

**Local Finance Board
Local Government Ethics Law
December 10, 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, Idida Rodriguez, and William Close were present. There are two vacancies. A quorum was present. Also present were Deputy Attorney General Zachary Aboff, and staff members Shannon Hudak, Matthew Marthaler, Cherie Saranin, Anna-Marie Chiwanga, and Gina Picciano.

At 9:01 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 9:03 a.m., Mr. Jackson joined the meeting in closed session.

Chairperson Rogers exited the closed session at 9:23 a.m. He rejoined the meeting in open session.

At 9:47 a.m., a motion was made by Mr. Jackson and second by Mr. DiRocco to go into open session. A roll call was taken: 5 affirmatives. Motion passed.

Concerning the Matter of B.1. November 12, 2025 Meeting Minutes A motion was made by Mr. Jackson and second by Ms. Rodriguez to adopt the minutes as submitted. 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. DiRocco to issue Notices of Investigation to three (3) Local Government Officers (LGOs) for possible violations of N.J.S.A. 40A:9-22.6, N.J.S.A. 40A:9-22.5(a), 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(h). A roll call was taken: 5 affirmatives and 1 recusal (Avery). Motion passed.

Concerning the Matter of B.3. A motion was made by Ms. Rodriguez 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). A roll call was taken: 5 affirmatives and 1 recusal (Avery). Motion passed.

Concerning the Matter of B.4. A motion was made by Mr. Close and second by Ms. Rodriguez 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.

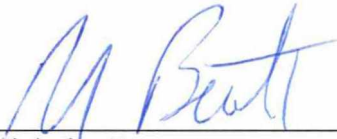
Concerning the Matter of B.5. A motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Mr. DiRocco to issue a Notice of Determination to one (1) LGO dismissing the complaint for a lack of a reasonable factual basis. A roll call was taken: 6 affirmatives. Motion passed.

Concerning the Matter of B.6. A motion was made by Ms. Rodriguez and second by Mr. Avery to issue a Notice of Determination to one (1) LGO dismissing a complaint concerning a matter pending in a court of law or an administrative agency of the State. A roll call was taken: 6 affirmatives. Motion passed.

Concerning the Matter of B.7. This matter was deferred to a future meeting.

Concerning the Matter of B.8. A motion was made by Mr. Close and second by Ms. Rodriguez to adopt in part, modify in part, and reject in part the decision issued by Administrative Law Judge Calemme in complaint C18-028, and to reinstate three (3) violations of N.J.S.A. 40A:9-22.5(d). A roll call was taken: 6 affirmatives. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,



Nicholas Bennett
Executive Secretary
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