

**Local Finance Board
Local Government Ethics Law
April 12, 2023
VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS**

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 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 Craig Keiser and staff members Dana C. Jones, and Alyssa Karczewski.

At 9:02 a.m., a motion was made by Ms. Rodriguez and 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: 5 affirmative. Motion passed.

Mr. William Close arrived at 9:05 a.m.

Advisory Opinion 23-001 was discussed.

At 10:13 a.m., a motion was made by Mr. Mapp and second by Mr. DiRocco 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 10:27 a.m. to consider financing applications and take action on the following Ethics items:

March 8, 2023 Meeting Minutes A motion was made by Mr. Mapp and 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. Close and second by Mr. Avery to issue a Notice of Investigation to one local government officer for alleged violations of N.J.S.A. 40A:9-22.5(a), 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. Mapp, second by Mr. Avery 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.4. A motion was made by Mr. Mapp and second by Ms. Rodriguez 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. Close, second by Mr. Mapp to

issue a Notice of Dismissal to one local government officer dismissing the claim and a Notice of Violation to one local government officer for two violations of N.J.S.A. 40A:9-22.5(c) and two violations of N.J.S.A. 40A:9-22.5(g) and to assess a fine in a total amount of \$2,000 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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