

**Local Finance Board
Local Government Ethics Law
June 8, 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. There are two vacancies. A quorum was present. Also present were DAG Craig Keiser and staff members Dana C. Jones and Margaret Roberts.

At 9:04 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.

At 10:24 am, a motion was made by Mr. Avery, 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 10:30 am to take action on the below ethics matters and to consider applications.

October 20, 2021 Meeting Minutes III.B.1. A motion was made by Mr. Avery, second by Mr. DiRocco to approve minutes. A roll call was taken: 4 affirmative. Mr. Close and Mr. Mapp abstained. Motion passed.

May 11, 2022 Meeting Minutes III.B.2. 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.3. A motion was made by Ms. Rodriguez, second by Mr. Avery to adopt the findings of fact and conclusions of law of the initial decision of the administrative law judge except with regard to allegation (B) (3), for which the Board finds that the local government officer violated subsection (d) of N.J.S.A. 40A:9-22.5, and for which it institutes a fine of \$500, for a total fine of \$11,500 for all violations. 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. Mapp to enforce the 2022 FDS filing requirement and issue Notices of Violation carrying a \$100 fine to 2,171 individuals listed as “active” on the local government entity roster and not under the jurisdiction of a local ethics board who failed to file their 2022 financial

disclosure statement as of 4pm on Monday, June 6, 2022 as required by N.J.S.A. 40A:9-22.6. A roll call was taken: 6 affirmative. Mr. Mapp abstained with regard to the violations for local government officers or employees of Plainfield. 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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