

**Local Finance Board  
Local Government Ethics Law  
March 8, 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: 6 members were present: Chairperson Suárez, Adrian Mapp, Dominic DiRocco, Alan Avery, William Close and Idida Rodriguez were present. There are two vacancies. A quorum was present. Also present were DAG Eric Reid and staff members Dana C. Jones, Shannon Hudak, and Alyssa Karczewski.

At 9:05 a.m., a motion was made by Mr. DiRocco and 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 10:07 a.m., a motion was made by Mr. DiRocco and 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 10:20 a.m. to consider financing applications and take action on the following Ethics items:

**February 8, 2023 Meeting Minutes** A motion was made by Mr. Mapp and second by Ms. Rodriguez 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 and second by Mr. DiRocco to issue a Notice of Investigation to one local government officer for alleged violations of N.J.S.A. 40A:9-22.5(c) and N.J.S.A. 40A:9-22.5(d). A roll call was taken: 6 affirmative. Motion passed.

**Concerning the matter of III.B.3.** A motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Mr. DiRocco to issue 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: 6 affirmative. Motion passed.

**Concerning the matter of III.B.4.** A motion was made by Ms. Rodriguez and second by Mr. Mapp to issue a Notice of Determination to one local government officer where the Board is dismissing the claims for a lack of reasonable factual basis. A roll call was taken: 6 affirmative. Motion passed.

**Concerning the matter of III.B.5.** A motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Mr. Mapp to adopt the initial decision of the Administrative Law Judge in its entirety. A roll call was taken: 6 affirmative. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,



Nicholas Bennett  
Executive Secretary  
Local Finance Board

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