Local Finance Board Local Government Ethics Law May 10, 2023 VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 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. William Close was absent. There are two vacancies. A quorum was present. Also present were DAG Craig Keiser and staff members Dana C. Jones and Alyssa Karczewski.

At 9:04 a.m., a motion was made by Ms. Rodriquez and second by Mr. Mapp 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.

At 10:54 a.m., a motion was made by Mr. Mapp and second by Mr. Avery to go into open session. A roll call was taken: 5 affirmative. Motion passed.

The Local Finance Board then determined to take a brief recess and reconvene at 11:00 a.m. to consider financing applications and take action on the following Ethics items:

Mr. William Close arrived at 11:00 a.m.

April 12, 2023 Meeting Minutes A motion was made by Mr. Mapp and second by Mr. DiRocco 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 thirteen (13) local government officers for alleged violations of N.J.S.A. 40A:9-22.5(c), N.J.S.A. 40A:9-22.5(d), N.J.S.A. 40A:9-22.5(e), N.J.S.A. 40A:9-22.5(g), 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. Avery and second by Ms. Rodriguez to issue a Notice of Investigation to one local government officer for an alleged violation 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.5. A motion was made by Mr. Mapp and second by Ms. Rodriguez to adopt a settlement agreement with one local government officer of a matter that had been transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law as a contested case. A roll call was taken: 6 affirmative. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Executive Secretary
Local Finance Board