

ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS

MINUTES

January 16, 2020

AMENDED

The meeting was held in the Ethics Conference Room at 40 Matthews Street, Suite 101, Goshen, NY 10924 and called to order by Chair Gail Sicina at 3:00 p.m.

Present:

Gail Sicina
Daniel Clarino
Paul A. Johnson
Raymond G. Cooper (videoconference)

Absent:

Richard B. Golden
Marcus A. Horrego
Jeffrey G. Berry

Also in attendance:

James T. Towne Jr., Board Counsel

Dr. Johnson moved that the minutes of November 21, 2019 be accepted. The motion was seconded by Dr. Cooper. All in favor. Carried.

No Counsel bills were approved this month. The Board will approve the November and December bills for Counsel at their next meeting.

Chair Sicina reported on the delinquent filers for 2019 (2018 disclosure forms.) After sending the five delinquent filers' names to the District Attorney for further action on December 6, 2019, all forms were received as of today.

At 3:02 p.m., Dr. Johnson moved to go into Executive Session to review Complaint (CO-01-20) and Requests for Opinions (RFO-01-20 and RFO-02-20). Seconded by Dr. Cooper. All in favor. Carried.

At 3:20 p.m., Dr. Cooper moved to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Dr. Johnson. All in favor. Carried.

Regarding Complaint (C-01-20), Dr. Johnson moved that counsel draft a response as discussed in Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Clarino. All in favor. Carried.

Regarding Request for Opinion (RFO-01-20), Dr. Cooper moved to draft a response as discussed in Executive Session, clarifying number 2 in a previous advisory opinion. Seconded by Mr. Clarino. All in favor. Carried.

Regarding Request for Opinion (RFO-02-20), Dr. Cooper moved that counsel draft a letter based upon discussion in executive session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Clarino. All in favor. Carried. RFO-02-20 was redesignated as Disclosure Letter (DL-01-20) after discussion.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 20, 2020.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:26 p.m.

Mr. Horrego arrived after the meeting was adjourned.

