

School Ethics Commission Special Meeting Public Session Minutes

October 25, 2019

Chairperson Robert Bender called the special meeting to order at 1:31 p.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 (via telephone), Michael Collins (via telephone), Mark Finkelstein (via telephone), Dennis Roberts (via telephone), Jude Tanella (via telephone) and Chairperson Bender. Commission member Richard Tomko was absent.

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

1:33 p.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: C25-16; C38-18; T01-19; T02-19; T03-19; T04-19; T05-19; T06-19; T07-19; T08-19; T10-19; T11-19; C13-19; C18-19; C24-19; C34-19; C35-19; C36-19; C40-19; C42-19; C44-19; C46-19; A24-19; D07-19; C55-19; C10-19; C48-19; C17-12, C18-12, and C21-12 (consolidated); D03-19; D01-19; D04-19; and D06-19.

Vote: 6 – Yes 0 – No

Complaints to Review

C25-16 Motion was made by Mark Finkelstein, and seconded by Jude Tanella, to draft the decision as discussed.

Vote: 6 – Yes 0 – No

C38-18 Motion was made by Dennis Roberts, and seconded by Mark Finkelstein, to draft the decision as discussed.

Vote: 6 – Yes 0 – No

Orders to Show Cause

T01-19 Motion was made by Mark Finkelstein, and seconded by Jude Tanella, to adopt and mail the Order to Show Cause.

Vote: 6 – Yes 0 – No

T02-19 Motion was made by Mark Finkelstein, and seconded by Jude Tanella, to adopt and mail the Order to Show Cause.

Vote: 6 – Yes 0 – No

T03-19 Motion was made by Mark Finkelstein, and seconded by Jude Tanella, to adopt and mail the Order to Show Cause.

Vote: 6 – Yes 0 – No

T04-19 Motion was made by Mark Finkelstein, and seconded by Jude Tanella, to adopt and mail the Order to Show Cause.

Vote: 6 – Yes 0 – No

T05-19 Motion was made by Mark Finkelstein, and seconded by Jude Tanella, to adopt and mail the Order to Show Cause.

Vote: 6 – Yes 0 – No

T06-19 Motion was made by Mark Finkelstein, and seconded by Jude Tanella, to adopt and mail the Order to Show Cause.

Vote: 6 – Yes 0 – No

T07-19 Motion was made by Mark Finkelstein, and seconded by Jude Tanella, to adopt and mail the Order to Show Cause.

Vote: 6 – Yes 0 – No

T08-19 Motion was made by Mark Finkelstein, and seconded by Jude Tanella, to adopt and mail the Order to Show Cause.

Vote: 6 – Yes 0 – No

T09-19 Motion was made by Mark Finkelstein, and seconded by Jude Tanella, to adopt and mail the Order to Show Cause.

Vote: 6 – Yes 0 – No

T10-19 Motion was made by Mark Finkelstein, and seconded by Jude Tanella, to adopt and mail the Order to Show Cause.

Vote: 6 – Yes 0 – No

T11-19 Motion was made by Mark Finkelstein, and seconded by Jude Tanella, to adopt and mail the Order to Show Cause.

Vote: 6 – Yes 0 – No

Decisions to Adopt as Written

C13-19 Motion was made by Jude Tanella, and seconded by Michael Carucci, to adopt the decision as written.

Vote: 6 – Yes 0 – No

C18-19 Motion was made by Dennis Roberts, and seconded by Mark Finkelstein, to adopt the decision as written.

Vote: 6 – Yes 0 – No

C24-19 Motion was made by Jude Tanella, and seconded by Mark Finkelstein, to adopt the decision as written.

Vote: 6 – Yes 0 – No

C34-19 Motion was made by Dennis Roberts, and seconded by Jude Tanella, to adopt the decision as written.

Vote: 6 – Yes 0 – No

C35-19 Motion was made by Dennis Roberts, and seconded by Jude Tanella, to adopt the decision as written.

Vote: 6 – Yes 0 – No

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

Vote: 6 – Yes 0 – No

C40-19 Motion was made by Dennis Roberts, and seconded by Jude Tanella, to adopt the decision as written.

Vote: 6 – Yes 0 – No

C42-19 Motion was made by Dennis Roberts, and seconded by Jude Tanella, to adopt the decision as written.

Vote: 6 – Yes 0 – No

C44-19 Motion was made by Dennis Roberts, and seconded by Jude Tanella, to adopt the decision as written.

Vote: 6 – Yes 0 – No

C46-19 Motion was made by Dennis Roberts, and seconded by Jude Tanella, to adopt the decision as written.

Vote: 6 – Yes 0 – No

Advisory Opinions

A24-19 Motion was made by Dennis Roberts, and seconded by Jude Tanella, to adopt the Advisory Opinion as written.

Vote: 6 – Yes 0 – No

Administrative Dismissals

D07-19 This matter was on the agenda for informational purposes only.

C55-19 This matter was on the agenda for informational purposes only.

Other Business

C10-19 Motion was made by Jude Tanella, and seconded by Mark Finkelstein, to draft correspondence as discussed.

Vote: 6 – Yes 0 – No

C48-19 Motion was made by Jude Tanella, and seconded by Mark Finkelstein, to draft correspondence as discussed.

Vote: 6 – Yes 0 – No

C17-12, C18-12, and C21-12 (consolidated) Motion was made by Mark Finkelstein, and seconded by Michael Collins, to adopt the Resolution as written.

Vote: 5 – Yes 0 – No 1 – Abstention (Jude Tanella)

D03-19 Motion was made by Jude Tanella, and seconded by Dennis Roberts, to adopt the Resolution as written.

Vote: 6 – Yes 0 – No

D01-19 Motion was made by Jude Tanella, and seconded by Dennis Roberts, to adopt the Resolution as written.

Vote: 6 – Yes 0 – No

D04-19 Motion was made by Jude Tanella, and seconded by Dennis Roberts, to adopt the Resolution as written.

Vote: 6 – Yes 0 – No

D06-19 Motion was made by Jude Tanella, and seconded by Dennis Roberts, to adopt the Resolution as written.

Vote: 6 – Yes 0 – No

Minutes

Motion was made by Dennis Roberts, and seconded by Jude Tanella, to adopt the minutes of the meeting (public and executive session) conducted on September 24, 2019, as written.

Vote: 6 – Yes 0 – No

2:13 p.m. Motion was made by Michael Collins, and seconded by Michael Carucci, to adjourn.

Vote: 6 – Yes 0 – No

Submitted by:

Jeannine Pizzigoni

Approved by:

Kathryn A. Whalen, Director