

Local Finance Board
Local Government Ethics Law
August 12, 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: 7 members were present: Chairperson Rogers, Dominick DiRocco, William Close, Alan Avery, Idida Rodriguez, Robert Jackson, and Ryan Cooper were present. There is one vacancy. A quorum was present. Also present were Deputy Attorney General Zachary Aboff, and staff members Shannon Hudak, Matthew Marthaler, Gina Picciano, Anna-Marie Chiwanga, Sanjana Inamdar, and Division of Local Government Services interns Grace Bardachino, Bianka Trezza, and Isabel Lu.

At 9:00 a.m., a motion was made by Mr. Jackson 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: 7 affirmatives. Motion passed.

At 9:39 a.m., a motion was made by Mr. DiRocco and second by Ms. Rodriguez to go into open session. A roll call was taken: 7 affirmatives. Motion passed.

Concerning the Matter of B.1. July 8, 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: 7 affirmatives. Motion passed.

Concerning the Matter of B.2. A motion was made by Mr. DiRocco and second by Mr. Jackson to issue a Notice of Determination to two (2) local government officers (LGOs) dismissing the complaint for lack of a reasonable factual basis. A roll call was taken: 7 affirmatives. Motion passed.

Concerning the Matter of B.3. A motion was made by Mr. DiRocco and second by Mr. Jackson to issue a Notice of Determination to one (1) LGO dismissing the complaint for lack of a reasonable factual basis. A roll call was taken: 7 affirmatives. Motion passed.

Concerning the Matter of B.4. A motion was made by Mr. DiRocco and second by Mr. Avery to issue a Notice of Determination to one (1) LGO dismissing the complaint for lack of a reasonable factual basis. A roll call was taken: 7 affirmatives. Motion passed.

Concerning the Matter of B.5. A motion was made by Mr. Jackson and second by Ms. Rodriguez to issue a Notice of Determination to one (1) LGO dismissing the complaint for lack of a reasonable factual basis. A roll call was taken: 7 affirmatives. Motion passed.

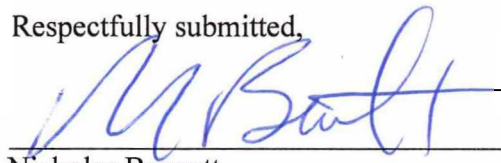
Concerning the Matter of B.6. A motion was made by Mr. Cooper and second by Mr. Close to issue a Notice of Investigation to one (1) LGO for possible violations of N.J.S.A. 40A:9-22.5(a) and N.J.S.A. 40A:9-22.5(d). A roll call was taken: 7 affirmatives. Motion passed.

Concerning the Matter of B.7. A motion was made by Ms. Rodriguez and second by Mr. DiRocco to issue a Notice of Determination to one (1) LGO dismissing the complaint for lack of a reasonable factual basis. A roll call was taken: 7 affirmatives. Motion passed.

Concerning the Matter of B.8. A motion was made by Mr. Cooper and second by Ms. Rodriguez to issue a Notice of Determination to one (1) LGO dismissing the complaint for lack of a reasonable factual basis. A roll call was taken: 6 affirmatives, 1 opposed (Close). Motion passed.

Concerning the Matter of B.9. A motion was made by Mr. Jackson 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: A roll call was taken: 6 affirmatives, 1 recusal (Avery). Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,



Nicholas Bennett
Executive Secretary
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