

LOCAL FINANCE BOARD

Local Government Ethics Law

March 13, 2019 **REVISED**

The meeting was called to order at 9:21 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, Francis Blee, William Close, Ted Light, Dominick DiRocco and Idida Rodriguez were present. Adrian Mapp arrived at 9:22 am. Alan Avery arrived at 9:29 am. A quorum was present. Also present were Patricia Parkin McNamara, Executive Secretary, and staff members: Dana C. Jones and Dina Venero, and Deputy Attorney Generals: Dominic Giova, Craig Keiser and Adam Masef. Susan M. Scott, Deputy Attorney General, arrived at 9:26 am.

MINUTES

The February 13, 2019 minutes. A motion was made by Mr. Blee and second by Mr. Close to approve the minutes. A roll call was taken: 7 affirmative, 1 absent (Mr. Avery). Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.6. MH appeared and testified. A motion was made by Mr. Light and second by Ms. Rodriguez to defer the matter to the next meeting. A roll call was taken: 8 affirmative. Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.1. A motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Mr. Blee to dismiss the complaint for lack of jurisdiction against A,B,C and D. A roll call was taken: 8 affirmative. Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.2. A motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Mr. Mapp to dismiss the complaint for lack of jurisdiction. A roll call was taken: 8 affirmative. Motion passed.

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

Concerning the matter of III.A.4. A motion was made by Mr. Close and second by Mr. Mapp to find a violation and to assess a fine in the total amount of \$1,000.00 against the accused. A roll call was taken: 8 affirmative. Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.5. A motion was made by Mr. Close and second by Mr. Avery to investigate the complaint against A and B. A roll call was taken: 8 affirmative. Motion passed.

At 9:38 am, a motion was made by Mr. Close and second by Mr. Avery to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing complaints 13-038 and 15-019, and to receive related legal advice. A roll call was taken: 8 affirmative. Motion passed.

At 9:52 am, a motion was made by Ms. Walter and second by Mr. Close to go into open session. A voice vote was taken. Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.8. A motion was made by Mr. Blee and second by Ms. Rodriguez to adopt the initial decision with modification as the Final Agency Decision. A roll call was taken: 7 affirmative (Mr. Light abstained). Motion passed.

At 9:54 am, a motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Mr. Close to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing complaints, and to receive related legal advice. A voice vote was taken. Motion passed.


At 10:48 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 10:49 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.

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