

Local Finance Board
Local Government Ethics Law
January 8, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 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: 8 members were present: Chairperson Walter, Alan Avery, Francis Blee, William Close, Dominick DiRocco, Ted Light, Adrian Mapp, and Idida Rodriguez. A quorum was present. Also present were: Patricia Parkin McNamara, Executive Secretary to the Board, Adam Masef, Deputy Attorney General, and staff members: Dana C. Jones and Margaret Roberts.

December 11, 2019 Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Mr. Avery, and second by Mr. Mapp to approve the minutes. A roll call was taken; 6 affirmative, 2 abstain (Mr. Di Rocco and Ms. Rodriguez). Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.1. A motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Ms. Rodriguez to find the local government officer in violation of subsections (c) and (d) of N.J.S.A. 40A:9-22.5, with a fine of \$200 to be waived because the individual reasonably relied on advice of counsel. 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. Close to transmit the complaint to the Office of Administrative Law as a contested case following the request by the local government officer for an administrative hearing. A roll call was taken: 8 affirmative. Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.3. A motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Mr. Close to adopt with modifications the Initial Decision of the Administrative Law Judge in this matter. A roll call was taken: 8 affirmative. Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.4. A motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Mr. Mapp to approve the Stipulation of Settlement in this matter. 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 approve the Stipulation of Settlement in this matter. A roll call was taken: 8 affirmative. Motion passed.

At 9:20 am, a motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Mr. Close 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 19-008 was discussed.

At 10:04 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 reconvened to consider applications.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. Parkin McNamara" with a flourish at the end.

Patricia Parkin McNamara
Executive Secretary
Local Finance Board

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