

ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS

MINUTES

September 16, 2021

Present:

Richard B. Golden, Chair
Paul K. Johnson
Daniel B. Clarino
Gordon L. Dean
Jeffrey G. Berry

Also in attendance:

James T. Towne, Jr., Board Counsel

Absent:

Marcus A. Horrego

Chair Golden called the meeting to order at 3:09 p.m.

Dr. Johnson moved to approve the minutes of August 19, 2021. Seconded by Mr. Clarino. All in favor. Carried.

Chair Golden stated that the County is still working on Counsel's contract extension, therefore, past invoices have not yet been paid. Dr. Johnson moved to approve the August 2021 Counsel Bill in the amount of \$358.75. Seconded by Mr. Dean. All in favor. Carried.

At 3:11 p.m., Judge Berry moved to go into Executive Session to review Request for Opinion RFO-03-21, Disclosure Letters DL-02-21 and DL-03-21, and a financial disclosure statement with unrectified issues. Seconded by Mr. Dean. All in favor. Carried.

At 3:56 p.m., Judge Berry moved to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Clarino. All in favor. Carried.

Regarding Request for Opinion RFO-03-21, the individual will be informed that a final decision will be rendered at the October meeting.

Regarding DL-02-21, Counsel will draft a letter as discussed in Executive Session.

Regarding DL-03-21, Chair Golden will email the individual as discussed in Executive Session.

Regarding the individual filer with an unrectified Financial Disclosure Statement, it was decided that the issue be tabled until the October meeting.

Chair Golden informed the Board that there are 14 delinquent filers, including one candidate. Letters have been sent to all individuals notifying them that they must file by September 10th or the matter will be referred to the District Attorney's office for further action. It was decided that those still delinquent as of the next Board meeting will be considered in violation and referred to the DA at that time.

Chair Golden announced that the Confidential Secretary will be resigning. Discussion followed regarding hiring procedures for a replacement.

Chair Golden announced that, on September 2, 2021, New York State enacted legislation allowing municipal meetings to be held entirely virtually. The consensus of the Board was to continue in-person meetings.

The next meeting was scheduled for October 21, 2021, at 3:00 p.m.

At 3:58 p.m., Dr. Johnson moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Mr. Clarino. All in favor. Carried.