

## **Local Finance Board**

### **Local Government Ethics Law**

**September 11, 2019**

The meeting was called to order at 9:17 am by Melanie R. Walter, Chairperson. 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: Chairperson Walter, Alan Avery, Francis Blee, Ted Light, Dominick DiRocco and Idida Rodriguez. William Close and Adrian Mapp were absent. Mr. Mapp arrived at 9:26 am. Mr. Close arrived at 9:46 am. A quorum was present. Also present were: Patricia Parkin McNamara, Executive Secretary, Adam Masef, Deputy Attorney General, Kevin Heydel, Deputy Director and staff members: Jason Holt, Dana C. Jones, Dina Venero and Margaret Roberts.

#### **MINUTES**

The August 22, 2019 meeting minutes. A motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Mr. Blee to approve the minutes. A roll call was taken: 6 affirmative, 2 absent (Mr. Close and Mr. Mapp). Motion passed.

**Concerning the matter of III.A.1.** A motion was made by Mr. Blee and second by Mr. Avery to dismiss the complaint as without any reasonable factual basis. A roll call was taken: 6 affirmative, 2 absent (Mr. Close and Mr. Mapp). Motion passed.

**Concerning the matter of III.A.2.** A motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Ms. Rodriguez to authorize an investigation against the accused. A roll call was taken: 6 affirmative, 2 absent (Mr. Close and Mr. Mapp). Motion passed.

**Concerning the matter of III.A.3.** A motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Ms. Rodriguez to authorize an investigation against the accused. A roll call was taken: 6 affirmative, 2 absent (Mr. Close and Mr. Mapp). Motion passed.

**Concerning the matter of III.A.4.** A motion was made by Mr. Blee and second by Ms. Rodriguez to transmit the matter to the Office of Administrative Law as a contested case. A roll call was taken: 6 affirmative, 2 absent (Mr. Close and Mr. Mapp). Motion passed.

At 9:21 am a motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Chairperson Walter to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing complaints, advisory opinions and to receive related legal advice. A voice vote was taken. Motion passed.

AO 19-006 was discussed.

At 9:34 am, Mr. Masef left the room.

At 9:40 am, Mr. Masef returned to the room.

At 9:40 am, a motion was made by Mr. DiRocco and second by Ms. Rodriguez 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.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Patricia Parkin McNamara", is written over a horizontal line.

Patricia Parkin McNamara

Executive Secretary

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