

LOCAL FINANCE BOARD
Local Government Ethics Law
April 10, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 9:18 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, Ted Light, Adrian Mapp, Dominick DiRocco and Idida Rodriguez were present. William Close arrived at 9:31 am. A quorum was present. Also present were Patricia Parkin McNamara, Executive Secretary and staff members: Matthew Gallelo, Dana C. Jones, Dina Venero, and Susan M. Scott, Deputy Attorney General.

MINUTES

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

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

Concerning the matter of III.A.2. A motion was made by Mr. Close and second by Ms. Rodriguez to dismiss the complaint for lack of jurisdiction. A vote was take: 8 affirmative. Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.3. A motion was made by Mr. Mapp and second by Ms. Rodriguez to dismiss the complaint and to find no violation . Additionally, the accused is to be reminded that a fine in the total amount of \$200 is due and owing for untimely filing of 2015 and 2016 financial disclosure statements. A roll call was taken: 8 affirmative. Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.4. A motion was made by Mr. Mapp and second by Mr. Avery to find violations against the accused and assess fines in the aggregate amount of \$24,900 for the multiple violations. A roll call was taken: 8 affirmative. Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.5. A motion was made by Mr. Mapp and second by Ms. Rodriguez to find a violation and to assess an aggregate fine of \$750 against the accused. A roll call was taken: 8 affirmative. Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.6. A motion was made by Mr. Light and second by Mr. Mapp to dismiss the complaint. A roll call was taken: 8 affirmative. Motion passed.

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.

Concerning the matter of III.A.7 The accused in C12-090/13-011 appeared and made a request of the Board to reconsider the penalty assessed in the matter.

At 10:04 am, a motion was made by Mr. Mapp and second by Ms. Rodriguez to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing complaints and to receive related legal advice. A roll call was taken: 7 affirmative, 1 absent (Walter) Motion passed.

Upon conclusion of the discussion at 10:17 am, Ms. Walter was invited to return to the closed session meeting.

At 10:25 am, a motion was made by Mr. DiRocco and second by Mr. Mapp to go into open session. A voice vote was taken. Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.9. A motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Mr. Close to transmit the matter to the Office of Administrative Law as a contested case. A vote was taken: 8 affirmative. Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.10. Staff provided an update to the 2019 Financial Disclosure Statement filings.

Concerning the matter of III.A.11. A motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Mr. Blee to expand the investigation to include a potential (d) violation against the accused. 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

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