

**Local Finance Board
Local Government Ethics Law
May 11, 2022
VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS**

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 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, Dominic DiRocco, Adrian Mapp, and Idida Rodriguez were present. A quorum was present. Also present were DAG Craig Keiser and staff members Dana C. Jones and Margaret Roberts.

At 9:04 am, a motion was made by Ms. Rodriguez, 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.

At 9:46 am, a motion was made by Mr. DiRocco, second by Ms. Rodriguez to go into open session. A roll call was taken: 6 affirmative. Motion passed.

The Local Finance Board then determined to take a brief recess and reconvened at 10:00 am to take action on the below ethics matters and to consider applications.

April 13, 2022 Meeting Minutes III.B.1. A motion was made by Mr. Avery, second by Mr. Mapp to approve minutes. A roll call was taken: 6 affirmative. Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.B.2. A motion was made by Mr. DiRocco, second by Mr. Mapp to authorize investigations of three local government officers and one local government employee for alleged violations of subsections (a), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g) and (h) of N.J.S.A. 40A:9-22.5. A roll call was taken: 6 affirmative. Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.B.3. A motion was made by Mr. Avery, second by Mr. DiRocco to authorize an investigation of one local government officer and one local government employee for alleged violations of subsections (c), (d), and (g) of N.J.S.A. 40A:9-22.5. A roll call was taken: 6 affirmative. Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.B.4. A motion was made by Mr. Avery, second by Mr. Close to authorize an investigation of one local government officer for alleged violation of subsection (d) of N.J.S.A. 40A:9-22.5. and to dismiss complaint against two local government officers for lack of a reasonable factual basis. A roll call was taken: 5 affirmative. Chairperson Suárez recused. Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.B.5. A motion was made by Mr. Avery, second by Mr. Close to authorize an investigation of one local government officer for alleged violation of subsection (d) of N.J.S.A. 40A:9-22.5. A roll call was taken: 6 affirmative. Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.B.6. A motion was made by Mr. Mapp, second by Mr. DiRocco to dismiss, after investigation, the complaint that alleged violations of subsections (a), (c), (d), (g), (i), and (f), by one local government officer. A roll call was taken: 5 affirmative. Mr. Avery recused. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "N. Bennett", is written over a horizontal line.

Nicholas Bennett
Executive Secretary
Local Finance Board

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