

**Local Finance Board
Local Government Ethics Law
August 13, 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: 6 members were present: Chairperson Rogers, Dominick DiRocco, William Close, Alan Avery, Idida Rodriguez, and Robert Jackson were present. There are two vacancies. A quorum was present. Also present were Deputy Attorney General Zachary Aboff, and staff members Shannon Hudak, Cherie Saranin, Matthew Marthaler, Anna-Marie Chiwanga, and Gina Picciano, as well as Board interns Anna Rjahovski and Eric Viola.

At 9:00 a.m., a motion was made by Mr. Close and second by Mr. Jackson 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.

AO25-006 was discussed.

Mr. DiRocco recused himself from the discussion regarding an open complaint and exited the meeting at 9:36 a.m. He returned at 9:48 a.m.

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

Concerning the matter of B.1. July 9, 2025, Meeting Minutes A motion was made by Mr. Close and second by Ms. Rodriguez to adopt the minutes as submitted. A roll call was taken: 5 affirmatives, one absent. Motion passed.

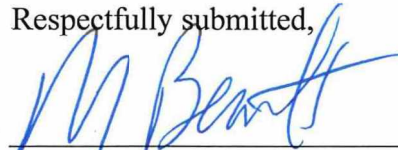
Concerning the Matter of B.2. A motion was made by Mr. Jackson and second by Mr. Avery to issue a Notice of Determination to two (2) Local Government Officers (LGOs) dismissing the complaint for a lack of a reasonable factual basis. A roll call was taken: 6 affirmatives. Motion passed.

Concerning the Matter of B.3. A motion was made by Mr. Jackson and second by Mr. Close to issue a Notice of Investigation to one (1) LGO for a possible 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 affirmatives. 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 Determination to one (1) LGO dismissing the complaint for a lack of a reasonable factual basis and a lack of jurisdiction. A roll call was taken: 6 affirmatives. Motion passed.

Concerning the Matter of B.15. A motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Mr. DiRocco to rescind the Notice of Violation issued to forty-three (43) individuals due to roster errors, to waive the fines for eight (8) individuals who had timely filed in at least one (1) local unit, and to waive the fines for ninety-nine (99) individuals who requested an administrative hearing following the receipt of a Notice of Violation for failing to timely file the 2025 Financial Disclosure Statement. A roll call was taken: 6 affirmatives. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,



Nicholas Bennett
Executive Secretary
Local Finance Board