

ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS

MINUTES

August 6, 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 3:10 p.m.

Present:

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

Absent:

Marcus Horrego

Also in attendance:

Christine Taylor, Board Counsel
(by teleconference)

Dr. Johnson moved to approve the minutes of July 23, 2020. Seconded by Judge Berry. All in favor. Carried.

Dr. Johnson moved to approve the Counsel Bill for July 2020 in the amount of \$461.25. Seconded by Mr. Cooper. All in favor. Carried.

Chair Sicina reported to the members that, to date, we have received 365 disclosure forms with 27 still outstanding. A letter will be sent to the delinquent filers on August 25, 2020, with a deadline of September 8 before sending to the District Attorney for further action.

Chair Sicina reported that there is a Budget Meeting at the County Executive's Office on August 20 at 10:00 a.m. One other person may accompany Chair Sicina. Dr. Johnson agreed to attend.

At 3:25 p.m., Judge Berry moved to go into Executive Session to review Requests for Opinion RFO-10-20 and RFO-11-20. Seconded by Dr. Johnson. All in favor. Carried.

At 3:50 p.m., Dr. Johnson moved to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Dr. Cooper. All in favor. Carried.

Regarding Request for Opinion RFO-10-20, Dr. Johnson moved that the letter drafted by Counsel dated August 3, 2020 be approved with item 6 amended, as recommended by Mr. Golden. Seconded by Mr. Golden. All in favor. Carried.

Regarding Request for Opinion RFO-11-20, Mr. Golden moved that Counsel draft a letter as discussed in Executive Session. Seconded by Dr. Cooper. All in favor. Carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 24, 2020.

At 3:52 p.m., Mr. Golden moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Judge Berry. All in favor. Carried.

(NOTE: After the meeting, the members stayed to review the 2019 Financial Disclosure Statements of several departments.)