

ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS

MINUTES

January 31, 2019

(rescheduled from January 24th due to inclement weather)

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 3:04 p.m.

Present:

Gail Sicina
Richard B. Golden
Marcus A. Horrego
Paul K. Johnson

Also in Attendance:

Christine E. Taylor, Board Counsel

Absent:

Jeffrey G. Berry
Raymond G. Cooper

The November 29, 2018 minutes were held over until the next meeting for approval.

At 3:06 p.m. Dr. Johnson moved and Mr. Horrego seconded that the Board move into Executive Session regarding Requests for Opinions RFO-01-19, RFO-02-19, and RFO-03-19. All in favor. Carried.

At 3:50 p.m. Dr. Johnson moved and Mr. Horrego seconded that the Board move out of Executive Session. All in favor. Carried.

Regarding Requests for Opinions RFO-01-19 and RFO-02-19, the Board had further questions and will call the individuals in to the next meeting.

Mr. Golden moved regarding Request for Opinion RFO-03-19 that, based on the Board's discussions in Executive Session, Counsel will be requested to draft a formal opinion for consideration by the Board. The motion was seconded by Dr. Johnson. All in favor. Carried.

At 3:52 p.m. Dr. Johnson moved and Mr. Golden seconded that the Board move into Executive Session regarding Disclosure Letter DL-07-18. All in favor. Carried.

At 4:01 p.m. Mr. Golden moved and Dr. Johnson seconded that the Board move out of Executive Session. All in favor. Carried.

Regarding Disclosure Letter DL-07-18, the Board had further questions and will call the individual in to the next meeting.

The members reviewed an internal policy for the Board of Ethics regarding Complaints (Section 5B(2) of the Ethics Law). Mr. Golden moved that “and the subject of the complaint” be added to the language of the draft policy, seconded by Dr. Johnson. All in favor. Carried. The internal policy, as amended, was adopted by the following vote: Ayes 4; Noes 0; Absent 2. Pursuant to Section 5B(7)c., a copy of any rules or regulations promulgated by the Board will be sent to the Orange County Legislature and County Attorney for filing.

Chair Sicina updated the Board on the five filers who have not yet filed their 2017 Disclosure Forms. Dr. Johnson moved and Mr. Golden seconded that regarding the remaining delinquent filers of the Annual Disclosure Form to the Orange County Board of Ethics, Counsel draft another letter to the District Attorney to inquire about any further action to be taken on this matter. All in favor. Carried.

Mr. Horrego moved to approve the Counsel Bills for November and December in the amounts of \$1,793.75 and \$205.00, respectively.

Chair Sicina stated that she is working on the 2018 Annual Report for the Board’s review at the next meeting.

The next meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, February 21st at 3:00 p.m.

Chair Sicina adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m.