

**Local Finance Board
Local Government Ethics Law
July 13, 2022
VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS**

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 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, Dominic DiRocco, and Idida Rodriguez were present. Mr. Mapp was absent. There are two vacancies. A quorum was present. Mr. Avery left the meeting at 11:16 am. Also present were DAG Craig Keiser and staff members Dana C. Jones and Margaret Roberts.

At 9:05 am, a motion was made by Mr. Avery, second by Ms. Rodriguez 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: 5 affirmative. Motion passed.

At 10:40 am, a motion was made by Mr. DiRocco, second by Mr. Avery to go into open session. A roll call was taken: 5 affirmative. Motion passed.

The Local Finance Board then determined to take a brief recess and reconvened at 10:45 am to consider financing applications and take action on the following Ethics items, at which time Mr. Avery had already left the virtual meeting:

June 8, 2022 Meeting Minutes III.A.1. A motion was made by Ms. Rodriguez, second by Mr. Close to approve minutes. A roll call was taken: 4 affirmative. Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.2. This matter was deferred to a future meeting.

Concerning the matter of III.A.3. A motion was made by Ms. Rodriguez, second by Mr. DiRocco to authorize an investigation of one local government officer for alleged violations of subsections (c) and (d) of N.J.S.A. 40A:9-22.5. A roll call was taken: 4 affirmative. Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.4. A motion was made by Ms. Rodriguez, second by Ms. Suárez to issue Notices of Determination to four local government officers dismissing the complaint because the allegations lack a reasonable factual basis. A roll call was taken: 3 affirmative. Mr. DiRocco recused. Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.5. A motion was made by Mr. DiRocco, second by Ms. Rodriguez to issue a Notice of Determination to one local government officer dismissing the complaint because the allegations lack a reasonable factual basis. A roll call was taken: 4 affirmative. Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.6. A motion was made by Mr. DiRocco, second by Ms. Rodriguez to issue a Notice of Determination to one local government officer dismissing

the complaint because the allegations lack a reasonable factual basis. A roll call was taken:
4 affirmative. Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.7. This matter was deferred to a future meeting.

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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