

**Local Finance Board  
Local Government Ethics Law  
January 13, 2021  
VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS**

The meeting was called to order at 9:09 am by Melanie R. Walter, Acting 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: Acting 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 9:10 am. A quorum was present. Also present were: Jacquelyn A. Suarez, Director, Division of Local Government Services, Craig Keiser, Deputy Attorney General and staff members: Nick Bennett, Dana C. Jones, Margaret Roberts and Dina Venero.

**September 9, 2020 and October 14, 2020 meeting minutes III.A.1 and III.A.2.** A motion was made by Ms. Rodriguez and second by Mr. Avery to approve both minutes. A roll call was taken: 7 affirmative. Abstain (Close) Motion passed.

**Concerning the matter of III.A.3.** A motion was made by Mr. Light 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.4.** A motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Mr. Mapp to dismiss the complaint for lack of a reasonable factual basis. A roll call was taken: 8 affirmative. Motion passed.

**Concerning the matter of III.A.5.** A motion was made by Mr. DiRocco and second by Ms. Rodriguez to dismiss the complaint for lack of jurisdiction and refer the complaint to the Office of Attorney General, Division of Criminal Justice. A roll call was taken: 8 affirmative. Motion passed.

**Concerning the matter of III.A.6.** A motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Mr. Close to find a violation for information missing from accused's 2017 and 2018 Financial Disclosure Statements and assess a \$100 fine for each year for a total fine of \$200.00. A roll call was taken: 8 affirmative. Motion passed.

**Concerning the matter of III.A.7.** A motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Mr. Blee to grant the accused's request for an administrative hearing and refer the matter to the Office of Administrative Law. A roll call was taken: 8 affirmative. Motion passed.

**Concerning the matter of III.A.8.** The matter was deferred to next meeting.

At 9:18 am, a motion was made by Mr. DiRocco and second by Mr. Avery 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 10:12 am, a motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Mr. Mapp 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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