

**Local Finance Board
Local Government Ethics Law
May 12, 2021
VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS**

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 am by Jacquelyn A. Suárez, Chairperson. Nicholas Bennett, 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: 6 members were present: Chairperson Suarez, Alan Avery, Francis Blee, William Close, Dominick DiRocco, and Adrian Mapp. Idida Rodriguez and Ted Light arrived at 10:10 am. A quorum was present. Also present were Craig Keiser, Deputy Attorney General, and staff members: Nick Bennett, Dana C. Jones, and Margaret Roberts.

February 10, 2021 Meeting Minutes and April 14, 2021 Meeting Minutes III.A.1. A motion was made by Mr. Mapp, second by Mr. Close to approve both minutes. A roll call was taken: 6 affirmative. Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.2. A motion was made by Mr. Mapp, second by Mr. Avery to authorize an investigation against one of the accused, and dismiss the complaint as to the other accused local government officers as to lack of a reasonable factual basis. A roll call was taken: 6 affirmative. Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.3. A motion was made by Mr. DiRocco, second by Mr. Avery to dismiss the complaint for lack of a reasonable factual basis. A roll call was taken: 6 affirmative. Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.4. A motion was made by Mr. Close, second by Mr. Mapp to adopt the initial decision of the OAL, with the modification that the Board reinstated the \$100 fine. A roll call was taken: 6 affirmative. Motion passed.

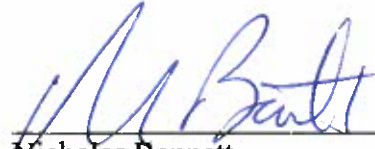
Concerning the matter of III.A.5. A motion was made by Mr. Avery, second by Mr. Close to transmit the matter to the OAL for an administrative hearing. A roll call was taken: 6 affirmative. Motion passed.

At 9:17 am, a motion was made by Mr. Close, 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. 6 affirmative. Motion passed.

At 10:32 am, a motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Mr. Close 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 before reconvening to consider applications at 11:05 am.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "N. Bennett", written over a horizontal line.

Nicholas Bennett
Executive Secretary
Local Finance Board

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