

ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS

MINUTES

March 28, 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 3:10p.m.

Present:

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

Also in Attendance:

James E. Towne, Board Counsel

Dr. Johnson moved that the minutes for the February 21, 2019 minutes be accepted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Golden. The vote resulted as follows: Ayes 4; Noes 0; Absent 2 (Horrego, Berry). Adopted.

At 3:12 p.m. Dr. Cooper moved that the Board move into Executive Session regarding Requests for Opinion RFO-03-19, Disclosure Letters DL-02-19 and DL-03-19. The motion was seconded by Dr. Johnson. The vote resulted as follows: Ayes 4; Noes 0; Absent 2 (Horrego, Berry). Adopted.

Mr. Horrego and Mr. Berry arrived at 3:14 p.m.

At 4:25 p.m. Mr. Horrego moved that the Board move out of Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Dr. Johnson. All in favor. Carried.

Regarding Request for Opinion (RFO-03-19) Dr. Cooper moved 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 Dr. Johnson. All in favor. Carried.

At 4:30 p.m. Mr. Golden moved that the Board move back into Executive Session regarding Disclosure Letter (DL-02-19). The motion was seconded by Mr. Horrego. All in favor. Carried.

At 4:37 p.m. Mr. Horrego moved that the Board move out of Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Dr. Johnson. All in favor. Carried.

Regarding Disclosure Letter (DL-02-19) Mr. Golden moved that the Chair find out when the filer became aware and when the filer recused and that Counsel draft a letter indicating that the filer fully complied within the timeframe that was discussed in executive session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Berry. All in favor. Carried.

Regarding Disclosure Letter (DL-03-19, Mr. Golden moved that a thank you letter be written indicating this was a proper disclosure. The motion was seconded by Dr. Johnson. All in favor. Carried.

Mr. Berry moved to accept the 2018 Annual Report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Horrego. All present in favor. Carried. (Mr. Golden had left the room for this motion.)

No counsel bills were approved this month. The Board will approve the February and March bills at the next meeting.

Chair Sicina updated the members on the following:

A total of 384 Disclosure Forms for 2018 went out on February 28, 2019 - 277 Employees and 107 Board Members. To date, 117 forms have been received.

One delinquent filer for their 2017 Disclosure Form remains. A memo has been sent to the District Attorney regarding this.

The next meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, April 18, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.

Chair Sicina adjourned the meeting at 4:50 p.m.