

**Local Finance Board  
Local Government Ethics Law  
November 8, 2023  
VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS**

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. 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, Dominick DiRocco, William Close, Alan Avery, and Idida Rodriguez were present. There are three vacancies. A quorum was present. Also present were DAG Craig Keiser and staff members Dana C. Jones, Shannon Hudak, and Davinder Gill.

At 9:05 a.m., a motion was made by Ms. Rodriguez 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: 5 affirmatives. Motion passed.

Advisory Opinion AO 23-003 was discussed.

At 9:57 a.m., a motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Mr. Close to go into open session. A roll call was taken: 5 affirmatives. Motion passed.

The Local Finance Board then determined to take a brief recess and reconvened at 10:15 a.m. to consider financing applications and to take action on the following Ethics items:

**Concerning the matter of III.B.1. October 11, 2023, Meeting Minutes** A motion was made by Ms. Rodriguez and second by Mr. Avery to approve the minutes. A roll call was taken: 5 affirmatives. Motion passed.

**Concerning the matter of III.B.2.** A motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Ms. Rodriguez to issue a Notice of Determination to two (2) local government officers (LGO) dismissing the allegations in the complaint for a lack of a reasonable factual basis. A roll call was taken: 5 affirmatives. Motion passed.

**Concerning the matter of III.B.3.** A motion was made by Mr. Close and second by Ms. Rodriguez to authorize a Notice of Investigation to one LGO for an alleged violation of N.J.S.A. 40A:9-22.5(c) and N.J.S.A. 40A:9-22(d). A roll call was taken: 5 affirmatives. Motion passed.

**Concerning the matter of III.B.4.** A motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Ms. Rodriguez to issue a Notice of Determination to three (3) LGOs dismissing the complaint for lack of jurisdiction. A roll call was taken: 5 affirmatives. Motion passed.

**Concerning the matter of III.B.5.** A motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Ms. Rodriguez to adopt the findings of facts and modify the conclusions of law from the Office of Administrative Law's Initial Decision as a Final Agency Decision. A roll call was taken: 5 affirmatives. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,



Nicholas Bennett  
Executive Secretary  
Local Finance Board