

LOCAL FINANCE BOARD

Local Government Ethics Law

September 12, 2018 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 9:18 am by Melanie R. Walter, Chairwoman. 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; 6 members were present: Chairwoman Walter, Alan Avery, Francis Blee, Ted Light, Dominick DiRocco and Adrian Mapp. William Close and Idida Rodriguez were absent. Idida Rodriguez arrived at 9:23 am. A quorum was present. Also present were Patricia Parkin McNamara, Executive Secretary, Susan M. Scott, Deputy Attorney General and staff members: Nick Bennett, Dana C. Jones, Cynthia Lindsay, Dina Venero and Tina Vignali.

MINUTES

The August 8, 2018 minutes were deferred.

Concerning the matter of III.A.1. A motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Mr. Mapp to dismiss the complaint against the accused as having no reasonable factual basis. A roll call was taken: 6 affirmative, 2 absent (Mr. Close and Ms. Rodriguez). Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.2. A motion was made by Mr. Mapp and second by Mr. Blee to investigate the complaint. A roll call was taken: 6 affirmative, 2 absent (Mr. Close and Ms. Rodriguez). Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.3. A motion was made by Mr. Light and second by Mr. Mapp to investigate the complaint. A roll call was taken: 6 affirmative, 2 absent (Mr. Close and Ms. Rodriguez). Motion passed.

Concerning the matters of III.A.4. A motion was made by Ms. Walter and second by Mr. Blee to investigate the complaint. A roll call was taken: 6 affirmative, 2 absent (Mr. Close and Ms. Rodriguez). Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.5. A motion was made by Ms. Walter and second by Ms. Rodriguez to investigate the complaint. A roll call was taken: 3 affirmative, 4 nays, 1 absent (Mr. Close). Motion failed. The matter will be reconsidered at the October meeting.

Concerning the matter of III.A.6. A motion was made by Mr. Mapp and second by Mr. DiRocco to investigate the complaint. A roll call was taken: 7 affirmative, 1 absent (Mr. Close). Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.7. A motion was made by Mr. Light and second by Mr. Mapp to investigate the complaint against A and to not investigate the complaint against B. A roll call was taken: 7 affirmative, 1 absent (Mr. Close). Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.8. A motion was made by Mr. Blee and second by Mr. Mapp to dismiss the complaint as outside the Board's jurisdiction. A roll call was taken: 7 affirmative, 1 absent (Mr. Close). Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.9. A motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Mr. Blee to find no violation and to issue guidance concerning the process. A roll call was taken: 7 affirmative, 1 absent (Mr. Close). Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.10. A motion was made by Ms. Rodriguez and second by Mr. DiRocco to accept the settlement of a contested case filed on appeal with the Appellate Division which agrees that the Board views the conduct underlying the complaint is a violation of the Local Government Ethics Law (LGEL) and the settlement is not an admission that the accused violated the LGEL. A roll call was taken: 6 affirmative, 2 absent (Mr. Close and Ms. Walter). Motion passed.

At 9:52 am, a motion was made by Ms. Walter and second by Mr. Mapp to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing complaints, advisory opinions and to receive legal advice. A roll call was taken: 7 affirmative, 1 absent (Mr. Close). Motion passed.

AO 18-008 was discussed.

At 10:40 am, a motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Mr. Blee to go into open session. A roll call vote was taken: 7 affirmative, 1 absent (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