

LOCAL FINANCE BOARD

Local Government Ethics Law

February 14, 2018 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 9:14 am by Timothy J. Cunningham, Chairman. Emma Salay, Deputy 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 vote was taken; 6 members were present: Francis Blee, William Close, Timothy J. Cunningham, Dominick DiRocco, Adrian Mapp and Idida Rodriguez. Alan Avery and Ted Light were absent. Mr. Light arrived at 9:20 am. A quorum was present. Also present were Patricia Parkin McNamara, Executive Secretary, Melanie Walter, Deputy Attorney General and staff members: Nick Bennett, Dana C. Jones, Paul Urbish, Dina Venero and Tina Vignali.

MINUTES

The January 10, 2018 minutes. A motion was made by Mr. Blee and second by Mr. Mapp to approve the minutes. A roll call was taken: 5 affirmative, 1 absent (Mr. Avery), 2 abstain (Mr. Close and Mr. DiRocco). Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.1. A motion was made by Mr. Mapp and second by Mr. Light to dismiss the complaint against (a) for having no jurisdiction and having no reasonable factual basis; and against (b) for having no jurisdiction and having no reasonable factual basis. A roll call was taken: 7 affirmative, 1 absent (Mr. Avery). Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.2. A motion was made by Mr. Light and second by Mr. Blee to investigate the complaint. A roll call was taken: 6 affirmative, 1 absent (Mr. Avery), 1 abstain (Mr. Mapp). Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.3. A motion was made by Mr. DiRocco and second by Mr. Mapp to dismiss the complaint for having no reasonable factual basis. A roll call was taken: 7 affirmative, 1 absent (Mr. Avery). Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.4. A motion was made by Mr. Mapp and second by Mr. Blee to investigate the complaints. A roll call was taken: 7 affirmative, 1 absent (Mr. Avery). Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.5. A motion was made by Ms. Rodriguez and second by Mr. DiRocco to dismiss the complaint for having no jurisdiction and having no reasonable factual basis. A roll call was taken: 7 affirmative, 1 absent (Mr. Avery). Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.6. A motion was made by Mr. Blee and second by Mr. Mapp to investigate. A roll call was taken: 7 affirmative, 1 absent (Mr. Avery). Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.7. A motion was made by Mr. DiRocco and second by Mr. Close to refer the complaint to the prosecutor's office. A roll call was taken: 7 affirmative, 1 absent (Mr. Avery). Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.8. A motion was made by Mr. Mapp and second by Mr. Blee to dismiss the complaint for having no reasonable basis and having no jurisdiction. A roll call was taken: 7 affirmative, 1 absent (Mr. Avery). Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.9. A motion was made by Mr. Blee and second by Mr. Close to find a violation and assess a \$100. fine. A roll call was taken: 7 affirmative, 1 absent (Mr. Avery). Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.10. A motion was made by Mr. Mapp and second by Ms. Rodriguez to accept the settlement of a contested case transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law and a fine of \$250. A roll call was taken: 7 affirmative, 1 absent (Mr. Avery). Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.11. A motion was made by Mr. Light and second by Mr. Mapp to accept the initial decision of the Office of Administrative Law granting the Board's motion for summary decision and ordering that the ethics charges be affirmed, and that the fine of \$100. be assessed, but waived. A roll call was taken: 7 affirmative, 1 absent (Mr. Avery). Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.12. A motion was made by Mr. Blee and second by Mr. Close to disapprove an amended code of the local ethics board. A roll call was taken: 7 affirmative, 1 absent (Mr. Avery). Motion passed.

At 9:41 am, a motion was made by Mr. Blee and second by Mr. DiRocco to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing complaints, advisory opinions and to receive legal advice. A roll call was taken: 7 affirmative, 1 absent (Mr. Avery). Motion passed.

At 11:13 am, a motion was made by Mr. Cunningham and second by Mr. Blee to go into open session. A roll call vote was taken: 7 affirmative, 1 absent (Mr. Avery). Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A. 13. A motion was made by Mr. Mapp and second by Mr. Blee to dismiss the complaint for having no reasonable factual basis. A roll call vote was taken: 6 affirmative, 1 absent (Mr. Avery), 1 abstain (Ms. Rodriguez). Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.14. A motion was made by Mr. Blee and second by Mr. Mapp to dismiss the complaint for having no reasonable factual basis and having no jurisdiction. A vote was taken: 6 affirmative, 1 absent (Mr. Avery), 1 abstain (Ms. Rodriguez). Motion passed.

The Local Finance Board determined to break from the Ethics portion of the meeting and take a brief recess. A brief recess was taken. The Local Finance Board will reconvene to consider applications.

The Local Finance Board reconvened to consider applications.

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia Parkin McNamara

Executive Secretary