

**Local Finance Board
Local Government Ethics Law
December 14, 2022
VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS**

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. 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, Adrian Mapp, Dominic DiRocco, Alan Avery and Idida Rodriguez were present. There are two vacancies. A quorum was present. Also present were DAG Levi Klinger-Christiansen and staff members Dana C. Jones and Alyssa Karczewski.

At 9:05 a.m., a motion was made by Mr. Mapp, 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.

Mr. William Close arrived in closed session at 9:08 a.m.

At 10:33 a.m., a motion was made by Mr. DiRocco, second by Mr. Avery 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 10:42 a.m. to consider financing applications and take action on the following Ethics items:

November 9, 2022 Meeting Minutes III.B.1. A motion was made by Mr. Mapp, second by Mr. Close to approve the minutes as presented. A roll call was taken: 6 affirmative. Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.B.2. A motion was made by Mr. Mapp, second by Mr. Avery to issue a Notice of Investigation to one local government officer for potential violations of N.J.S.A. 40A:9-22.5(d) and N.J.S.A. 40A:9-22.6(a). A roll call was taken: 6 affirmative. Motion passed.

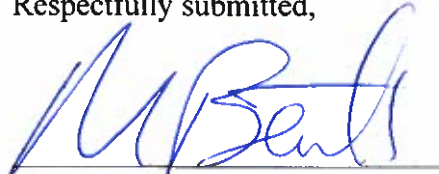
Concerning the matter of III.B.3. A motion was made by Mr. Mapp, second by Ms. Rodriguez to issue a Notice of Investigation to one local government officer for potential violations of N.J.S.A. 40A:9-22.5(c). A roll call was taken: 6 affirmative. Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.B.4. A motion was made by Mr. Avery, second by Ms. Rodriguez to issue a Notice of Investigation to one local government officer for potential violations of N.J.S.A. 40A:9-22.5(c). A roll call was taken: 6 affirmative. Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.B.5. A motion was made by Mr. Mapp, second by Ms. Rodriguez to issue a Notice of Investigation to one local government officer for potential violations of N.J.S.A. 40A:9-22.5(c) and N.J.S.A. 40A:9-22.6(d). A roll call was taken: 6 affirmative. Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.B.6. A motion was made by Mr. Close, second by Mr. A very to issue a Notice of Determination to one local government officer dismissing the claim for having no reasonable factual basis, and to issue a Notice of Violation to one local government officer for violations of N.J.S.A. 40A:9-22.5(c) and N.J.S.A. 40A:9-22.6(d) and to assess a fine in a total amount of \$1,400 for the violations. A roll call was taken: 6 affirmative. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,



Nicholas Bennett
Executive Secretary
Local Finance Board

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