

LOCAL FINANCE BOARD

Local Government Ethics Law

November 7, 2018 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 am by Melanie R. Walter, Chairwoman. Nick Bennett, staff member, 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 Adrian Mapp. William Close and Idida Rodriguez were absent. William Close arrived at 9:30 am. Idida Rodriguez arrived at 9:43 am. A quorum was present. Also present were Patricia Parkin McNamara, Executive Secretary, Susan M. Scott, Deputy Attorney General and staff members: Dana C. Jones, Dina Venero and Tina Vignali.

MINUTES

The October 10, 2018 minutes. A motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Mr. Blee to approve the minutes. A roll call vote was taken: 6 affirmative, 2 absent (Mr. Close and Ms. Rodriguez). Motion passed.

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

Concerning the matter of III.A.4. A motion was made by Mr. Blee and second by Mr. Mapp to dismiss the complaint against the accused as having no reasonable factual basis. A roll call vote 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 Mr. Avery and second by Mr. Blee to dismiss the complaint against the accused as having no reasonable factual basis. A roll call vote was taken: 6 affirmative, 2 absent (Mr. Close and Ms. Rodriguez). Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.6. A motion was made by Mr. DiRocco and second by Mr. Avery to amend the Notice of Investigation against the accused to add N.J.S.A. 40:9-22.5(h), the Board having previously approved N.J.S.A. 40A:9-22.5(c) and (d). A roll call vote was taken: 6 affirmative, 2 absent (Mr. Close and Ms. Rodriguez). Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.7. A motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Mr. Blee to dismiss the complaint against the accused. A roll call vote was taken: 5 affirmative, 1 abstain (Mr. DiRocco), 2 absent (Mr. Close and Ms. Rodriguez). Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.8. A motion was made by Ms. Walter and second by Mr. Blee to find a violation and to assess a fine of \$100.00, which fine is hereby waived. A roll call vote was taken: 6 affirmative, 2 absent (Mr. Close and Ms. Rodriguez). Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.9. A motion was made by Mr. DiRocco and second by Mr. Avery to find a violation and to assess a fine of \$100.00. A roll call vote was taken: 7 affirmative, 1 absent (Ms. Rodriguez). Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.10. A motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Mr. Mapp to find a violation against A and B and to assess fines in the amount of \$100.00 each for a \$100.00 total fine in A and a \$100.00 total fine in B. A roll call vote was taken: 7 affirmative, 1 absent (Ms. Rodriguez). Motion passed.

At 9:35 am, a motion was made by Mr. DiRocco and second by Mr. Blee to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing complaints, advisory opinions and to receive legal advice. A roll call vote was taken: 7 affirmative, 1 absent (Ms. Rodriguez). Motion passed.

AO 18-011 was discussed.

At 10:25 am, a motion was made by Ms. Walter and second by Mr. Close 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,



Patricia Parkin McNamara

Executive Secretary