

**Local Finance Board  
Local Government Ethics Law  
March 11, 2026  
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, Alan Avery, William Close, Robert Jackson, and Ryan Cooper were present. Dominick DiRocco and Idida Rodriguez were absent. There is one vacancy. A quorum was present. Also present were Deputy Attorney General Erin Gilgen, and staff members Shannon Hudak, Matthew Marthaler, Anna-Marie Chiwanga, Gina Picciano, and intern Olivia Viola.

At 9:01 a.m., a motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Mr. Close to go into executive 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.

Chair Rogers exited the executive session at 9:20 a.m. He will rejoin the meeting in open session.

At 9:30 a.m., a motion was made by Mr. Close and second by Mr. Jackson to go into open session. A roll call was taken: 4 affirmatives. Motion passed.

**Concerning the Matter of B.1. February 11, 2026 Meeting Minutes** A motion was made by Mr. Close and second by Mr. Cooper to adopt the minutes as submitted. A roll call was taken: 5 affirmatives. Motion passed.

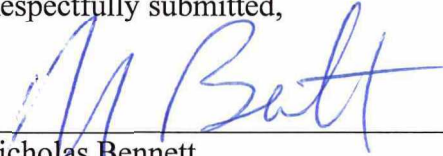
**Concerning the Matter of B.2.** A motion was made by Mr. Close and second by Mr. Avery to issue a Notice of Investigation to one (1) local government officer (LGO) for a possible violation of N.J.S.A. 40A:9-22.5(d). A roll call was taken: 5 affirmatives. Motion passed.

**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(d). A roll call was taken: 5 affirmatives. Motion passed.

**Concerning the Matter of B.4.** A motion was made by Mr. Jackson and second by Mr. Cooper 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: 5 affirmatives. Motion passed.

**Concerning the Matter of B.5.** A motion was made by Mr. Cooper and second by Mr. Avery to issue a Notice of Dismissal to one (1) LGO dismissing the complaint following an investigation. A roll call was taken: 5 affirmatives. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,



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Nicholas Bennett  
Executive Secretary  
Local Finance Board