

# ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS

## MINUTES

**March 18, 2021**

The meeting was held via Zoom, due to social distancing requirements, and called to order by Chair Richard B. Golden at 3:00 p.m.

Present:

Richard B. Golden, Chair  
Paul K. Johnson  
Marcus A. Horrego  
Daniel B. Clarino  
Jeffrey G. Berry

Also in attendance:

James T. Towne, Jr., Board Counsel

Absent:

Raymond G. Cooper

Chair Golden moved to approve the minutes of February 18, 2021. Seconded by Judge Berry. All present in favor. Carried.

Dr. Johnson moved to approve the February 2021 Counsel Bill in the amount of \$615.00. Seconded by Judge Berry. All present in favor. Carried.

At 3:02 p.m., Judge Berry moved to go into Executive Session to review Requests for Opinion RFO-01-21 and RFO-02-21. Seconded by Dr. Johnson. All present in favor. Carried.

Mr. Horrego arrived at 3:10 pm.

At 3:21 p.m., Judge Berry moved to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Horrego. All in favor. Carried.

Regarding Request for Opinion RFO-01-21, Dr. Johnson moved that Counsel draft an advisory opinion as discussed in Executive Session. Seconded by Mr. Horrego. All in favor. Carried.

Regarding Request for Opinion RFO-02-21, Judge Berry moved that Counsel draft an advisory opinion as discussed in Executive Session. Seconded by Mr. Clarino. All in favor. Carried.

Chair Golden addressed the resignation letter of Gail Sicina. Mr. Golden moved that the resignation be accepted, with regret. Seconded by Dr. Johnson. All in favor. Carried.

Chair Golden reported that we are in the process of setting up a Sharefile account so that members can sign off on the incoming Financial Disclosure Statements remotely. The forms are to be distributed through Sharefile to two members at a time and in batches of ten. Chair Golden moved that each annual Financial Disclosure Statement shall be reviewed and accepted by two members as opposed to three. Seconded by Judge Berry. All in favor. Carried.

Chair Golden reported that the prospective member, Gordon L. Dean, was appointed by the County Executive but not yet confirmed by the Legislature. There is online ethics training available on our webpage for Mr. Dean. Chair Golden will familiarize Mr. Dean with the Financial Disclosure Statement.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 15, 2021 at 3:00 pm.

At 3:40 p.m., Judge Berry moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Mr. Horrego. All in favor. Carried.