

# ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS

## MINUTES

February 21, 2019

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 3:05p.m.

Present:

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

Also in Attendance:

James E. Towne, Board Counsel

Absent:

Raymond G. Cooper

Dr. Johnson moved that the minutes for the November 29, 2018 and the January 31, 2019 minutes be accepted. The motion was seconded by Chair Sicina. The vote resulted as follows: Ayes 4; Noes 0; Absent 2 (Horrego; Cooper). Adopted.

At 3:07 p.m. Dr. Johnson moved that the Board move into Executive Session regarding Requests for Opinions (RFO-01-19, RFO-02-19 and RFO-03-19), Disclosure Letter (DL-07-18) and Disclosure Letter (DL-01-19). The motion was seconded by Mr. Golden. The vote resulted as follows: Ayes 4; Noes 0; Absent 2 (Horrego; Cooper). Adopted.

Mr. Berry left at 3:10 p.m., at which time the Board held a recess until 3:20 p.m. when Mr. Horrego arrived.

At 4:45 p.m. Dr. Johnson moved that the Board move out of Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Golden. The vote resulted as follows: Ayes 4; Noes 0; Absent 2 (Berry; Cooper). Adopted.

Dr. Johnson moved regarding Request for Opinion (RFO-02-19) that based on the Board's discussions in Executive Session, Counsel is requested to draft a formal opinion for consideration by the Board. The motion was seconded by Mr. Golden. The vote resulted as follows: Ayes 4; Noes 0; Absent 2 (Berry; Cooper). Adopted.

Dr. Johnson moved regarding Disclosure Letter (DL-07-18) which became Request for Opinion (RFO-04-19) that based on the Board's discussions in Executive Session, Counsel is requested to draft a formal opinion for consideration by the Board. The motion was seconded by Mr. Golden. The vote resulted as follows: Ayes 4; Noes 0; Absent 2 (Berry; Cooper). Adopted.

Dr. Johnson moved regarding Request for Opinion (RFO-01-19) that based on the Board's discussions in Executive Session, Counsel is requested to draft a formal opinion for consideration by the Board. The motion was seconded by Mr. Golden. The vote resulted as follows: Ayes 4; Noes 0; Absent 2 (Berry; Cooper). Adopted.

Based upon information submitted to the Board members in Executive Session, Dr. Johnson moved that Request for Opinion (RFO-03-19) be held over until the next meeting for reconsideration. The motion was seconded by Mr. Golden. The vote resulted as follows: Ayes 4; Noes 0; Absent 2 (Berry; Cooper). Adopted.

Dr. Johnson moved regarding Disclosure Letter (DL-01-19) that there is no conflict and a letter be written indicating same. The motion was seconded by Mr. Golden. The vote resulted as follows: Ayes 4; Noes 0; Absent 2 (Berry; Cooper). Adopted.

Chair Sicina informed the members that the Summary of Notice of Adoption of Local Law No. 9 of 2018 will be placed on the Ethics website.

The 2018 Annual Report was held over until the next meeting.

Mr. Golden moved that the Counsel's bill for January 2019 in the amount of \$1,472.50 be approved. The motion was seconded by Mr. Horrego. The vote resulted as follows: Ayes 4; Noes 0; Absent 2(Berry; Cooper). Adopted.

Chair Sicina updated the members on the 3 filers who have not yet filed their 2017 Disclosure Forms.

The next meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, March 28, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.

Chair Sicina adjourned the meeting at 4:55 p.m.