

## **School Ethics Commission Meeting Public Session Minutes**

**January 22, 2019**

Chairperson Robert Bender called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

Notice of the meeting was provided to the State House Press Corps and the Secretary of State and filed as required by the Open Public Meetings Act. In attendance were School Ethics Commission (Commission) members Michael Carucci, Michael Collins, Mark Finkelstein (participated via telephone), Dan Kaplan (participated via telephone), Dennis Roberts, Jude Tanella (participated via telephone), Richard Tomko (arrived at 9:44 a.m.), and Chairperson Bender.

Also in attendance were Kathryn Whalen, Director, Offices of School Ethics and Compliance, and staff member Jeannine Pizzigoni, along with Deputy Attorneys General (DAsG) Jennifer Hoff, James Esposito, Lauren Jensen, Laurie Fichera, and Jaclyn Frey.

**9:39 a.m.** Motion was made by Dennis Roberts, and seconded by Michael Collins, to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss confidential matters and to obtain legal advice regarding the following Complaints and matters involving possible litigation: C76-17; C24-18; C34-18; C39-18; C44-18; C50-18; C58-18; C63-18; C68-18; C72-18; C20-18; C51-18; Doctrines of Necessity filed by the Wayne Township and Beach Haven Boards of Education; C65-18; C74-18; T06-18; C08-15; C85-17; C01-16; C54-18; and C66-18.

Vote: 7 – Yes 0 – No

**12:17 p.m.** Open Session

### ***Complaints to Review***

**C76-17** Motion was made by Dennis Roberts, and seconded by Mark Finkelstein, to draft a decision as discussed.

Vote: 8 – Yes 0 – No

**C24-18** Motion was made by Michael Collins, and seconded by Dennis Roberts, to draft a decision as discussed.

Vote: 8 – Yes 0 – No

**C34-18** Motion was made by Richard Tomko, and seconded by Jude Tanella, to draft a decision as discussed.

Vote: 6 – Yes 0 – No 2 – Abstention (Michael Collins and Dennis Roberts)

**C39-18** Motion was made by Dennis Roberts, and seconded by Michael Collins, to draft a decision as discussed.

Vote: 7 – Yes      0 – No      1 – Abstention (Mark Finkelstein abstained)

**C44-18** Motion was made by Michael Collins, and seconded by Michael Carucci, to draft a decision as discussed.

Vote: 7 – Yes      0 – No      1 – Abstention (Mark Finkelstein abstained)

**C50-18** Motion was made by Dennis Roberts, and seconded by Richard Tomko, to draft a decision as discussed.

Vote: 7 – Yes      0 – No      1 – Abstention (Mark Finkelstein abstained)

**C58-18** Motion was made by Michael Collins, and seconded by Jude Tanella, to table this matter for a future Commission meeting.

Vote: 7 – Yes      0 – No      1 – Abstention (Mark Finkelstein abstained)

**C63-18** Motion was made by Dennis Roberts, and seconded by Richard Tomko, to draft a decision as discussed.

Vote: 7 – Yes      0 – No      1 – Abstention (Mark Finkelstein abstained)

**C68-18** Motion was made by Dennis Roberts, and seconded by Michael Carucci, to draft a decision as discussed.

Vote: 7 – Yes      0 – No      1 – Abstention (Mark Finkelstein abstained)

**C72-18** Motion was made by Richard Tomko, and seconded by Jude Tanella, to draft a decision as discussed.

Vote: 7 – Yes      0 – No      1 – Abstention (Mark Finkelstein abstained)

***Decisions to Adopt as Written***

**C20-18** Motion was made by Richard Tomko, and seconded by Dennis Roberts, to adopt the decision as written.

Vote: 7 – Yes      0 – No      1 – Abstention (Michael Carucci abstained)

**C51-18** Motion was made by Richard Tomko, and seconded by Dennis Roberts, to adopt the decision as written.

Vote: 7 – Yes      0 – No      1 – Abstention (Michael Carucci abstained)

**C65-18** Motion was made by Richard Tomko, and seconded by Dennis Roberts, to adopt the decision as written.

Vote: 7 – Yes      0 – No      1 – Abstention (Michael Carucci abstained)

***Administrative Dismissals***

**C74-18** The matter was on the agenda for informational purposes only.

***Other Business***

***Doctrines of Necessity*** Chairperson Bender acknowledged receipt of Doctrines of Necessity submitted by the Wayne Township and Beach Haven Boards of Education.

**T06-18** Motion was made by Michael Collins, and seconded by Michael Carucci, to adopt the Resolution as written.

Vote: 8 – Yes      0 – No

**C08-15** Motion was made by Michael Collins, and seconded by Michael Carucci, to table this matter for a future Commission meeting.

Vote: 8 – Yes      0 – No

**C85-17** This matter was on the agenda for informational purposes only.

**C01-16** This matter was on the agenda for informational purposes only.

**C54-18** This matter was on the agenda for informational purposes only.

**C66-18** This matter was on the agenda for informational purposes only.

***Minutes***

Motion was made by Mark Finkelstein, and seconded by Michael Collins, to adopt the minutes of the December 18, 2018, meeting as written.

Vote: 7 – Yes      0 – No      1 – Abstention (Michael Carucci abstained)

**12:17 p.m.** Motion was made by Dennis Roberts, and seconded by Richard Tomko, to adjourn.

Vote: 8 – Yes      0 – No

Submitted by:

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Jeannine Pizzigoni

Approved by:

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Kathryn A. Whalen, Director