Local Finance Board

Local Government Ethics Law

August 9, 2023

VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 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: 4 members were present: Chairperson Suárez, Dominick DiRocco, William Close, and Alan Avery. Idida Rodriguez was absent. There are three vacancies. A quorum was present. Also present were DAG Craig Keiser and staff members Dana C. Jones, Shannon Hudak, and Eileen Brennen.

At 9:02 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: 4 affirmatives. Motion passed.

At 10:40 a.m., a motion was made by Mr. DiRocco and second by Mr. Close 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 reconvene at 10:50 a.m. to consider financing applications.

July 12, 2023, Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Mr. Close to approve the minutes as presented. A roll call was taken: 3 affirmatives, 0 negative, 1 abstain (DiRocco), 1 absent (Rodriguez). Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.B.2. A motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Mr. Close to issue a Notice of Investigation to one (1) LGO for potential violations of N.J.S.A. 40A:9-22.5(c) and (d). A roll call was taken: 3 affirmatives, 0 negative, 1 abstain (DiRocco), 1 absent (Rodriguez). Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.B.3. A motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Mr. Close to issue a Notice of Dismissal to one (1) LGO dismissing the allegations in the complaint following an investigation. A roll call was taken: 3 affirmatives, 0 negative, 1 abstain (DiRocco), 1 absent (Rodriguez). Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.B.4. A motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Mr. Close to issue a Notice of Dismissal to one (1) LGO dismissing the allegations in the complaint following an investigation. A roll call was taken: 3 affirmatives, 0 negative, 1 abstain (DiRocco), 1 absent (Rodriguez). Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted.

Nicholas Bennett Executive Secretary Local Finance Board