

**Local Finance Board  
Local Government Ethics Law  
December 11, 2024  
VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS**

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The meeting was called to order at 9:04 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: 5 members were present: Chairperson Rogers, Alan Avery, Idida Rodriguez, Robert Jackson, and Dominick DiRocco were present. William Close was absent. There are two vacancies. A quorum was present. Also present were DAGs Craig Keiser and Nicole Adams, and staff members Shannon Hudak, Matthew Marthaler, Cherie Saranin, and Gina Picciano.

At 9:05 a.m., a motion was made by Mr. Jackson and second by Mr. Rogers 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.

Mr. Close joined the meeting at 9:21 a.m. in closed session.

At 10:07 a.m., Mr. DiRocco recused himself from discussion of an item and exited the meeting. He returned at 10:14 a.m.

Advisory Opinion AO24-005 was discussed.

At 10:33 a.m., a motion was made by Mr. DiRocco and second by Mr. Close to go into open session. A roll call was taken: 6 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:

**Concerning the matter of B.1. November 13, 2024, Meeting Minutes** A motion was made by Mr. Close and second by Mr. Jackson to approve the minutes. A roll call was taken: 5 affirmatives. Ms. Roger's vote was not recorded. Motion passed.

**Concerning the Matter of B.2.** A motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Ms. Rodriguez to issue a Notice of Determination to one (1) Local Government Officer (LGO), dismissing the claim, C23-028, for no longer having a reasonable factual basis. A roll call was taken: 6 affirmatives. Motion passed.

**Concerning the Matter of B.3.** A motion was made by Ms. Rodriguez and second by Mr. Jackson to issue a Notice of Dismissal to one (1) LGO to dismiss the complaint, C18-024, following an investigation. A roll call was taken: 6 affirmatives. Motion passed.

**Concerning the Matter of B.4.** A motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Mr. Jackson to issue Notices of Dismissal to two (2) LGOs to dismiss the complaints, C21-003 and C22-004, following an investigation. A roll call was taken: 6 affirmatives. Motion passed.

**Concerning the Matter of B.5.** A motion was made by Mr. Close and second by Mr. DiRocco to transmit a case involving three (3) LGOs, C17-017, to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) as a contested case. A roll call was taken: 6 affirmatives. Motion passed.

**Concerning the Matter of B.6.** A motion was made by Mr. Close and second by Mr. Avery to rescind the Notice of Violation issued to eleven (11) individuals due to roster errors and to waive the fines for thirteen (13) individuals who had requested an administrative hearing following the receipt of a Notice of Violation for failing to timely file the 2024 Financial Disclosure Statement. A roll call was taken: 6 affirmatives. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,



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Nicholas Bennett  
Executive Secretary  
Local Finance Board