

LOCAL FINANCE BOARD
Local Government Ethics Law
February 13, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 9:17 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: 7 members were present: Chairwoman Walter, Alan Avery, Francis Blee, William Close, Dominick DiRocco, Ted Light and Adrian Mapp. Idida Rodriguez was absent. Idida Rodriguez arrived at 9:31 am. A quorum was present. Also present were Susan M. Scott, Deputy Attorney General and staff members: Dana C. Jones, Dina Venero and Tina Vignali.

MINUTES

The January 9, 2019 minutes. A motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Mr. Mapp to approve the minutes. A roll call vote was taken: 7 affirmative, 1 absent (Ms. Rodriguez). Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.1. The matter was deferred.

Concerning the matter of III.A.2. A motion was made by Mr. Blee and second by Mr. Avery to dismiss the complaint for lack of jurisdiction against A, B, C, D, E and F. A roll call was taken: 7 affirmative, 1 absent (Ms. Rodriguez was absent). Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.3. A motion was made by Mr. Light and second by Mr. Mapp to dismiss the complaint as having no reasonable factual basis against A, B, C, D and E; and to find a violation and to assess one fine in the amount of \$100.00 against F. A roll call was taken: 7 affirmative, 1 absent (Ms. Rodriguez). Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.4. A motion was made by Mr. Light and second by Mr. Avery to find a violation and to assess a fine in the amount of \$100.00 against the accused. A roll call was taken: 7 affirmative, 1 absent (Ms. Rodriguez). Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.5. A motion was made by Mr. Light and second by Mr. DiRocco to find a violation and to assess a fine in the amount of \$300.00 against the accused. A roll call was taken: 7 affirmative, 1 absent (Ms. Rodriguez). Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.6. A motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Mr. Mapp to find a violation and to assess a fine in the amount of \$100.00 against the accused. A roll call was taken: 7 affirmative, 1 absent (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 was taken: 7 affirmative, 1 absent (Ms. Rodriguez). Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.8. A motion was made by Ms. Walter and second by Mr. Mapp to transmit the matter to the Office of Administrative Law as a contested case. A roll call was taken: 8 affirmative. Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.9. A motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Mr. Mapp to adopt the settlement agreement. A roll call was taken: 8 affirmative. Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.10. A motion was made by Ms. Walter and second by Mr. Mapp to adopt the settlement agreement. A roll call was taken: 8 affirmative. Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.11. The matter was discussed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.12. A motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Mr. Close to transmit the matter to the Office of Administrative Law. A roll call was taken: 8 affirmative. Motion passed.

At 9:44 am, a motion was made by Mr. Mapp and second by Mr. Light to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing complaints, advisory opinions and to receive legal advice. A voice vote was taken. Motion passed.

AO 18-001 was discussed.

AO 19-001 was discussed.

At 10:16 am, Ms. Walter left the room and recused herself from discussion of a matter in which she had previously represented the Board as a Deputy Attorney General. Upon conclusion of the discussion, Ms. Walter was invited to return to the closed session meeting.


At 10:28 am, a motion was made by Ms. Walter and second by Mr. Avery to go into open session. A voice vote was taken. Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.13. A motion was made by Mr. Blee and second by Mr. Close to amend the notice of investigation. A roll call 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