

**ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS**

**MINUTES**

**September 13, 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 3:05 p.m.

Present:

Gail Sicina  
Marcus A. Horrego  
Paul Johnson  
Richard B. Golden  
Raymond G. Cooper

Also in Attendance:

Christine E. Taylor, Board Counsel

Absent:

Jeffrey G. Berry

Mr. Horrego moved to accept the minutes of July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018 as submitted. The motion was seconded by Dr. Johnson. All in favor. Carried.

At 3:08 p.m. Mr. Golden moved and Dr. Johnson seconded that the Board move into Executive Session regarding a request for clarification on RFO-04-18. All in favor. Carried.

At 3:40 p.m. Mr. Golden moved and Dr. Cooper seconded that the Board move out of Executive Session. All in favor. Carried.

Mr. Golden moved to modify and reissue RFO-04-18 in accordance with the Board's discussions in Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Dr. Cooper. All in favor. Carried.

Pertaining to the Ethics Local Law, Chair Sicina gave an overview of the changes that the Rules Committee approved at their August meeting that she and Ms. Taylor attended. They included some clarification in various sections as well as the Ethics suggestions regarding 1. remove requirement for a notary in Section 8.G and 2. sole waiver authority be limited to Section 10.C.

The Rules Committee also considered the Ethics Board's suggestion regarding Section 5.B(2) receiving a complaint and asked that this be further reviewed by the Board. After discussion on the proposed change of language drafted by Ethics Counsel, Dr. Cooper moved to approve same. The motion was seconded by Dr. Johnson. All in favor. Carried.

Mr. Golden moved to approve the proposed Ethics Complaint Form as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Horrego. All in favor. Carried.

Mr. Golden moved to approve the proposed Ethics Waiver Form as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Horrego. All in favor. Carried.

Mr. Golden moved to approve an amendment to Section 8.A. of the Ethics Law regarding the time frame for an individual to file their annual disclosure statement. The motion was seconded by Dr. Johnson. All in favor. Carried.

Chair Sicina informed the Board that the changes regarding Section 5.B.(2) and Section 8.A would be presented to the next Rules Committee Meeting on Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 3:30 pm. Mr. Golden agreed to attend.

Mr. Horrego moved to approve the Counsel Bills for July in the amount of \$2,818.75 and for August in the amount of \$1,127.50. The motion was seconded by Dr. Johnson. All in favor. Carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.

Chair Sicina updated the Board on the status of delinquent filers, the 2019 budget, and that the Board of Ethics office will be moving on September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018 to the new office space at 40 Matthews Street.

At 4:21 p.m. Mr. Golden moved and Dr. Johnson seconded that the Board move into Executive Session regarding a personnel issue.

At 4:26 p.m. Dr. Johnson moved and Mr. Horrego seconded that the Board move out of Executive Session.

At 4:27 p.m. Dr. Johnson moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Golden. All in favor. Carried.