

**Local Finance Board  
Local Government Ethics Law  
June 9, 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: 7 members were present: Chairperson Suarez, Alan Avery, Francis Blee, William Close, Dominick DiRocco, Adrian Mapp, and Idida Rodriguez. Ted Light was absent. A quorum was present. Also present were Craig Keiser, Deputy Attorney General, and staff members: Dana C. Jones, and Margaret Roberts, as well as members of the public.

**May 12, 2021 Meeting Minutes III.A.1.** A motion was made by Mr. Avery, second by Mr. Close to approve minutes as amended on the record to reflect change in name of person making the OPMA statement. A roll call was taken: 7 affirmative. Motion passed.

**Concerning the matter of III.A.2.** This matter was deferred to the July Ethics Meeting.

**Concerning the matter of III.A.3.** A motion was made by Mr. Mapp, second by Ms. Rodriguez to issue Notices of Violations to each of the three accused individuals and to assess a \$100 fine for each. A roll call was taken: 7 affirmative. Motion passed.

**Concerning the matter of III.A.4.** A motion was made by Mr. Close, second by Mr. Mapp to issue one Notice of Violation and to assess a \$300 fine, to dismiss the complaints against two of the accused for lack of a reasonable factual basis. A roll call was taken: 7 affirmative. Motion passed.

**Concerning the matter of III.A.5.** A motion was made by Mr. DiRocco, second by Mr. Blee to issue a Notice of Violation and to assess a \$500 fine. A roll call was taken: 7 affirmative. Motion passed.

**Concerning the matter of III.A.6.** This matter was held for discussion during closed session.

**Concerning the matter of III.A.7.** A motion was made by Mr. DiRocco, second by Mr. Avery to transmit the matter to the OAL for an administrative hearing for four local government officers. A roll call was taken: 7 affirmative. Motion passed.

**Concerning the matter of III.A.8.** A motion was made by Mr. Avery, second by Mr. Mapp to accept the proposed settlement. A roll call was taken: 7 affirmative. Motion passed.

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At 9:23 am, a motion was made by Ms. Rodriguez, second by Mr. Mapp 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. Motion passed.

At 10:20 am, a motion was made by Ms. Rodriguez, second by Mr. DiRocco to go into open session. A roll call was taken: 7 affirmative. Motion passed.

**Concerning the matter of III.A.6.** A motion to issue a Notice of Violation and assess a \$100 fine was made by Mr. Close, second by Mr. Blee. A roll call was taken: 3 affirmative, 4 negative. Motion failed. A motion to dismiss the complaint against the accused was made by Mr. Avery, second by Ms. Rodriguez. A roll call was taken: 4 affirmative, 3 negative. Motion failed.

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 10:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,



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Nicholas Bennett  
Executive Secretary  
Local Finance Board

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