

**Local Finance Board  
Local Government Ethics Law  
April 9, 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: 6 members were present: Chairperson Rogers, Dominick DiRocco, Alan Avery, Idida Rodriguez, William Close, and Robert Jackson were present. There are two vacancies. A quorum was present. Also present were Deputy Attorney General Craig Keiser, and staff members Matthew Marthaler, Cherie Saranin, Anna-Marie Chiwanga, and Gina Picciano.

At 9:04 a.m., a motion was made by Mr. Close and second by Ms. Rodriguez 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 affirmatives. Motion passed.

Advisory Opinion AO25-004 was discussed in closed session.

At 9:30 a.m. Mr. DiRocco recused himself from discussion of an item and exited the meeting. He returned at 9:37 a.m.

At 10:13 a.m., a motion was made by Mr. Jackson and second by Ms. Rodriguez to go into open session. A roll call was taken: 6 affirmatives. Motion passed.

**Concerning the matter of B.1. March 12, 2025, Meeting Minutes** A motion was made by Mr. DiRocco and second by Ms. Rodriguez to approve the minutes. A roll call was taken: 6 affirmatives. Motion passed.

**Concerning the Matter of B.2.** A motion was made by Mr. Close and second by Mr. Jackson to issue a Notice of Investigation to one (1) Local Government Officer (LGO) for a possible violation of N.J.S.A. 40A:9-22.5(c). A roll call was taken: 5 affirmatives and 1 recusal (DiRocco). Motion passed.

**Concerning the Matter of B.3.** A motion was made by Mr. Close and second by Mr. Jackson to issue a Notice of Investigation to one (1) LGO for a possible violation of N.J.S.A. 40A:9-22.5(d). A roll call was taken: 6 affirmatives. Motion passed.

**Concerning the Matter of B.4.** A motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Ms. Rodriguez to issue a Notice of Dismissal to one (1) LGO following an investigation. A roll call was taken: 5 affirmatives and 1 recusal (DiRocco). Motion passed.

**Concerning the Matter of B.5.** A motion was made by Mr. Close and second by Mr. Avery to adopt the proposed settlement of C17-021, a matter that had been transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law as a contested case. A roll call was taken: 6 affirmatives. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted.



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Nicholas Bennett  
Executive Secretary  
Local Finance Board