

**Local Finance Board
Local Government Ethics Law
January 8, 2025
VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS**

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by Michael Rogers, 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 Rogers, Dominick DiRocco, Alan Avery, Idida Rodriguez, and Robert Jackson were present. William Close was absent. There are two vacancies. A quorum was present. Also present were Deputy Attorney General Craig Keiser, and staff members Shannon Hudak, Matthew Marthaler, Cherie Saranin, and Gina Picciano.

At 9:02 a.m., a motion was made by Mr. Jackson 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 affirmatives. Motion passed.

Mr. Close joined the meeting at 9:05 a.m. in closed session.

Advisory Opinions **AO25-001** and **AO25-002** were discussed.

Mr. Close exited the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

At 10:06 a.m., a motion was made by Mr. Jackson and second by Ms. Rodriguez to go into open session. A roll call was taken: 5 affirmatives. Motion passed.

Mr. Close re-joined the open session at 10:40 a.m.

Concerning the matter of B.1. December 11, 2024, Meeting Minutes A motion was made by Ms. Rodriguez and second by Mr. Avery to approve the minutes. A roll call was taken: 5 affirmatives. Motion passed.

Concerning the Matter of B.2. A motion was made by Mr. Jackson and second by Ms. Rodriguez to issue a Notice of Investigation to two (2) Local Government Officers (LGOs) for possible 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: 5 affirmatives. Motion passed.

Concerning the Matter of B.3. A motion was made by Mr. DiRocco and second by Mr. Avery to issue a Notice of Determination to one (1) LGO dismissing the complaint for a lack of a reasonable factual basis. A roll call was taken: 5 affirmatives. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,



Nicholas Bennett
Executive Secretary
Local Finance Board