

**Local Finance Board
Local Government Ethics Law
June 10, 2026
VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS**

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 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, Alan Avery, William Close, Ryan Cooper, Dominick DiRocco, and Robert Jackson were present. There is one vacancy. A quorum was present. Also present were Deputy Attorney General Zachary Aboff, and staff members Matthew Marthaler, Gina Picciano, Anna-Marie Chiwanga, Sanjana Inamdar, Eric Viola, Olivia Viola, and Grace Bardachino.

At 9:03 a.m., a motion was made by Mr. Cooper 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: 6 affirmatives. Motion passed.

Advisory Opinion 26-006 was discussed by the Board.

At 9:53 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.

Idida Rodriguez joined the meeting in open session at 10:00 a.m.

Concerning the Matter of B.1. May 13, 2026 Meeting Minutes A motion was made by Mr. Jackson and second by Mr. Close to adopt the minutes as submitted. A roll call was taken: 7 affirmatives. Motion passed.

Concerning the Matter of B.2. A motion was made by Mr. Close and second by Mr. DiRocco to issue a Notice of Investigation to one (1) local government officer (LGO) for possible violations of N.J.S.A. 40A:9-22.5(c), N.J.S.A. 40A:9-22.5(d), N.J.S.A. 40A:9-22.5(e), N.J.S.A. 40A:9-22.5(g), and N.J.S.A. 40A:9-22.6(a)(1). A roll call was taken: 6 affirmatives, 1 abstain (Rodriguez). Motion passed.

Concerning the Matter of B3. A motion was made by Mr. Close and second by Mr. DiRocco to issue a Notice of Investigation to one (1) LGO for possible violations 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, 1 abstain (Rodriguez). Motion passed.

Concerning the Matter of B.4. A motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Mr. DiRocco to issue a Notice of Dismissal to one (1) LGO dismissing the complaint following an investigation. A roll call was taken: 6 affirmatives, 1 abstain (Rodriguez). Motion passed.

Concerning the Matter of B.5. A motion was made by Mr. Close and second by Mr. Cooper to issue a Notice of Dismissal to one (1) LGO dismissing the complaint following an investigation. A roll call was taken: 6 affirmatives, 1 abstain (Rodriguez). Motion passed.

Concerning the Matter of B.6. A motion was made by Mr. Jackson and second by Mr. Close to issue a Notice of Violation (1) LGO finding two violations of N.J.S.A. 40A:9-22.5(d) and assessing a fine of \$250 for each violation for a total fine of \$500, and to issue a Notice of Determination to three (3) LGOs dismissing the complaint for a lack of a reasonable factual basis. A roll call was taken: 6 affirmatives, 1 abstain (Rodriguez). Motion passed.

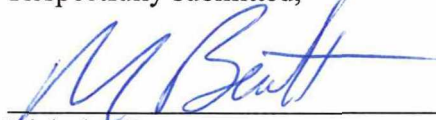
Concerning the Matter of B.7. A motion was made by Mr. Cooper and second by Mr. Avery to issue a Notice of Dismissal to one (1) LGO dismissing the complaint following an investigation. A roll call was taken: 6 affirmatives, 1 abstain (Rodriguez). Motion passed.

Concerning the Matter of B.8. A motion was made by Mr. Cooper and second by Mr. Jackson to issue Notices of Violations to four-hundred eighty-five (485) LGOs listed as active on a local government entity roster, who were not added to the roster in the last thirty days, who are not under the jurisdiction of a local ethics board, and who were not recorded as having filed the annual Financial Disclosure Statement for 2026 as of Monday, June 8 as required by N.J.S.A. 40A:9-22.6 and to assess a fine of \$100. A roll call was taken: 6 affirmatives, 1 abstain (Rodriguez). Motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Close and second by Mr. Jackson to issue Notices of Violations to sixteen (16) LGOs listed as active on a local government entity roster, who were not added to the roster in the last thirty days, who are not under the jurisdiction of a local ethics board, and who were not recorded as having filed the annual Financial Disclosure Statement for 2026 as of Monday, June 8 as required by N.J.S.A. 40A:9-22.6, and who failed to file the 2025 Financial Disclosure Statements but paid the \$100 fine assessed in 2025, and to assess a fine of \$200. A roll call was taken: 6 affirmatives, 1 abstain (Rodriguez). Motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Jackson and second by Mr. Close to issue Notices of Violations to one-hundred sixty-two (162) LGOs listed as active on a local government entity roster, who were not added to the roster in the last thirty days, who are not under the jurisdiction of a local ethics board, and who were not recorded as having filed the annual Financial Disclosure Statement for 2026 as of Monday, June 8 as required by N.J.S.A. 40A:9-22.6, and who failed to file the 2025 Financial Disclosure Statements and who failed to pay the \$100 fine assessed in 2025, and to assess a fine of \$500. A roll call was taken: 6 affirmatives, 1 abstain (Rodriguez). Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "N. Bennett", is written over a horizontal line.

Nicholas Bennett
Executive Secretary
Local Finance Board