

Local Finance Board
Local Government Ethics Law
October 8, 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, Alan Avery, Idida Rodriguez, and Robert Jackson were present. William Close was logged into the meeting but technical difficulties prevented him from hearing or being heard. There are two vacancies. A quorum was present. Also present were Deputy Attorney General Zachary Aboff, and staff members Shannon Hudak, Cherie Saranin, Anna-Marie Chiwanga, and Gina Picciano.

At 9:01 a.m., a motion was made by Mr. Jackson and second by Mr. DiRocco 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 9:05 a.m., Mr. Close joined the meeting in closed session. The technical issues were resolved.

At 9:40 a.m. Chairperson Rogers exited the closed session meeting.

At 9:52 a.m., a motion was made by Ms. Rodriguez and second by Mr. Close to go into open session. A roll call was taken: 5 affirmatives. Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of B.1. September 10, 2025, Meeting Minutes A motion was made by Mr. Close and second by Mr. Avery to adopt the minutes as submitted. A roll call was taken: 5 affirmatives. Ms. Rodriguez's vote was not recorded. Motion passed.

Concerning the Matter of B.2. A motion was made by Mr. Close and second by Mr. Avery to issue a Notice of Investigation to one (1) Local Government Officers (LGOs) for a possible violation of N.J.S.A. 40A:9-22.5(d). A roll call was taken: 5 affirmatives. Ms. Rodriguez's vote was not recorded. Motion passed.

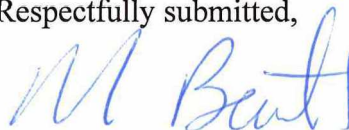
Concerning the Matter of B.3. A motion was made by Mr. Close and second by Mr. Jackson to issue Notices of Investigation to two (2) LGOs for a possible violation of N.J.S.A. 40A:9-22.5(a), N.J.S.A. 40A:9-22.5(d), and N.J.S.A. 40A:9-22.5(e). A roll call was taken: 6 affirmatives. Motion passed.

Concerning the Matter of B.4. A motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Mr. Jackson to issue a Notice of Investigation to one (1) LGO for a possible violation of N.J.S.A. 40A:9-22.5(c), N.J.S.A. 40A:9-22.5(f), and N.J.S.A. 40A:9-22.5(g). A roll call was taken: 6 affirmatives. Motion passed.

Concerning the Matter of B.5. A motion was made by Mr. DiRocco 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(c), N.J.S.A. 40A:9-22.5(d), and N.J.S.A. 40A:9-22.5(g). A roll call was taken: 6 affirmatives. Motion passed.

Concerning the Matter of B.6. A motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Mr. Jackson to rescind the Notices of Violation sent to twenty-three (23) LGOs due to roster errors and to two (2) LGOs who were deceased, and to waive the fines for two (2) LGOs who timely filed in at least one jurisdiction and twenty-three (23) LGOs who have since filed and requested the LFB reconsider the violation A roll call was taken: 6 affirmatives. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,



Nicholas Bennett
Executive Secretary
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