

LOCAL FINANCE BOARD

Local Government Ethics Law

October 10, 2018 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 9:14 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, Dominick DiRocco, Ted Light and Idida Rodriguez. Adrian Mapp and William Close were absent. William Close arrived at 9:30 am. A quorum was present. Also present were Patricia Parkin McNamara, Executive Secretary, Cameryn Hinton, Deputy Attorney General and staff members: Nick Bennett, Dana C. Jones, Cynthia Lindsay, Dina Venero and Tina Vignali.

MINUTES

The August 8, 2018 minutes. A motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Mr. Blee to approve the minutes. A roll call was taken: 5 affirmative, 1 abstain (Ms. Rodriguez), 2 absent (Mr. Close and Mr. Mapp). Motion passed.

The September 12, 2018 minutes. A motion was made by Ms. Walter and second by Mr. Avery to approve the minutes. A roll call was taken: 6 affirmative, 2 absent (Mr. Mapp and Mr. Close). Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.1. A motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Ms. Rodriguez 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 Mr. Mapp). Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.2. A motion was made by Mr. DiRocco and second by Mr. Avery to dismiss the complaint and approve the letter reflecting the action taken by the Board at its September 12, 2018 meeting. A roll call was taken: 5 affirmative, 2 abstain (Ms. Rodriguez and Ms. Walter), 1 absent (Mr. Mapp). Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.3. A motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Mr. Blee to find a violation against A and B, but not against C and to assess fines in the amount of \$500.00 for each of 2 violations for a \$1,000.00 total fine in A and to assess fines in the amount of \$200.00 for each of 6 violations for a total \$1,200.00 fine in B. A roll call was taken: 7 affirmative, 1 absent (Mr. Mapp). Motion passed.

Concerning the matters of III.A.4. A motion was made by Mr. Blee and second by Mr. Avery to find a violation and to assess a \$100.00 fine. A roll call was taken: 7 affirmative, 1 absent (Mr. Mapp). Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.5. A motion was made by Ms. Rodriguez and second by Mr. Blee to find a violation and to assess a fine of \$250.00 for each provision violation, for a total fine of \$1,000.00. A roll call was taken: 7 affirmative, 1 absent (Mr. Mapp). Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.6. A motion was made by Mr. Blee and second by Mr. Avery to find a violation and to assess a fine of \$100.00 for each violation, for a total fine of \$200.00. A roll call was taken: 7 affirmative, 1 absent (Mr. Mapp). Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.7. A motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Mr. Blee to transmit the matter to the Office of Administrative Law as a contested case. A roll call was taken: 7 affirmative, 1 absent (Mr. Mapp). Motion passed.

At 9:34 am, a motion was made by Mr. DiRocco 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: 7 affirmative, 1 absent (Mr. Mapp). Motion passed.

AO 18-010 (Mr. Close and Mr. Mapp were absent) and AO 18-011 (Mr. Mapp was absent) were discussed. Mr. DiRocco was absent for a portion of the closed session.

At 10:26 am, a motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Mr. DiRocco to go into open session. A roll call vote was taken: 7 affirmative, 1 absent (Mr. Mapp). Motion passed.

2019 MEETING DATES

The Local Finance Board 2019 meeting dates. A motion was made by Mr. Light and second by Mr. Blee to approve the 2019 meeting dates. A roll call was taken: 7 affirmative, 1 absent (Mr. Mapp). 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