

**Local Finance Board  
Local Government Ethics Law  
January 14, 2026  
VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS**

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 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: 6 members were present: Chairperson Rogers, Dominick DiRocco, Alan Avery, Idida Rodriguez, Robert Jackson, and William Close were present. There are two vacancies. A quorum was present. Also present were Deputy Attorney General Zachary Aboff, and staff members Shannon Hudak, Matthew Marthaler, Cherie Saranin, Anna-Marie Chiwanga, and Gina Picciano.

At 9:02 a.m., a motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Mr. DiRocco 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: 6 affirmatives. Motion passed.

At 9:44 a.m., a motion was made by Mr. Jackson and second by Mr. Avery to go into open session. A roll call was taken: 6 affirmatives. Motion passed.

**Concerning the Matter of B.1. December 10, 2025 Meeting Minutes** A motion was made by Mr. DiRocco and second by Mr. Close to adopt the minutes as submitted. A roll call was taken: 5 affirmatives, 1 absent (Rodriguez). Motion passed.

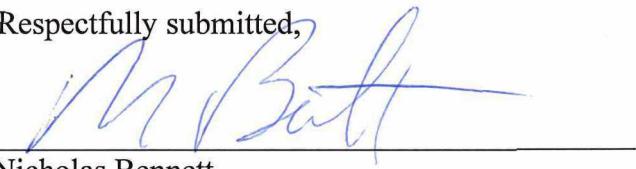
**Concerning the Matter of B.2.** A motion was made by Mr. Jackson and second by Mr. Avery to issue a Notice of Determination to one (1) LGO dismissing the complaint for a lack of a reasonable factual basis. A roll call was taken: 5 affirmatives, 1 absent (Rodriguez). Motion passed.

**Concerning the Matter of B.3.** A motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Mr. Jackson to issue a Notice of Determination to one (1) LGO dismissing the complaint for a lack of jurisdiction because the accusation concerned a matter pending in a court of law or an administrative agency of the State. A roll call was taken: 5 affirmatives, 1 absent (Rodriguez). Motion passed.

**Concerning the Matter of B.4.** A motion was made by Mr. Jackson and second by Mr. Avery to issue a Notice of Dismissal to two (2) LGOs dismissing the complaint following an investigation. A roll call was taken: 5 affirmatives, 1 absent (Rodriguez). Motion passed.

**Concerning the Matter of B.5.** A motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Mr. Jackson to rescind the Notice of Violation issued to eight (8) individuals due to roster errors and to waive the fines for eight (8) individuals who had timely filed in at least one jurisdiction, and to waive the fines for fifty-four (54) individuals who have since filed and requested the LFB reconsider the violation following the receipt of a Notice of Violation for failing to timely file the 2025 Financial Disclosure Statement. A roll call was taken: 5 affirmatives, 1 absent (Rodriguez). Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Nicholas Bennett  
Executive Secretary  
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