

**Local Finance Board  
Local Government Ethics Law  
February 12, 2020**

The meeting was called to order at 9:25 am by Melanie R. Walter, Chairperson, Nick Bennett, Deputy 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. William Close was absent. A quorum was present. Also present were: Adam Masef, Deputy Attorney General, Kevin Heydel, Deputy Division Director and staff members: Dana C. Jones, Margaret Roberts and Dina Venero.

**January 8, 2020 meeting minutes.** A motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Mr. Mapp to approve the minutes. A roll call was taken: 7 affirmative, 1 absent (Mr. Close). Motion passed.

**Concerning the matter of III.A.1.** The matter was deferred.

**Concerning the matter of III.A.2.** A motion was made by Ms. Rodriguez and second by Mr. Mapp to authorize investigations against accused 1 and 2. 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. Mapp and second by Ms. Rodriguez to authorize an investigation against the accused. 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. Mapp and second by Ms. Rodriguez to authorize investigations against accused 1, 2, 3 and 4. 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. Blee and second by Mr. Avery to dismiss the complaint as without any 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. DiRocco and second by Mr. Mapp to dismiss the complaint against the accused as without jurisdiction and to forward the matter to the Public Integrity Unit within the Office of the Attorney General, Division of Criminal Justice. A roll call was taken: 7 affirmative, 1 absent (Mr. Close). Motion passed.

**Concerning the matter of III.A.7.** A motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Mr. Blee to dismiss the complaint against accused 1 and 2 for lack of jurisdiction. A roll call was taken: 7 affirmative, 1 absent (Mr. Close). Motion passed.

**Concerning the matter of III.A.8. and II.A.9.** A motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Mr. Blee to adopt the matters as Final Agency Decisions. A voice vote was taken. Motion passed.

**Concerning the matter of III.A.10.** A motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Mr. Rodriguez to transmit the matter to the Office of Administrative Law as a contested case. A roll call was taken: 7 affirmative, 1 absent (Mr. Close). Motion passed.

**Concerning the matter of III.A.11.** A motion was made by Mr. Mapp and second by Mr. DiRocco to adopt staff recommendations concerning 2018 Financial Disclosure Statement Notices of Violation appeals, waiving 244 fines and rescinding for 3 accused. A roll call was taken: 7 affirmative, 1 absent (Mr. Close). Motion passed.

At 9:37 am, a motion was made by Mr. Blee 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 9:43 am, a motion was made by Ms. Walter and second by Mr. DiRocco 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,

  
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Nick Bennett

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