

ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS

MINUTES

May 16, 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 3:05 p.m.

Present:

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

Absent:

Jeffrey G. Berry

Also in Attendance:

Christine Taylor, Board Counsel

Dr. Johnson moved that the minutes for the April 18, 2019 minutes be accepted. The motion was seconded by Dr. Cooper. All in favor. (Golden abstained) Carried.

Dr. Cooper moved to approve Counsel Bill for April in the amount of \$1,230.00. The motion was seconded by Dr. Johnson. All in favor. Carried.

At 3:17 p.m. Dr. Johnson moved to go into Executive Session to consider Request for Opinion (RFO-05-19) and finalize 2017 Delinquent Filers. The motion was seconded by Mr. Golden. All in favor. Carried.

At 3:43 p.m. Dr. Cooper moved to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Dr. Johnson. All in favor. Carried.

Regarding discussion in Executive Session relative to RFO-05-19, Mr. Golden moved that the Board hold this over until the next meeting so Counsel can further review the Ethics Code. The motion was seconded by Dr. Johnson. All in favor. Carried.

No further action was required relative to the 2017 Delinquent Filers.

Regarding Disclosure Letter (DL-04-19), on motion of Mr. Golden, the Chair was requested to find out the position of the relative applying for employment and if there is no conflict, the formal letter can be sent to the county employee. The motion was seconded by Dr. Johnson. All in favor. Carried.

Chair Sicina informed the members of the following:

* To date, 305 Disclosure Forms for Year 2018 have been received.

* Mr. Horrego was officially reappointed to the Board of Ethics and confirmed by the Legislature.

* Four individuals have been interviewed to date and three more have been scheduled for tomorrow for the Confidential Secretary position.

Dr. Cooper moved that in preparation of the 2020 County Budget, the hours of the secretary be increased to 18 or 19 hours a week from 15 hours. The motion was seconded by Mr. Horrego. All in favor. Carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 6, 2019.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:53 p.m.