

# ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS

## MINUTES

**June 28, 2018**

The meeting was held in the Ethics Conference Room 2163, 255-275 Main Street, Goshen, NY 10924 and called to order by Chair Gail Sicina at 3:06 p.m.

**Present:**

Gail Sicina  
Marcus A. Horrego  
Raymond G. Cooper  
Paul Johnson  
Jeffrey G. Berry

**Also in Attendance:**

James T. Towne, Board Counsel

**Absent:**

Richard B. Golden

The minutes of May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 were accepted as submitted.

Mr. Berry moved to enter into executive session at 3:08 p.m. regarding a request for opinion (RFO-04-18). The motion was seconded by Dr. Johnson. All in favor. Carried.

Dr. Cooper moved and Mr. Berry seconded that the Board move out of Executive Session at 3:24 p.m. All in favor. Carried.

Mr. Berry moved regarding RFO-04-18 that Mr. Towne draft an advisory opinion with the proviso that a letter be received from the Commissioner of the department for which this individual is employed with the County of Orange, consenting to this individual's service on a Board, and further agreeing to the fact that this individual must recuse from any Town matters that would involve the County so that this individual's loyalties will always be to the County and not the Board. The motion was seconded by Dr. Johnson. All in favor. Carried.

The members discussed several sections of the Orange County Ethics and Disclosure Law that they would like to change. Dr. Johnson moved that Mr. Towne draft the proposed changes which would be distributed to the members for their review and approval. If there is no objection by the majority, these changes will be submitted to the Legislative Rules Committee for consideration. The motion was seconded by Mr. Horrego. All in favor. Carried.

Chair Sicina distributed a current list of the delinquent filers to the Board for their review. The Board will address the delinquent filers at the July meeting for further action.

Dr. Cooper moved to approve the 2017 Orange County Board of Ethics Annual Report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Horrego. All in favor. Carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 19, 2018.

Mr. Berry moved and Dr. Cooper seconded to approve the May counsel bill for \$666.25. All in favor. Carried.

Chair Sicina advised the Board that the proposed 2019 Ethics Budget is \$42,030, about \$100 less than last year.

Chair Sicina further advised that the Board of Ethics will be moving to 40 Matthews St. in Goshen, New York. The new office space has a waiting room, work office, and conference room. Chair Sicina stated that furniture and cost is yet to be determined.

Motion to adjourn at 4:20 p.m. by Chair Sicina, seconded by Dr. Cooper. All in favor. Carried.