

Local Finance Board
Local Government Ethics Law
July 10, 2024
VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by Jacquelyn A. Suárez, 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 Suárez, Idida Rodriguez, William Close, Robert Jackson, and Alan Avery were present. Dominick DiRocco was absent. There are two vacancies. A quorum was present. Also present were DAG Craig Keiser and staff members Shannon Hudak, Matthew Marthaler, and Cherie Saranin.

At 9:02 a.m., a motion was made by Mr. Jackson and second by Ms. Rodriguez 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.

Advisory Opinion AO24-004 was discussed.

Mr. DiRocco joined the meeting at 9:35 a.m.

Mr. Close exited the meeting at 9:56 a.m.

Mr. Avery exited the meeting at 10:03am.

At 10:15 a.m., a motion was made by Ms. Rodriguez and second by Mr. DiRocco to go into open session. A roll call was taken: 4 affirmatives. Motion passed.

The Local Finance Board then determined to take a brief recess and reconvened to consider financing applications and to take action on the following Ethics items:

Mr. Close and Mr. Avery joined the meeting in the public session.

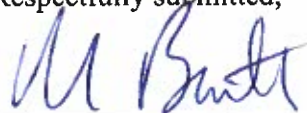
Concerning the matter of III.B.1. June 12, 2024, Meeting Minutes A motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Ms. Rodriguez to approve the minutes. A roll call was taken: 6 affirmatives. Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.B.2. A motion was made by Mr. Close and second by Mr. Rodriguez to issue a Notice of Investigation to one (1) LGO for alleged violations of 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(e). A roll call was taken: 6 affirmatives. Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.B.3. A motion was made by Mr. Close and second by Ms. Rodriguez to transmit the matter to the Office of Administrative Law as a contested case. A roll call was taken: 6 affirmatives. Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.B.4. A motion was made by Ms. Rodriguez and second by Mr. Close to transmit the matter to the Office of Administrative Law as a contested case. A roll call was taken: 6 affirmatives. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Nicholas Bennett
Executive Secretary
Local Finance Board