

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

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 am by Jacquelyn A. Suarez, 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, 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. Deferred until next meeting.

Concerning the matter of III.A.2. A motion was made by Mr. DiRocco and second by Mr. Close to authorize an investigation, said motion was withdrawn and following questions by Board members, this was deferred for further discussion during executive session.

Concerning the matter of III.A.3. A motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Mr. Blee to authorize an investigation against one of the accused, and to dismiss the complaint against the other accused as having no reasonable factual basis following the Board's review of the facts and circumstances. A roll call was taken: 8 affirmative. Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.4. A motion was made by Mr. DiRocco and second by Mr. Close to issue a Notice of Violation to each of the accused. A roll call was taken: 7 affirmative, 1 absent (Blee). Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.5. A motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Mr. Mapp to issue a Notice of Violation and assess a fine in the amount of \$200. A roll call was taken: 8 affirmative. Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.6. A motion was made by Ms. Rodriguez and second by Mr. Avery to dismiss the complaint against the accused following the Board's investigation and to issue a reminder letter to a local government employee concerning that individual's Financial Disclosure Statement. A roll call was taken: 7 affirmative. Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.7. Deferred until next meeting.

At 9:17 am, a motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Mr. DiRocco to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing complaints and to receive related legal advice. A roll call vote was taken. 7 affirmative, 1 absent (Blee). Motion passed.

At 11:20 am, a motion was made by Mr. Close and second by Ms. Rodriguez to go back into open session. A roll call was taken: 8 affirmative. Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.2. Upon return to public session, a motion was made by Ms. Rodriguez and second by Mr. Close to authorize an investigation. A roll call was taken; 8 affirmative. Motion passed.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia Parkin McNamara
Executive Secretary
Local Finance Board

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