

**Local Finance Board
Local Government Ethics Law
September 9, 2021
VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS**

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 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 Suárez, Alan Avery, William Close, Dominick DiRocco, Adrian Mapp, and Idida Rodriguez were present. Ted Light and Francis Blee were absent. A quorum was present. Also present were Craig Keiser, Deputy Attorney General and staff members: Dana C. Jones and Margaret Roberts. Mr. Light arrived at 9:35 am. Mr. Blee arrived at 9:53 am.

August 11, 2021 Meeting Minutes III.A.1. A motion was made by Mr. Mapp, second by Mr. Close 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 Ms. Rodriguez to dismiss the complaint filed against one local government officer for lack of a reasonable factual basis. A roll call was taken: 6 affirmative. Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.3. Deferred until next meeting.

Concerning the matter of III.A.4. A motion was made by Ms. Rodriguez and second by Mr. Mapp to dismiss the complaint filed against one local government officer. A roll call was taken: 6 affirmative.

Concerning the matter of III.A.5. A motion was made by Mr. Mapp and second by Mr. DiRocco to dismiss the complaint filed against one local government officer. A roll call was taken: 6 affirmative. Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.6. A motion was made by Mr. Mapp and second by Mr. Close to issue a Notice of Violation to one local government officer and to assess a total fine of \$300 (\$100 per year). A roll call was taken: 6 affirmative. Motion passed.

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

At 9:23 am, a motion was made by Ms. Rodriguez and second by Mr. Avery 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 10:39 am, a motion was made by Mr. Close and second by Mr. Avery to go back into open session. A roll call was taken: 8 affirmative. Motion passed.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Nicholas Bennett
Executive Secretary
Local Finance Board

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