

**Local Finance Board
Local Government Ethics Law
March 9, 2022
VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS**

The meeting was called to order at 9:09 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, William Close, Dominic DiRocco, Ted Light, Adrian Mapp and Idida Rodriguez were present. Alan Avery was absent. A quorum was present. Also present were Craig Keiser, Deputy Attorney General and staff members Dana C. Jones and Margaret Roberts.

February 9, 2022 Meeting Minutes III.A.1. A motion was made by Mr. Close, second by Mr. Mapp to approve minutes. A roll call was taken: 5 affirmative. Ms. Rodriguez recused. Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.2. A motion was made by Mr. Close, second by Mr. Light to authorize an investigation of one local government officer for alleged violation of subsections (c) and (d) of N.J.S.A. 40A:9-22.5. A roll call was taken: 6 affirmative. Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.3. A motion was made by Ms. Rodriguez, second by Mr. Close to authorize an investigation of one local government officer for alleged violation of subsections (a), (c), (d), (e), (g), and (h) of N.J.S.A. 40A:9-22.5. A roll call was taken: 6 affirmative. Motion passed.

At 9:14 am, a motion was made by Mr. Mapp, second by Mr. Close to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing complaints, requests for advisory opinions, and to receive related legal advice. A roll call vote was taken: 6 affirmative. Motion passed.

AO 22-001 was discussed.

AO 22-002 was discussed.

AO 22-003 was discussed.

At 10:47 am, a motion was made by Mr. Close, second by Mr. Mapp to go back into open session. A roll call was taken: 6 affirmative. Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.C.1. A motion was made by Ms. Rodriguez, second by Mr. Mapp to adopt with modification the Initial Decision of the administrative law judge, which affirmed the Board's finding of violations of subsection (d) by four local government officers and affirmed the fines imposed by the Board. The Board determined to modify

the Initial Decision in order to correct typographical errors and to clarify an ambiguous statement in the decision. 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,

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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