Local Finance Board Local Government Ethics Law October 11, 2023 VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 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, Dominick DiRocco, William Close, Alan Avery, and Idida Rodriguez were present. There are three vacancies. A quorum was present. Also present were DAG Craig Keiser and staff members Dana C. Jones, Shannon Hudak, and Davinder Gill.

At 9:06 a.m., a motion was made by Ms. Rodriguez and second by Mr. Close 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.

At 10:24 a.m., a motion was made by Mr. Close and second by Mr. Avery to go into open session. A roll call was taken: 5 affirmatives. Motion passed.

The Local Finance Board then determined to take a brief recess and reconvened at 10:40 a.m. to consider financing applications and to take action on the following Ethics items:

September 13, 2023 Meeting Minutes III.B.1. A motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Ms. Rodriguez to approve the minutes. A roll call was taken: 5 affirmatives. Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.B.2. A motion was made by Mr. DiRocco and second by Ms. Rodriguez to issue a Notice of Determination to one (1) local government officer (LGO) dismissing the allegations in the complaint for a lack of a reasonable factual basis. A roll call was taken: 5 affirmatives. Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.B.3. A motion was made by Mr. DiRocco and second by Mr. Close to issue a Notice of Determination to one (1) LGO dismissing the allegations in the complaint for a lack of a reasonable factual basis. A roll call was taken: 5 affirmatives. Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.B.4. A motion was made by Ms. Rodriguez and second by Mr. Avery to issue a Notice of Dismissal to one (1) LGO dismissing the allegations in the complaint following an investigation. A roll call was taken: 5 affirmatives. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas Bennett Executive Secretary Local Finance Board