

ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS

MINUTES

February 20, 2020

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 3:05 p.m.

Present:

Gail Sicina

Daniel Clarino

Paul K. Johnson

Raymond G. Cooper (videoconference)

Richard B. Golden

Marcus A. Horrego

Jeffrey G. Berry

Also in attendance:

James T. Towne Jr., Board Counsel

Chair Sicina moved to amend the agenda to include two Disclosure Letters received today. The motion was seconded by Mr. Golden. All in favor. Carried. Chair Sicina stated that they will be added as DL-02-20 and DL-03-20.

Mr. Horrego moved that the minutes of January 16, 2020 be accepted as amended to include his arrival at end of meeting. Seconded by Chair Sicina. All in favor. Carried.

Mr. Golden moved to approve the Counsel Bills for November 2019 in the amount of \$102.50, December 2019 in the amount of \$102.50 and January 2020 in the amount of \$1281.25. Seconded by Mr. Berry. All in favor. Carried.

At 3:07 p.m., Richard Golden moved to go into Executive Session to review Requests for Opinions (RFO-03-20, RFO-04-20, RFO-05-20, RFO-06-20 and RFO-07-20), Complaint (CO-02-20), and Disclosure Letters (DL-02-20 and DL-03-20). Seconded by Mr. Horrego. All in favor. Carried.

At 4:40 p.m., Mr. Golden moved to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Horrego. All in favor. Carried.

Regarding Complaint (C-02-20), Mr. Horrego moved that, based upon discussion in Executive Session, Counsel draft a letter advising the Complainant that the Board has no jurisdiction over the matter. The motion was seconded by Mr. Clarino. All in favor. Carried.

Regarding Request for Opinion (RFO-03-20), Mr. Golden moved that Counsel draft a letter as discussed in Executive Session. Seconded by Mr. Clarino. All in favor. Carried.

Regarding Request for Opinion (RFO-04-20), Mr. Golden moved that Counsel draft a letter as discussed in Executive Session requesting more information before a determination can be made. The motion was seconded by Mr. Horrego. All in favor. Carried.

Regarding Request for Opinion (RFO-05-20), Mr. Golden moved that Counsel draft a letter based upon discussion in Executive Session,. The motion was seconded by Dr. Johnson. All in favor. Carried.

Regarding Request for Opinion (RFO-06-20), Mr. Golden moved that Counsel draft a letter based upon discussion in Executive Session,. The motion was seconded by Dr. Johnson. All in favor. Carried.

Regarding Request for Opinion (RFO-07-20), Mr. Golden moved that Counsel draft a letter based upon discussion in Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Horrego. All in favor. Carried.

Regarding Disclosure Letter (DL-02-20), Mr. Clarino moved that Chair Sicina send a letter thanking the individual and that there is no conflict of interest. The motion was seconded by Mr. Horrego. All in favor. Carried.

Regarding Disclosure Letter (DL-03-20), Mr. Golden moved that Counsel draft a letter based upon discussion in Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Dr. Cooper. All in favor. Carried.

The 2019 Annual Board of Ethics Report was approved as amended.

Chair Sicina informed the members that the 2019 Disclosure Forms will be sent out on February 27 to 282 County employees and 107 Board members for a total of 389.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 19, 2020.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

