

ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS

MINUTES

June 6, 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 3:11 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

Chair Sicina requested that an item be added to the agenda regarding one 2018 Disclosure Form. On motion of Dr. Johnson, seconded by Dr. Cooper, the item was added as Agenda No. E and to renumber the remaining items. All present in favor. Carried.

Dr. Johnson moved that the minutes for the May 16, 2019 minutes be accepted. The motion was seconded by Dr. Cooper. All present in favor. Carried.

Mr. Horrego arrived at 3:13 p.m.

Dr. Johnson moved to approve Counsel Bill for May subject to the removal of the May 29th charge in the amended amount of \$973.75. The motion was seconded by Dr. Johnson. All in favor. Carried.

At 3:15 p.m. Mr. Horrego moved to go into Executive Session to finalize Request for Opinion (RFO-05-19), Disclosure Letter (DL-04-19) and one 2018 Disclosure Form. The motion was seconded by Dr. Johnson. All in favor. Carried.

At 3:29 p.m. Dr. Cooper moved to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Dr. Johnson. All in favor. Carried.

Regarding Request for Opinion (RFO-05-19), Dr. Johnson moved that counsel draft a letter as discussed in executive session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Horrego. All in favor. Carried.

Regarding Disclosure Letter (DL-04-19), Dr. Cooper moved that a letter be written to the employee indicating there is no conflict as disclosed. The motion was seconded by Dr. Johnson. All in favor. Carried.

Regarding the reviewed disclosure form, Mr. Golden moved that the Board responds to the filer that the information provided on Section 13 should be more properly listed under Section 12 under these circumstances and poses no problem with the Code of Ethics. The motion was seconded by Dr. Johnson. All in favor. Carried.

Chair Sicina informed the members that to date, 348 Disclosure Forms for Year 2018 have been received.

Chair Sicina requested the members to reconsider a motion at the May 16th meeting to increase the hours of the secretary to 18 or 19 hours a week when preparing the 2020 Budget and gave her reasons why she did not feel it was necessary at this time. Mr. Golden moved to rescind the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Horrego. All in favor. Carried.

Chair Sicina informed the members that interviews for the position of Confidential Secretary to the Board of Ethics have been concluded and a decision would be made shortly.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 29, 2019. (Note: A special meeting was called for July 25, 2019 due to requests for opinions received.)

The meeting was adjourned at 3:44 p.m.

