

ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS

MINUTES

June 15, 2023

The meeting was held at the Board of Ethics' office located at 40 Matthews Street, Suite 101, Goshen, NY 10924.

Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m.

Agenda Item I – Roll Call: Roll call was taken by Secretary LaVelle and a quorum was present:

Present:

Paul K. Johnson, Chair
Daniel B. Clarino
Jeffrey G. Berry
Melissa Bonacic

Also in attendance:

Christine Taylor, Towne Law
Board Counsel – via Zoom

Absent:

Marcus A. Horrego
Gordon L. Dean

Agenda Item II – Approve Minutes from May 18, 2023, Meeting: After the Board reviewed the minutes, Judge Berry moved to approve them, which was seconded by Ms. Bonacic All in favor. Carried.

Agenda Item III – Approve Counsel Invoices for February and May 2023: Chair Johnson reviewed Counsel's February invoice in the amount of \$410.00 to which \$406.25 has been paid, leaving a balance due of \$3.75. The invoice for May has a balance in the amount of \$940.00. Mr. Clarino made a motion to pay the outstanding charges on the February invoice and all charges listed on the May invoice as submitted. This motion was seconded by Judge Berry. All in favor. Carried.

Agenda Item IV – Review of Financial Disclosure Forms

- a. **Statistical Review of Financial Disclosure Forms:** Secretary LaVelle reviewed the progress made regarding the collection of the 2022 Annual Statement of Financial Disclosure Forms. It is expected that there will be 408 Disclosure Form filers this year. 372 forms have been received so far and of this number, 342 have been reviewed and approved by the Board, 26 are still under Board review, and 4 are still waiting to be reviewed. There are 36 individuals who have not yet filed their form.

At 3:21 p.m., Ms. Bonacic moved to enter Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Clarino. All in favor. Carried.

- b. **DFAO-07-23:** This Disclosure Form was reviewed by the Board along with all supporting documentation.

Agenda Item V - Review of Complaint, a. C-02-23: This complaint, along with supporting documentation of the Complaint, was reviewed by the Board.

Agenda Item VI – Review of Requests for Opinion; a. RFO-08-23, b. RFO-10-23, c. RFO-11-23: These Requests for Opinion and supporting documentation for the Requests for Opinion were reviewed by the Board.

At 3:49 pm, Mr. Clarino moved to exit the Executive Session. This motion was seconded by Judge Berry. All in favor. Carried.

Agenda Item VII – Response to Executive Session: A motion was made by Chair Johnson for Secretary LaVelle to draft letters to the individuals involved with the above referenced DFAO-07-23 and RFO-08-23 and for Ms. Taylor to draft letters to the individuals involved with the above referenced C-02-23, RFO-10-23, and RFO-11-23 all in accordance with the discussion held in Executive Session. This motion was seconded by Ms. Bonacic. All in favor. Carried.

Agenda Item VIII – Follow Up on Any Old Business: No old business to follow up on.

Agenda Item IX – Any Other Business That May Come Before the Board: No new business in front of the Board.

Agenda Item X – Schedule Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for July 20, 2023.

At 3:51 p.m., Chair Johnson moved that the meeting be adjourned, which was seconded by Mr. Clarino. All in favor. Carried.