Local Finance Board
Local Government Ethics Law
February 9, 2022
VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 am 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, Alan Avery, William Close, Dominic DiRocco, and Adrian Mapp were present. Idida Rodriguez and Ted Light were absent. A quorum was present. Also present were Craig Keiser, Deputy Attorney General and staff members Dana C. Jones and Margaret Roberts, and a member of the public.

October 10, 2021 Meeting Minutes III.A.1. Consideration of this matter was deferred to a future meeting.

January 12, 2022 Meeting Minutes III.A.2. A motion was made by Mr. Avery, second by Mr. Close to approve minutes. A roll call was taken: 5 affirmative. Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.3. A motion was made by Mr. Avery, second by Mr. Mapp to issue a Notice of Dismissal to one local government officer, dismissing one claim and determining that no factual basis existed for a second claim. A roll call was taken: 5 affirmative. Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.4. A motion was made by Mr. Mapp, second by Mr. Avery to issue a Notice of Dismissal to one local government officer on the basis that the local government officer was the subject of a previously adjudicated complaint involving the same conduct but she had not yet had notice of either the Board’s investigation or its finding of a violation in that earlier complaint at the time she engaged in the conduct giving rise to this present complaint. A roll call was taken: 5 affirmative. Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.5. A motion was made by Mr. DiRocco, second by Mr. Avery to transmit the matter to the OAL for an administrative hearing. A roll call was taken: 5 affirmative. Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.A.6. A motion was made by Mr. Avery, second by Mr. DiRocco to transmit the matter to the OAL for an administrative hearing. A roll call was taken: 5 affirmative. Motion passed.

At 9:10 am, a motion was made by Mr. Mapp, second by Mr. Avery to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing complaints and to receive related legal advice. A roll call vote was taken: 5 affirmative. Motion passed.
At 10:10 am, a motion was made by Mr. Avery, second by Mr. Close to go back into open session. A roll call was taken: 5 affirmative. Motion passed.

The Local Finance Board then determined to take a brief recess and reconvene to consider applications.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Nicholas Bennett
Executive Secretary
Local Finance Board

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