Local Finance Board Local Government Ethics Law June 11, 2025 VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 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, William Close, Alan Avery, and Idida Rodriguez were present. There are two vacancies. A quorum was present. Also present were Deputy Attorneys General Craig Keiser and Zachary Aboff, and staff members Cherie Saranin, Matthew Marthaler, Anna-Marie Chiwanga, and Gina Picciano.

At 9:01 a.m., a motion was made by Ms. Rodriguez and second by Mr. Close 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.

At 9:27 a.m., a motion was made by Mr. Close and second by Mr. Avery to go into open session. A roll call was taken: 5 affirmatives. Motion passed.

Robert Jackson arrived at 9:30 a.m. in open session.

Concerning the matter of B.1. May 14, 2025, Meeting Minutes A motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Ms. Rodriguez to approve the minutes. A roll call was taken: 5 affirmatives. Mr. Close's vote was not recorded due to technical difficulties. 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 Determination to one (1) Local Government Officers (LGO) dismissing the complaint for a lack of a reasonable factual basis. A roll call was taken: 5 affirmatives. Mr. Close's vote was not recorded due to technical difficulties. 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 Determination to one (1) LGOs dismissing the complaint for a lack of a reasonable factual basis. A roll call was taken: 5 affirmatives. Mr. Close's vote was not recorded due to technical difficulties. Motion passed.

Concerning the Matter of B.4. A motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Mr. Jackson to issue a Notice of Dismissal to one (1) LGO dismissing the complaint following an investigation. A roll call was taken: 6 affirmatives. Motion passed.

Concerning the Matter of B.5. A motion was made by Mr. Jackson and second by Mr. Avery to issue Notices of Violations to 951 LGOs listed as active on a local government entity roster, who are not under the jurisdiction of a local ethics board, and who were not recorded as having filed

the annual Financial Disclosure Statement for 2025 as of 12 pm on Monday, June 9 as required by N.J.S.A. 40A:9-22.6 and to assess a fine of \$100. A roll call was taken: 6 affirmatives. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas Bennett Executive Secretary

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