

ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS

MINUTES

July 23, 2020

The meeting was held in Conference Room 110 at 40 Matthews Street, Goshen, NY 10924, due to social distancing requirements, and called to order by Chair Gail Sicina at 3:05 p.m.

Present:

Gail Sicina
Daniel Clarino
Paul K. Johnson
Richard B. Golden
Jeffrey G. Berry

Absent:

Marcus Horrego
Raymond Cooper

Also in attendance:

James T. Towne Jr., Board Counsel
(by teleconference)

Dr. Johnson moved to approve the minutes of June 25, 2020. Seconded by Mr. Clarino. All in favor. Carried.

Dr. Johnson moved to approve the Counsel Bill for June 2020 in the amount of \$1,178.75. Seconded by Judge Berry. All in favor. Carried.

At 3:06 p.m., Dr. Johnson moved to go into Executive Session to review Requests for Opinion RFO-09-20 and RFO-10-20. Seconded by Mr. Clarino. All in favor. Carried.

At 3:20 p.m., Mr. Golden moved to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Dr. Johnson. All in favor. Carried.

Regarding Request for Opinion RFO-09-20, Dr. Johnson moved that Counsel draft a letter as discussed in Executive Session. Seconded by Mr. Golden. All in favor. Carried.

Regarding RFO-10-20, the matter was adjourned until the next meeting, as more information is needed from the individual.

Regarding the inquiry from a member of the public as to oversight, it was decided to draft an email response informing the individual as to the Board of Ethics Members' Nomination process.

Chair Sicina reported to the members that, to date, we have received 359 disclosure forms with 35 still outstanding. Mr. Golden moved that the delinquent filers be given a deadline, after which their names will be submitted to the District Attorney's Office. Seconded by Judge Berry. All in favor. Carried.

Mr. Towne informed the Board that his firm will no longer be classified as a minority or women-owned business (MWBE) as of July 31, 2020. Mr. Golden moved to continue to retain Towne, Ryan & Partners, P.C. until the end of their contract, which is April 30, 2021. Seconded by Dr. Johnson. All in favor. Carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 6, 2020.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.