

ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS

MINUTES

September 12, 2019

The meeting was held in the Ethics Conference Room at 40 Matthews Street, Suite 101, Goshen, NY 10924 and called to order by Chair Gail Sicina at 3:01 p.m.

Present:

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

Absent:

Richard B. Golden

Also in Attendance:

James T. Towne, Jr., Board Counsel

Chair Sicina asked that C, D, E and F on the agenda be addressed first as Mr. Towne has another commitment.

At 3:02 p.m., Mr. Horrego moved to go into Executive Session to review Requests for Opinions (RFO-09-19 and RFO-10-19; Disclosure Letters (DL-05-19 and DL-06-19 and two Disclosure Statements (DFAO-01-2019 and DFAO-02-2019.) The motion was seconded by Dr. Johnson. All in favor. Carried.

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

No further action is required regarding Request for Opinion (RFO-09-19) as the employee withdrew his request. (an acknowledgement of the withdrawal will be sent to the employee).

Regarding Request for Opinion (RFO-10-19), Dr. Johnson moved that counsel draft an advisory opinion based upon discussion in executive session. The motion was seconded by Dr. Cooper. All in favor. Carried.

Regarding Disclosure Letter (DL-05-19), Dr. Johnson moved that counsel draft a letter based upon discussion in executive session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Horrego. All in favor. Carried.

Regarding Disclosure Letter (DL-06-19, Dr. Cooper moved that counsel draft a letter based upon discussion in executive session. The motion was seconded by Dr. Johnson. All in favor. Carried.

Regarding DFAO-01-19, Dr. Johnson moved that counsel draft an advisory opinion based upon discussion in executive session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Berry. All in favor. Carried.

Regarding DFAO-02-19, Dr. Johnson moved that counsel draft an advisory opinion based upon discussion in executive session. The motion was seconded by Dr. Cooper. All in favor. Carried.

On motion of Dr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Horrego, moved that the minutes for July 25, 2019 be held over until the next meeting.

Mr. Berry moved to approve Counsel Bill for July in the amount of \$1,383.75. The motion was seconded by Mr. Horrego. All in favor. Carried.

Before Mr. Towne left, the next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, October 24, 2019. (NOTE: Due to additional requests received, the Board scheduled an additional meeting for September 27, 2019.)

Updates by Chair Sicina followed:

The Legislature will be confirming an appointment to the Ethics Board at their October 3th meeting.

To date, 22 people still need to file. The members decided that at their October meeting further action would be taken against the delinquent filers.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

