

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

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 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, William Close 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, Anna-Marie Chiwanga, and Gina Picciano.

At 9:02 a.m., a motion was made by Mr. Close 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., Ms. Rodriguez joined the meeting in closed session.

Mr. Avery recused himself from the discussion of two complaints. He exited the meeting at 9:10 a.m. and returned at 9:44 a.m.

Chairperson Rogers exited the closed session at 10:15 a.m. He rejoined the meeting in open session.

Advisory Opinion AO25-007 was discussed in closed session.

At 10:46 a.m., a motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Mr. Jackson to go into open session. A roll call was taken: 5 affirmatives (Rogers absent). Motion passed.

**Concerning the matter of B.1. October 8, 2025, Meeting Minutes** A motion was made by Mr. Close and second by Mr. Jackson to adopt the minutes as submitted. A roll call was taken: 4 affirmatives. Mr. Avery and Ms. Rodriguez's votes were not recorded. Motion passed.

**Concerning the Matter of B.2.** A motion was made by Ms. Rodriguez and second by Mr. Close 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. Mr. Avery's vote was not recorded. Motion passed.

**Concerning the Matter of B.3.** A motion was made by Mr. Close and second by Ms. Rodriguez to issue Notices 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: 6 affirmatives. Motion passed.

**Concerning the Matter of B.4.** 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(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.

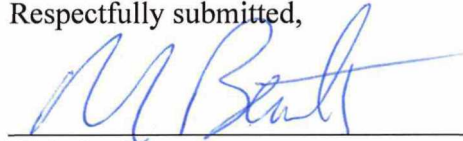
**Concerning the Matter of B.5.** A motion was made by Mr. Jackson and second by Mr. Close to issue a Notice of Investigation to one (1) LGO for a possible violation of N.J.S.A. 40A:9-22.5(d) and N.J.S.A. 40A:9-22.5(e). A roll call was taken: 6 affirmatives. Motion passed.

**Concerning the Matter of B.6.** 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(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.7.** A motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Mr. Close to transmit a case involving one (1) LGO, C19-020, to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) as a contested case. A roll call was taken: 6 affirmatives. Motion passed.

**Concerning the Matter of B.8.** A motion was made by Ms. Rodriguez and second by Mr. DiRocco to transmit a case involving one (1) LGO, C21-018, to the OAL 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