

**Local Finance Board
Local Government Ethics Law
January 10, 2024
VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS**

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 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: 4 members were present: Chairperson Suárez, Dominick DiRocco, William Close, and Alan Avery were present. Board member Idida Rodriguez was absent. There are three vacancies. A quorum was present. Also present were DAG Craig Keiser and staff members Dana C. Jones, Shannon Hudak, Davinder Gill, and Matthew Marthaler.

At 9:04 a.m., a motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Mr. Close 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: 4 affirmatives. Motion passed.

At 10:24 a.m., a motion was made by Mr. Close and second by Mr. DiRocco to go into open session. A roll call was taken: 4 affirmatives. Motion passed.

The Local Finance Board then determined to take a brief recess and reconvened at 10:30 a.m. to consider financing applications and to take action on the following Ethics items:

December 13, 2023, Meeting Minutes A motion was made by Mr. Close and second by Mr. DiRocco to approve the minutes. A roll call was taken: 4 affirmatives. Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.B.1. A motion was made by Mr. Close and second by Mr. DiRocco to issue a Notice of Investigation to one (1) LGO for alleged violation of N.J.S.A. 40:9-22.5(d). A roll call was taken: 4 affirmatives. Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.B.2. A motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Mr. DiRocco to issue a Notice of Determination dismissing the allegations in the complaint for lack of jurisdiction. A roll call was taken: 4 affirmatives. Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.B.3. A motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Mr. DiRocco to issue a Notice of Determination dismissing the allegations in the complaint for lack of reasonable factual basis. A roll call was taken: 4 affirmatives. Motion passed.

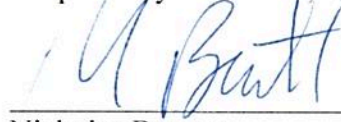
Concerning the matter of III.B.4. A motion was made by Mr. DiRocco and second by Mr. Avery to issue a Notice of Determination dismissing the allegations in the complaint for lack of reasonable factual basis. A roll call was taken: 4 affirmatives. Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.B.5. A motion was made by Mr. DiRocco and second by Mr. Avery to issue a Notice of Determination dismissing the allegations in the complaint for lack of reasonable factual basis. A roll call was taken: 4 affirmatives. Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.B.6. A motion was made by Mr. DiRocco and second by Mr. Avery to issue a Notice of Determination dismissing the allegations in the complaint for lack of reasonable factual basis. A roll call was taken: 4 affirmatives. Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of III.B.7. A motion was made by Mr. Close and second by Mr. Avery to transmit a matter to Office of Administrative Law as a contested case. A roll call was taken: 4 affirmatives. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,



Nicholas Bennett
Executive Secretary
Local Finance Board