

School Ethics Commission Meeting Public Session Minutes

August 27, 2019

Chairperson Robert Bender called the meeting to order at 9:35 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, Dennis Roberts, Jude Tanella, Richard Tomko, and Chairperson Bender. Commission members Michael Collins and Mark Finkelstein were absent.

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

9:36 a.m. Motion was made by Richard Tomko, and seconded by Jude Tanella, to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss confidential matters and to obtain legal advice regarding the following Complaints and matters involving possible litigation: C72-18; C06-19; C27-19; C33-19; C36-19; C37-19; C38-19; C39-19; C41-19; C43-19; A22-19; A23-19; C25-19; C47-19; D02-19; Doctrines of Necessity filed by the Wayne Township, Beach Haven, Jersey City, and Upper Deerfield Township Boards of Education; C54-19; and C24-19.

Vote: 5 – Yes 0 – No

Complaints to Review

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

Vote: 5 – Yes 0 – No

C06-19 Motion was made by Richard Tomko, and seconded by Dennis Roberts, to draft a decision as discussed.

Vote: 5 – Yes 0 – No

C27-19 Motion was made by Dennis Roberts, and seconded by Jude Tanella, to draft a decision as discussed.

Vote: 5 – Yes 0 – No

C33-19 Motion was made by Richard Tomko, and seconded by Michael Carucci, to draft a decision as discussed.

Vote: 5 – Yes 0 – No

C36-19 Motion was made by Dennis Roberts, and seconded by Jude Tanella, to table this matter until the Commission’s September 24, 2019, meeting.

Vote: 5 – Yes 0 – No

C37-19 Motion was made by Richard Tomko, and seconded by Michael Carucci, to draft a decision as discussed.

Vote: 5 – Yes 0 – No

C38-19 Motion was made by Richard Tomko, and seconded by Michael Carucci, to draft a decision as discussed.

Vote: 5 – Yes 0 – No

C39-19 Motion was made by Richard Tomko, and seconded by Michael Carucci, to draft a decision as discussed.

Vote: 5 – Yes 0 – No

C41-19 Motion was made by Dennis Roberts, and seconded by Richard Tomko, to draft a decision as discussed.

Vote: 5 – Yes 0 – No

C43-19 Motion was made by Jude Tanella, and seconded by Dennis Roberts, to draft a decision as discussed.

Vote: 5 – Yes 0 – No

Advisory Opinions

A22-19 Motion was made by Dennis Roberts, and seconded by Richard Tomko, to advise as discussed.

Vote: 5 – Yes 0 – No

A23-19 Motion was made by Michael Carucci, and seconded by Richard Tomko, to advise as discussed.

Vote: 5 – Yes 0 – No

Administrative Dismissals

C25-19 This matter was on the agenda for informational purposes only.

C47-19 This matter was on the agenda for informational purposes only.

D02-19 This matter was on the agenda for informational purposes only.

Other Business

Doctrines of Necessity Chairperson Bender acknowledged receipt of the Doctrines of Necessity submitted by the Wayne Township, Beach Haven, Jersey City, and Upper Deerfield Township Boards of Education.

C54-19 Motion was made by Dennis Roberts, and seconded by Richard Tomko, to place this matter in abeyance.

Vote: 5 – Yes 0 – No

C24-19 Motion was made by Dennis Roberts, and seconded by Richard Tomko, to place this matter in abeyance.

Vote: 5 – Yes 0 – No

11:10 a.m. Motion was made by Richard Tomko, and seconded by Dennis Roberts, to adjourn.

Vote: 5 – Yes 0 – No

Submitted by:

Jeannine Pizzigoni

Approved by:

Kathryn A. Whalen, Director