

ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS

MINUTES

March 22, 2018

The meeting was held in the Ethics Conference Room, Suite 202, 255-275 Main Street, Goshen, NY 10924 and called to order by Chair Gail Sicina at 3:30 p.m.

Present:

Gail Sicina
Raymond Cooper
Richard B. Golden
Paul Johnson
Jeffrey G. Berry
Marcus Horrego

Also in Attendance:

James T. Towne, Board Counsel

Mr. Golden moved to approve the minutes of February 22, 2018, second by Dr. Johnson. All in favor. Carried.

Mr. Golden asked the record show the recent passing of our fellow board member Fred Witt and thanked him for his many years of service and dedication to the Board and that Chair Sicina will represent the Board to convey to the family our deepest regret.

At 3:32 p.m., Dr. Johnson moved to enter into executive session regarding complaint (C-01-18); disclosure letters (DL-02-18, DL-03-18); FOIL requests and update on delinquent filers (BDF-01-17, BDF-01-17). The motion was seconded by Dr. Cooper. All in favor. Carried.

Mr. Horrego arrived during executive session at 3:40 p.m.

At 4:20 p.m., Dr. Cooper moved and Mr. Horrego seconded that the Board move out of Executive Session. All in favor. Carried.

Mr. Golden moved that the Chair contact the County Executive and ascertain who is in charge of administrating the Orange County Arts Grants Program in connection with a complaint (C-01-18) filed with the Board and request that person to come to speak to the members. The motion was seconded by Dr. Johnson. All in favor. Carried.

Mr. Golden moved that letters be send to two filers (DL-02-18; DL-03-18) notifying them that there is no conflict in connection with their disclosures made to the Board. The motion was seconded by Mr. Horrego. All in favor. Carried.

Mr. Golden moved that after being advised by Counsel as to legal issues regarding two FOIL requests, the Chair will respond in accordance with State and County Law. The motion was seconded by Mr. Berry. All in favor. Carried.

Mr. Berry moved that the issue in respect to delinquent filers (DCF-01-17; DBF-01-17) be closed. The motion was seconded by Dr. Cooper. All in favor. Carried.

On motion of Mr. Golden, seconded by Dr. Johnson, the next meeting is scheduled for April 12, 2018. All in favor. Carried.

Mr. Towne left the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Mr. Golden moved to approve payment for the 2018 February bill for Counsel in the amount of \$1,187.50. The motion was seconded by Dr. Johnson. All in favor. Carried.

Chair Sicina informed the members that at the end of February, 354 Disclosure Forms were sent out, 263 to county employees and 91 to board members.

At 4:34 p.m., Dr. Cooper moved to enter into Executive Session to discuss the RFPs for Counsel. The motion was seconded by Mr. Horrego. All in favor. Carried.

At 4:43 p.m., Mr. Horrego moved and Dr. Johnson seconded that the Board move out of Executive Session. All in favor. Carried.

Dr. Cooper moved that the Ethics Board retain present counsel Towne Ryan & Partners. The motion was seconded by Dr. Johnson. All in favor. Carried.

Motion to adjourn at 4:45 p.m. by Mr. Golden, seconded by Dr. Johnson. All in favor. Carried.