

**Local Finance Board
Local Government Ethics Law
August 11, 2021**

VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 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, Francis Blee, William Close, Dominick DiRocco, Adrian Mapp and Ted Light. Alan Avery was absent and Idida Rodriguez arrived at 9:55 am. A quorum was present. Also present were Craig Keiser, Deputy Attorney General, and staff members: Dana C. Jones and Margaret Roberts.

July 14, 2021 Meeting Minutes III.A.1. A motion was made by Mr. Blee, second by Mr. Mapp to approve 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. Light to authorize an investigation into one local government officer. 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. Blee to dismiss the complaint for lack of a reasonable factual basis. A roll call was taken: 6 affirmative. Motion passed.

At 9:11 am, a motion was made by Mr. Mapp, second by Mr. Blee 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 10:46 am, a motion was made by Mr. Mapp and second by Mr. Light to go into open session. A roll call was taken: 7 affirmative. Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.4. A motion was made by Mr. DiRocco, second by Mr. Mapp to dismiss the complaint and add a sentence to the Financial Disclosure Statement form to indicate that the “other” field is the appropriate place for the local government officer or employee to detail any professional relationships or business organizations through which income is received which may not be apparent. A roll call was taken: 3 affirmative, 2 abstentions. Matter was tabled until a future meeting.

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 10:55 am.

Respectfully submitted,



Nicholas Bennett
Executive Secretary
Local Finance Board