

**ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS**

**MINUTES**

**August 19, 2021**

Present:

Richard B. Golden, Chair  
Paul K. Johnson  
Daniel B. Clarino  
Raymond G. Cooper

Also in attendance:

James T. Towne, Board Counsel

Absent:

Jeffrey G. Berry  
Gordon L. Dean  
Marcus A. Horrego

Chair Golden called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

Mr. Clarino moved to approve the minutes of July 15, 2021. Seconded by Dr. Cooper. All in favor. Carried.

Dr. Cooper moved to approve the July 2021 Counsel Bill in the amount of \$871.25. Seconded by Mr. Clarino. All in favor. Carried.

At 3:04 p.m., Dr. Cooper moved to go into Executive Session to review Requests for Opinion RFO-03-21, RFO-05-21, and a financial disclosure statement with an incomplete answer. Seconded by Mr. Clarino. All in favor. Carried.

At 3:40 p.m., Dr. Johnson moved to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Clarino. All in favor. Carried.

Regarding Request for Opinion RFO-03-21, the issue will be tabled pending more information, as discussed in Executive Session. The Confidential Secretary will request a copy of the contract the County has with the subcontractor in question.

Regarding RFO-05-21, Chair Golden will write a synopsis of the telephone call he had with the employee requesting the opinion. Dr. Johnson moved that the request be assigned a number. Seconded by Dr. Cooper. All in favor. Carried.

Regarding the Financial Disclosure Form with incomplete information, it was agreed that the Confidential Secretary will contact the individual to request an amendment to his answer on that section of the form.

Dr. Johnson reported that he met with the County Executive's Office on August 11, 2021, regarding the Board of Ethics 2022 Budget. At this stage, the budget for 2022 was approved with a 4.3% increase. Mr. Johnson must still meet with the Legislature, who will determine if any budgetary cuts must be made in the department.

Dr. Cooper presented his resignation letter to the Board, to be effective at the close of the meeting. Chair Golden, regrettably, moved that the resignation be accepted. Seconded by Dr. Johnson. All in favor. Carried.

The next meeting was scheduled for September 16, 2021, at 3:00 p.m.

At 4:02 p.m., Mr. Clarino moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Dr. Cooper. All in favor. Carried.