

**School Ethics Commission Meeting
Public Session Minutes**

May 2, 2019

Chairperson Robert Bender called the meeting to order at 10:01 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 (participated via telephone), Michael Collins (participated via telephone), Dennis Roberts (participated via telephone), Jude Tanella (participated via telephone), Richard Tomko (participated via telephone), and Chairperson Bender. Commission members Mark Finkelstein and Daniel Kaplan were absent.

Also in attendance were Kathryn Whalen, Director, Offices of School Ethics and Compliance, and staff member Jeannine Pizzigoni, along with Deputy Attorney General (DAG) Joan Scatton.

10:02 a.m. Motion was made by Dennis Roberts, and seconded by Richard Tomko, to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss confidential matters and to obtain legal advice regarding the following Complaints and matters involving possible litigation: C15-18; C39-18; C05-19; T15-18; T16-18; T17-18; C17-12, C18-12, C21-12 (consolidated); C35-16; C17-18; C58-18; C60-18; C62-18; C75-18; A08-19; A04-19; A05-19; A06-19; A07-19; A09-19; C73-18; selection of nominating committee for Chairperson; discussion of 2020 meeting dates; and C34-18.

Vote: 6 – Yes 0 – No

11:00 a.m. Open Session

Complaints to Review

C15-18 Motion was made by Michael Carucci, and seconded by Jude Tanella, to draft the decision as discussed.

Vote: 6 – Yes 0 – No

C39-18 Motion was made by Dennis Roberts, and seconded by Jude Tanella, to draft the decision as discussed.

Vote: 6 – Yes 0 – No

C05-19 Motion was made by Michael Carucci, and seconded by Michael Collins, to draft the decision as discussed.

Vote: 6 – Yes 0 – No

Orders to Show Cause

T15-18 Motion was made by Dennis Roberts, and seconded by Jude Tanella, to adopt the Order to Show Cause as written, and to mail it.

Vote: 6 – Yes 0 – No

T16-18 Motion was made by Dennis Roberts, and seconded by Jude Tanella, to adopt the Order to Show Cause as written, and to mail it.

Vote: 6 – Yes 0 – No

T17-18 Motion was made by Dennis Roberts, and seconded by Jude Tanella, to adopt the Order to Show Cause as written, and to mail it.

Vote: 6 – Yes 0 – No

Decisions to Adopt as Written

C17-12, C18-12, C21-12 (consolidated) Motion was made by Richard Tomko, and seconded by Jude Tanella, to adopt the revised decision as written.

Vote: 6 – Yes 0 – No

C35-16 Motion was made by Dennis Roberts, and seconded by Richard Tomko, to adopt the decision as written.

Vote: 6 – Yes 0 – No

C17-18 Motion was made by Dennis Roberts, and seconded by Richard Tomko, to adopt the decision as written.

Vote: 6 – Yes 0 – No

C58-18 Motion was made by Jude Tanella, and seconded by Richard Tomko, to adopt the decision as written.

Vote: 6 – Yes 0 – No

C60-18 Motion was made by Dennis Roberts, and seconded by Richard Tomko, to adopt the decision as written.

Vote: 6 – Yes 0 – No

C62-18 Motion was made by Jude Tanella, and seconded by Michael Carucci, to adopt the decision as written.

Vote: 6 – Yes 0 – No

C75-18 Motion was made by Richard Tomko, and seconded by Jude Tanella, to adopt the decision as written.

Vote: 6 – Yes 0 – No

Advisory Opinions

A08-19 Motion was made by Richard Tomko, and seconded by Jude Tanella, to draft the Advisory Opinion as discussed.

Vote: 6 – Yes 0 – No

A04-19 Motion was made by Dennis Roberts, and seconded by Richard Tomko, to adopt the Advisory Opinion as written.

Vote: 6 – Yes 0 – No

A05-19 Motion was made by Jude Tanella, and seconded by Richard Tomko, to adopt the Advisory Opinion as written.

Vote: 6 – Yes 0 – No

A06-19 Motion was made by Dennis Roberts, and seconded by Richard Tomko, to adopt the Advisory Opinion as written.

Vote: 6 – Yes 0 – No

A06-19 Motion was made by Dennis Roberts, and seconded by Richard Tomko, to make this Advisory Opinion public.

Vote: 6 – Yes 0 – No

A07-19 Motion was made by Jude Tanella, and seconded by Richard Tomko, to adopt the Advisory Opinion as written.

Vote: 6 – Yes 0 – No

A09-19 Motion was made by Dennis Roberts, and seconded by Michael Collins, to table the decision to make public.

Vote: 6 – Yes 0 – No

Administrative Dismissals

C73-18 This matter was on the Agenda for informational purposes only.

Other Business

Chairperson selected a nominating committee to select nominee for Chairperson (July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020). Commission members Roberts (to serve as Chair of the committee), Tanella, and Tomko will serve.

The Commission discussed proposed dates/times for its 2020 meetings.

C34-18 This matter was on the Agenda for informational purposes only.

Minutes

Motion was made by Richard Tomko and seconded by Jude Tanella, to adopt the minutes of the March 26, 2019, meeting as written.

Vote: 6 – Yes 0 – No

Motion was made by Richard Tomko, and seconded by Jude Tanella, to adopt the minutes of the April 2, 2019, special meeting as written.

Vote: 4 – Yes 0 – No 2 – Abstention (Michael Carucci and Michael Collins abstained).

11:07 a.m. Motion was made by Dennis Roberts, and seconded by Richard Tomko, to adjourn.

Vote: 6 – Yes 0 – No

Submitted by:

Jeannine Pizzigoni

Approved by:

Kathryn A. Whalen, Director