

**Local Finance Board
Local Government Ethics Law
February 10, 2021
VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS**

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 am by Jacquelyn A. Suárez, 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: 8 members were present: Chairperson Suárez, Alan Avery, Francis Blee, William Close, Dominick DiRocco, Ted Light (joined at 9:08 am), Adrian Mapp, and Idida Rodriguez were present. A quorum was present. Also present were Craig Keiser, Deputy Attorney General and staff members: Nick Bennett, Dana C. Jones, and Margaret Roberts, as well as members of the public.

Concerning the matter of III.A.1 and 2. A motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Mr. Blee to move the adoption of the December 9, 2021 and January 13, 2021 minutes. Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.3. A motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Mr. DiRocco to dismiss the complaint as having no reasonable factual basis since the population of the municipality is under 5,000. A roll call was taken: 7 affirmative. 1 absent (Light). Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.4. A motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Mr. Mapp to determine no violation after an investigation. A roll call was taken: 7 affirmative. 1 abstain (DiRocco). Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.5. A motion was made by Mr. Mapp and second by Ms. Rodriguez to issue two Notices of Violation against the accused individual and to assess a fine in the amount of \$100 for each violation for an aggregate fine of \$200. A roll call was taken: 8 affirmative. Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.6. A motion was made by Mr. Mapp and second by Mr. Close to deny the request from the complainant for a reconsideration of the Local Finance Board's determination to dismiss the subject ethics complaint due to pending litigation pursuant to the Board's adopted rules. A roll call was taken: 8 affirmative. Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.7. A motion was made by Mr. Close and second by Mr. Mapp to uphold the Edison Township Municipal Ethics Board determination of a violation of the Local Government Ethics Law in connection with the failure to disclose required information on Financial Disclosure Statements. A roll call was taken: 8 affirmative. Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.8. This matter was deferred

At 9:27 am, a motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Ms. Rodriguez to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing complaints and to receive related legal advice. A roll call vote was taken. 8 affirmative. Motion passed

At 10:40 am, a motion was made by Mr. Avery, second by Mr. Close to go into open session. A roll call was taken: 7 affirmative. 1 absent (Rodriguez). Motion passed.

The Local Finance Board then determined to take a brief recess and reconvened to consider applications.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Patricia Parkin McNamara". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Patricia Parkin McNamara
Executive Secretary
Local Finance Board

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