Local Finance Board
Local Government Ethics Law
October 14, 2020
VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 am by Melanie R. Walter, Chairperson, Patricia Parkin McNamara, 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 was taken: 6 members were present: Chairperson Walter, Alan Avery, Francis Blee, Adrian Mapp, Dominick DiRocco and Idida Rodriguez were present. William Close and Ted Light were absent. Ted Light arrived at 9:07 am and William Close arrived at 9:25 am. A quorum was present. Also present were: Deputy Attorney General Craig Keiser and staff members: Nick Bennett, Dana C. Jones and Dina Venero.

September 9, 2020 meeting minutes. The September 9, 2020 meeting minutes were deferred to next meeting.

Concerning the matter of III.A.1. A motion was made by Mr. Mapp and second by Mr. Blee to dismiss the complaint against the accused for lack of a reasonable factual basis. 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 Ms. Rodriguez and second by Mr. Avery to dismiss the complaint against the accused for lack of a 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. Avery and second by Ms. Rodriguez to dismiss the complaint against the accused for lack of jurisdiction and to forward a copy of the Board's Notice of Determination to the County Prosecutor's Office as FYI. 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. DiRocco and second by Mr. Blee to dismiss the complaint against the accused for lack of a reasonable factual basis. 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. Mapp and second by Mr. DiRocco to dismiss the complaint against the accused for lack of a reasonable factual basis. A roll call was taken: 7 affirmative, 1 absent (Mr. Close). Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.6. A motion was made by Mr. Mapp and second by Ms. Rodriguez to dismiss the complaint against the accused for lack of a reasonable factual basis. A roll call was taken: 7 affirmative, 1 absent (Mr. Close). Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.7 This matter was tabled to the next LFB meeting.

Concerning the matter of III.A.8. This matter was tabled to receive related legal advice. At 9:30 am, a motion was made by Mr. DiRocco and second by Mr. Mapp to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing complaints and to receive related legal advice. A roll call was taken: 8 affirmative. Motion passed.

At 10:32 am, a motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Mr. Close to go into open session. A roll call was taken: 8 affirmative. Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.B.5. A motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Mr. Close to issue a supplemental Notice of Investigation to the accused. A roll call was taken: 7 affirmative, 1 absent (Ms. Rodriguez). Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.8. A motion was made by Ms. Walter and second by Mr. Avery to take from table and adopt the Stipulation of Settlement. A roll call was taken: 7 affirmative, 1 absent (Ms. Rodriguez). 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,

Patricia Parkin McNamara

Executive Secretary Local Finance Board

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