

**Local Finance Board
Local Government Ethics Law
March 11, 2020**

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 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, William Close, Dominick DiRocco, Ted Light and Adrian Mapp. Idida Rodriguez was absent. A quorum was present. Also present were: Patricia Parkin McNamara, Executive Secretary, Adam Masef, Deputy Attorney General and staff members: Dana C. Jones, Margaret Roberts and Dina Venero.

February 12, 2020 meeting minutes. A motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Mr. Blee to approve the minutes. A roll call was taken: 5 affirmative, 1 abstain (Mr. Close) and 2 absent (Ms. Rodriguez and Mr. Light). Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.1. A motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Mr. Mapp to dismiss the complaint as without any reasonable factual basis. A roll call was taken: 6 affirmative, 2 absent (Ms. Rodriguez and Mr. Light). Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.2. A motion was made by Mr. Blee and second by Mr. Mapp to authorize an investigation against the accused. A roll call was taken: 7 affirmative, 1 absent. (Ms. Rodriguez). Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.3. A motion was made by Mr. Close and second by Mr. DiRocco to authorize an investigation against the accused. A roll call was taken: 6 affirmative, 1 abstain (Mr. Mapp) and 1 absent (Ms. Rodriguez). Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.4. A motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Mr. Light to issue a Notice of Violation under NJSA 40A:9-22.6(a)(1) against the accused and to waive the fine. A roll call was taken: 7 affirmative, 1 absent. (Ms. Rodriguez). Motion passed.

At 9:25 am, a motion was made by Mr. Blee and second by Mr. Mapp 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 9:27 am, Ms. Walter exited the room. At 9:33 am, Ms. Walter entered the room.
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At 9:47 am, a motion was made by Mr. Blee 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 will reconvene to consider applications.

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia Parkin McNamara

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