

**Local Finance Board
Local Government Ethics Law
December 9, 2020
VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS**

The meeting was called to order at 9:09 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: 7 members were present: Chairperson Walter, Alan Avery, Francis Blee, Dominick DiRocco, Ted Light, Adrian Mapp and Idida Rodriguez were present. William Close was absent. William Close arrived at 9:15 am. A quorum was present. Also present were: Craig Keiser, Deputy Attorney General and staff members: Nick Bennett, Dana C. Jones, Margaret Roberts and Dina Venero.

November 12, 2020 meeting minutes III.A.2. A motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Ms. Rodriguez to approve minutes. A roll call was taken: 8 affirmative. Motion passed.

October 14, 2020 meeting minutes III.A.1. The October 14, 2020 meeting minutes were deferred to next meeting.

Concerning the matter of III.A.3. A motion was made by Mr. DiRocco and second by Mr. Close to authorize an investigation of the complaint against the accused. A roll call was taken: 8 affirmative. Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.4. A motion was made by Mr. Light and second by Ms. Rodriguez to authorize an investigation of the complaint. A roll call was taken: 8 affirmative. Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.5. A motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Mr. Blee to dismiss the complaint for lack of a reasonable factual basis and to send a letter to the governing body to establish an appropriate policy for use of the announcement system. A roll call was taken: 8 affirmative. Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.6. A motion was made by Mr. Close and second by Ms. Rodriguez to authorize an investigation into the complaint. A roll call was taken: 8 affirmative. Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.7. A motion was made by Ms. Rodriguez and second by Mr. Close to authorize an investigation into the complaint. 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 Ms. Rodriguez to dismiss the complaints for lack of a reasonable factual basis. A roll call was taken: 7 affirmative, 1 abstain (Mr. Mapp). Motion passed.

At 9:23 am, a motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Mr. Close 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 9:58 am, a motion was made by Mr. DiRocco and second by Ms. Rodriguez to go into open session. A roll call 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.

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia Parkin McNamara
Executive Secretary
Local Finance Board

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