

**Local Finance Board  
Local Government Ethics Law  
January 11, 2023  
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: 4 members were present: Chairperson Suárez, Dominic DiRocco, Alan Avery and William Close were present. Idida Rodriguez and Adrian Mapp were absent. There are two vacancies. A quorum was present. Also present were staff members Dana C. Jones and Alyssa Karczewski.

At 9:05 a.m., 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: 4 affirmative. 2 absent (Rodriguez and Mapp). Motion passed.

Mr. Adrian Mapp arrived in closed session at 9:09 a.m. He exited the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

DAG Craig Keiser arrived in closed session at 9:11 a.m.

At 10:20 a.m., a motion was made by Mr. Avery, second by Mr. Close to go into open session. A roll call was taken: 4 affirmative. 2 absent (Rodriguez and Mapp). Motion passed.

The Local Finance Board began to consider financing applications and take action on the following Ethics items:

**December 14, 2022 Meeting Minutes III.B.1.** A motion was made Mr. Close, second by Mr. DiRocco to approve the minutes as presented. A roll call was taken: 4 affirmative. 2 absent (Rodriguez and Mapp). Motion passed.

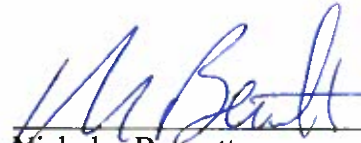
**Concerning the matter of III.B.2.** A motion was made by Mr. DiRocco, second by Mr. Avery to issue a Notice of Dismissal to one local government officer following an investigation and Notice of Determination to a second local government officer where the Board is dismissing the claims for a lack of jurisdiction and for a lack of reasonable factual basis. A roll call was taken: 4 affirmative. 2 absent (Rodriguez and Mapp). Motion passed.

**Concerning the matter of III.B.3.** A motion was made by Mr. Avery, second by Mr. DiRocco to issue a Notice of Dismissal to one local government officer following an investigation, and Notices of Determination to two local government officers where the Board is dismissing the claims for a lack of reasonable factual basis. A roll call was taken: 4 affirmative. 2 absent (Rodriguez and Mapp). Motion passed.

*At the February 8, 2023 Local Finance Board Meeting, the Board rescinded its vote on item III.B.3, and further voted to have these Minutes to reflect that subsequent action.*

**Concerning the matter of III.B.4.** A motion was made by Mr. Close, second by Mr. Avery to transmit the matter to the Office of Administrative Law as a contested case. A roll call was taken: 4 affirmative. 2 absent (Rodriguez and Mapp). Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,



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Nicholas Bennett  
Executive Secretary  
Local Finance Board

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