

ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS

MINUTES

September 24, 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 3:09 p.m.

Present:

Gail Sicina
Daniel B. Clarino
Paul K. Johnson
Marcus Horrego
Jeffrey G. Berry

Absent:

Richard B. Golden
Raymond G. Cooper

Also in attendance:

James Towne, Board Counsel
(by teleconference)

Dr. Johnson moved to approve the minutes of August 6, 2020. Seconded by Judge Berry. All in favor. Carried.

Dr. Johnson moved to approve the Counsel Bill for August 2020 in the amount of \$820.00. Seconded by Mr. Clarino. All in favor. Carried.

At 3:10 p.m., Dr. Johnson moved to go into Executive Session to review Request for Opinion RFO-12-20. Seconded by Judge Berry. All in favor. Carried.

At 3:13 p.m., Dr. Johnson moved to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Clarino. All in favor. Carried.

Mr. Horrego arrived at 3:14 p.m.

Regarding Request for Opinion RFO-12-20, Dr. Johnson moved that the letter drafted by Counsel dated September 24th be approved as amended. Seconded by Judge Berry. All in favor. Carried.

Chair Sicina advised that there are 9 delinquent Financial Disclosure Statements to date. The names will be submitted to the District Attorney for further action.

Chair Sicina advised the Board that she will be stepping down as Chair at the end of this year.

The Board Members present reviewed their contact information for any changes. Dr. Johnson confirmed that he will accept reappointment at the expiration of his term, December 31st. Mr. Golden's term will also expire at that time.

Chair Sicina asked the Board if there were any suggestions for revising Local Law No. 9 of 2018 or the Financial Disclosure Statement. Chair Sicina proposed accepting digitally signed or scanned signatures on future Financial Disclosure Statements. Mr. Horrego mentioned that "DocuSign" is a widely accepted format. This matter will be further discussed at our next meeting.

Chair Sicina advised the Board that the Confidential Secretary will be contacting each Member separately to conduct a trial run of virtually meeting via Microsoft Teams.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 22, 2020.

At 3:33 p.m., Mr. Horrego 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.)