

LOCAL FINANCE BOARD

Local Government Ethics law

August 22, 2019 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 9:14 am by Melanie 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; 7 members were present: Alan Avery, Francis Blee, Dominick DiRocco, Melanie R. Walter, Ted Light, Adrian Mapp, and Idida Rodriguez. A quorum was present. Also present were the Deputy Attorney General, the Deputy Director, and staff members: Dana C. Jones and Margaret Roberts. William Close arrived at 9:20 am.

MINUTES

July 10, 2019 meeting minutes. A motion was made by Mr. Blee, and second by Mr. Mapp to approve the minutes. A roll call was taken: 6 affirmative, 1 recusal (Mr. Avery), 1 absent (Mr. Close). Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.1. A motion was made by Ms. Rodriguez and second by Mr. Mapp to Investigate 3 individuals alleged to have violated the LGEL. 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. Avery and second by Mr. Mapp to dismiss complaint for having no reasonable factual basis. A roll call was taken: 7 affirmative, 1 absent (Mr. Close). Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.3. A motion was made by Mr. Blee and second by Ms. Rodriguez to dismiss complaint for having no reasonable factual basis. A roll call was taken: 7 affirmative, 1 absent (Mr. Close). Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.4. A motion was made by Mr. Mapp and second by Mr. Blee to dismiss complaint for lack of jurisdiction. A roll call was taken: 7 affirmative, 1 absent (Mr. Close). Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.5. A motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Ms. Rodriguez to dismiss complaint for lack of jurisdiction. A roll call was taken: 8 affirmative. Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.6. A motion was made by Mr. DiRocco and second by Ms. Rodriguez to dismiss complaint for having no reasonable factual basis and lack of jurisdiction. A roll call was taken: 8 affirmative. Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.7. A motion was made by Mr. Blee and second by Mr. Avery to dismiss complaint as issues have been resolved through a settlement agreement between the parties. A roll call was taken: 8 affirmative. Motion passed.

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

Concerning the matter of III.A.9. A motion was made by Mr. Mapp and second by Mr. Blee to find violations of the LGEL and assess a fine of \$250 for each violation. A roll call was taken: 8 affirmative. Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.10. A motion was made by Mr. Mapp and second by Mr. Blee to accept the decision of the OAL with a slight modification of the language. A roll call was taken: 7 affirmative, 1 negative (Mr. Close). Motion passed.

At 9:27 am, a motion was made by Mr. DiRocco and second by Ms. Rodriguez to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing complaints, advisory opinions and to receive legal advice. A roll call was taken: 8 affirmative. Motion passed.

At 9:40 am, a motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Mr. Blee 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Patricia Parkin McNamara", written over a horizontal line.

Patricia Parkin McNamara

Executive Secretary