was taken: 7 affirmative, 1 recuse (Mr. Blee). Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.7. A motion was made by Ms. Rodriguez and second by Mr. Mapp to find no violation. A roll call was taken: 7 affirmative, 1 recuse (Mr. Blee). Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.8. A motion was made by Mr. Close and second by Ms. Rodriguez to find no violation in items (a) and (b) and to find a violation and assess a \$100. fine in both (c) and (d). A roll call was taken: 8 affirmative. Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.9. A motion was made by Mr. Mapp and second by Ms. Rodriguez to find a violation and assess a \$250. fine. A roll call was taken: 8 affirmative. Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.10. A motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Mr. Mapp to find no violation. A roll call was taken: 8 affirmative. Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.11. A motion was made by Ms. Rodriguez and second by Mr. Mapp to find a violation and assess a \$200. fine. A roll call was taken: 8 affirmative. Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.12. A motion was made by Mr. Close and second by Ms. Rodriguez to inform the Office of Administrative Law of (a) newly discovered evidence and (b) request return of the matter for reconsideration. A roll call was taken: 8 affirmative. Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of C14-018. A motion was made by Mr. DiRocco and second by Ms. Rodriguez to provide the accused an opportunity to supplement the record as remanded by the Appellate Division. A roll call was taken: 8 affirmative. Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.13. A motion was made by Mr. Close and second by Mr. DiRocco to waive fines for (a) errors on the roster (A); (b) LGO's required to file for multiple positions (B); (c) failure to notify LGO's of filing requirement (C); (d) LGO's using old filing system (D) and to rescind violations (e) based on guidance given to LGO that position is a non-filer. A roll call was taken: 8 affirmative. Motion passed.

At 9:54 am, a motion was made by Mr. DiRocco and second by Ms. Rodriguez to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing complaints, advisory opinions and to receive legal advice. A roll call was taken: 8 affirmative. Motion passed.

At 10:54 am, a motion was made by Mr. Blee and second by Mr. Avery to go into open session. A roll call vote was taken: 8 affirmative. 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia Parkin McNamara". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Patricia Parkin McNamara

Executive Secretary