

**Local Finance Board
Local Government Ethics Law
February 12, 2025
VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS**

The meeting was called to order at 11:33 a.m. by Michael Rogers, Chairperson due to a weather-related late opening of State offices. 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, Alan Avery, Idida Rodriguez, Robert Jackson, and William Close were present. There are two vacancies. Dominick DiRocco arrived at 11:39 a.m. A quorum was present. Also present were Deputy Attorney General Zachary Aboff, and staff members Shannon Hudak, Matthew Marthaler, Anna-Marie Chiwanga, and Gina Picciano.

Concerning the matter of B.1. January 8, 2025, Meeting Minutes A motion was made by Mr. Close and second by Ms. Rodriguez 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. Avery and second by Mr. Jackson to issue a Notice of Determination to one (1) Local Government Officer (LGO) dismissing the complaint for a lack of a reasonable factual basis. A roll call was taken: 5 affirmatives. Motion passed.

Concerning the Matter of B.3. A motion was made by Ms. Rodriguez and second by Mr. Avery to issue a Notice of Dismissal to one (1) LGO dismissing the complaint following an investigation. A roll call was taken: 5 affirmatives. Motion passed.

Concerning the Matter of B.4. A motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Ms. Rodriguez to rescind the Notice of Violation issued to five (5) individuals due to roster errors and to waive the fines for eleven (11) individuals who had requested an administrative hearing following the receipt of a Notice of Violation for failing to timely file the 2024 Financial Disclosure Statement. A roll call was taken: 5 affirmatives. Motion passed.

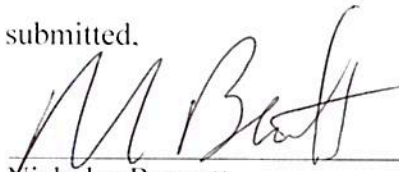
At 1:25 p.m., a motion was made by Mr. Jackson and second by Mr. Avery to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing complaints, requests for advisory opinions, and to receive related legal advice. A roll call vote was taken: 5 affirmatives. Motion passed. Prior to entering closed session, the stenographer was dismissed; the Board took no official action on any item following the dismissal of the stenographer except to adjourn the meeting as recorded below.

Mr. DiRocco joined the closed session at 1:40 p.m.

At 2:32 p.m., a motion was made by Mr. Close and second by Mr. Avery to go into open session. A roll call was taken: 6 affirmatives. Motion passed.

At 2:34 p.m., a motion was made by Mr. Jackson and second by Mr. Close to adjourn the meeting. A roll call was taken: 6 affirmatives. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. Bennett', written over a horizontal line.

Nicholas Bennett
Executive Secretary
Local Finance Board