

LOCAL FINANCE BOARD

Local Government Ethics Law

June 13, 2018 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 9:17 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: Alan Avery, Francis Blee, William Close, Timothy J. Cunningham, Ted Light and Dominick DiRocco. Adrian Mapp arrived at 9:20 am. Idida Rodriguez arrived at 10:41 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 May 9, 2018 minutes. A motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Mr. Blee to approve the minutes. A roll call was taken: 6 affirmative, 2 absent (Mr. Mapp and Ms. Rodriguez). Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.1. A motion was made by Mr. Light and second by Mr. Avery to dismiss the complaint for having no reasonable factual basis. A roll call was taken: 6 affirmative, 1 abstain (Mr. Close, 1 absent (Ms. Rodriguez). 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: 7 affirmative, 1 absent (Ms. Rodriguez). Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.3. A motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Mr. Close to investigate the complaint. A roll call was taken: 7 affirmative, 1 absent (Ms. Rodriguez). Motion passed.

Concerning the matters of III.A.4., III.A.5 and III.A.6. A motion was made by Mr. Blee and second by Mr. Avery to dismiss the complaint for having no reasonable factual basis. A roll call was taken: 7 affirmative, 1 absent (Ms. Rodriguez). Motion passed.

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

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

Concerning the matter of III.A.9. A motion was made by Mr. Mapp and second by Mr. Avery to find a violation and to assess two fines in the amount of \$100.00 each against the accused. A roll call was taken: 7 affirmative, 1 absent (Ms. Rodriguez). Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.10. A motion was made by Mr. Light and second by Mr. Blee to dismiss the complaint. A roll call was taken: 7 affirmative, 1 absent (Ms. Rodriguez). Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.11. A motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Mr. Blee to dismiss the complaint. A roll call was taken: 7 affirmative, 1 absent (Ms. Rodriguez). Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.12. A motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Mr. Blee to waive fines in cases (a) and (b) where LGOs appealed the NOV and filed the 2017 FDS. A roll call was taken: 7 affirmative, 1 absent (Ms. Rodriguez). Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.13. A motion was made by Mr. Light and second by Mr. Blee to close complaints and take no additional action due to technical issues with the 2013 filing system and the LFB's previous action in the 2014 FDS. A roll call was taken: 7 affirmative, 1 absent (Ms. Rodriguez). Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.14. A motion was made by Mr. DiRocco and second by Mr. Mapp to transmit a contested case to the Office of Administrative Law for hearing. A roll call was taken: 7 affirmative, 1 absent (Ms. Rodriguez). Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.15. The Local Finance Board discussed the matter. No action was taken.

Concerning the matter of III.A.16. A motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Mr. Light to accept the settlement of a contested case transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law and to rescind the notice of violation and fine in the amount of \$100.00. A voice vote was taken: 7 affirmative, 1 absent (Ms. Rodriguez). Motion passed.

At 9:47 am, a motion was made by Mr. DiRocco and second by Mr. Blee 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 (Ms. Rodriguez). Motion passed.

AO 18-007 was discussed.

At 10:59 am, a motion was made by Mr. DiRocco and second by Mr. Mapp to go into open session. A roll call vote was taken: 8 affirmative. Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.17. The Local Finance Board discussed the Passaic Valley Water Commission agency status and will accept Passaic Valley Water Commission's 2018 filing with the State Ethics Commission in lieu of filing the Financial Disclosure Statement under the Local Government Ethics Law.

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