

**Local Finance Board
Local Government Ethics Law
September 7, 2022
VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS**

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 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. There are two vacancies. A quorum was present. Also present were DAG Craig Keiser and staff members Dana C. Jones and Margaret Roberts.

At 9:07 am, a motion was made by Mr. Close, second by Mr. Avery 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.

AO22-009 was discussed.

At 10:56 am, a motion was made by Mr. Avery, second by Mr. Mapp 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 11:05 am to consider financing applications and take action on the following Ethics items:

August 10, 2022 Meeting Minutes III.B.1. A motion was made by Mr. Mapp, second by Mr. Close to approve the minutes. A roll call was taken: 6 affirmative. Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.B.2. A motion was made by Ms. Rodriguez, second by Mr. Mapp to issue a Notice of Determination dismissing the complaint against one local government officer for lack of a reasonable factual basis with regard to the first allegation, and as frivolous to pursue with regard to the second allegation because it had previously been adjudicated by law enforcement. A roll call was taken: 6 affirmative. Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.B.3. A motion was made by Mr. Close, second by Mr. Mapp to authorize an investigation of one local government officer for alleged violations of subsections (c) and (d). A roll call was taken: 6 affirmative. Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.B.4. A motion was made by Ms. Rodriguez, second by Mr. Mapp to issue Notices of Determination to three local government officers, dismissing the complaints against two of them for lack of a reasonable factual basis, and dismissing the complaint against the third as frivolous to pursue because the allegation had already been adjudicated by the LFB. A roll call was taken: 6 affirmative. Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.B.5. A motion was made by Mr. Close, second by Ms. Rodriguez to issue a Notice of Investigation to one local government officer for alleged violation of subsection (d). 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 Ms. Rodriguez to issue a Notice of Violation to one local government officer for violation of subsection (d) and imposing a fine of \$100. A roll call was taken: 6 affirmative. Motion passed.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Nicholas Bennett
Executive Secretary
Local Finance Board

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