

**Local Finance Board
Local Government Ethics Law
December 8, 2021
VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS**

The meeting was called to order at 9:06 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: 5 members were present: Chairperson Suárez, Alan Avery, William Close, Ted Light, and Adrian Mapp were present. Dominic DiRocco was absent. Idida Rodriguez arrived at 9:09 am. 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.

October 20, 2021 Meeting Minutes III.A.1. Consideration of this matter was deferred to the January 12, 2022 Meeting.

November 10, 2021 Meeting Minutes III.A.2. A motion was made by Mr. Light, second by Mr. Avery to approve minutes. A roll call was taken: 5 affirmative. Ms. Rodriguez abstained. Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.3. A combined motion concerning two complaints was made by Mr. Mapp, second by Mr. Light to issue a Notice of Violation of N.J.S.A. 40A:9-22.5 (d) to each of two local government officers, assess a fine of \$100 to each, and waive payment of the fine based on their reasonable reliance on the advice of counsel. A roll call was taken: 6 affirmative. Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.4. A motion was made by Ms. Rodriguez, second by Mr. Close to issue a Notice of Violation to one local government officer for multiple violations of N.J.S.A. 40A:9-22.5 (c) and assess a total fine of \$1,500. A roll call was taken: 6 affirmative. Motion passed.

At 9:13 am, a motion was made by Mr. Avery and 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. 6 affirmative. Motion passed. During closed session, Mr. Avery recused himself from the discussion of matter III.B.2.

At 10:45 am, a motion was made by Mr. Light and second by Mr. Close to go back into open session. A roll call was taken: 6 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