

Local Finance Board
Local Government Ethics Law
November 13, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 9:08 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 member were present: Chairperson Walter, Alan Avery, Francis Blee, William Close, Ted Light and Dominick DiRocco. Adrian Mapp and Idida Rodriguez were absent. Ms. Rodriguez arrived at 9:13 am. Mr. Mapp arrived at 9:14 am. A quorum was present. Also present were: Adam Masef, Deputy Attorney General, Kevin Heydel, Deputy Director and staff members: Dana C. Jones, Dina Venero and Margaret Roberts.

Concerning the matter of III.A.1. A motion was made by Mr. DiRocco and second by Mr. Blee to dismiss the complaint against the accused as having no reasonable factual basis and for lack of jurisdiction. A roll call was taken: 6 affirmative, 2 absent. (Ms. Rodriguez and Mr. Mapp). Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.2. A motion was made by Mr. DiRocco and second by Mr. Blee to dismiss the complaint against a, b, c and d as having no reasonable factual basis. A roll call was taken: 6 affirmative, 2 absent. (Ms. Rodriguez and Mr. Mapp). Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.3. A motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Mr. Close to find a violation, to assess a fine in the total amount of \$200.00 and to waive the fine against the accused due to the reliance on advice of counsel. A roll call was taken: 6 affirmative, 1 abstain, 1 absent. (Mr. Mapp). Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.4. A motion was made by Mr. Light and second by Mr. Blee to dismiss the complaint against the accused. A roll call was taken: 7 affirmative, 1 abstain. Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.5. A motion was made by Mr. Light and second by Mr. Avery to adopt the Office of Administrative Law Initial Decision on the settlement as a Final Agency Decision of the Local Finance Board. A roll call was taken: 8 affirmative. Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.6. A motion was made by Mr. Mapp and second by Ms. Rodriguez to find violations against non-filers for 2018 Financial Disclosure Statements and to assess a fine in the amount of \$100.00. A roll call was taken: 8 affirmative, with the exception of the City of Plainfield (Mr. Mapp); with the exception of Monmouth County and its municipalities (Mr. DiRocco); with the exception of Sussex County and its municipalities (Mr. Close); with the exception of Ocean County and its municipalities (Mr. Avery); with the exception of Passaic County (Ms. Rodriguez); with the exception of Atlantic County and its municipalities (Mr. Blee); and with the exception of Piscataway Township (Mr. Light). Motion passed.

At 9:23 am, a motion was made by Ms. Walter and second by Mr. DiRocco 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 10:09 am, a motion was made by Ms. Walter 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 blue ink that reads "P. Parkin McNamara for". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Patricia Parkin McNamara
Executive Secretary
Local Finance Board

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