

ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS

MINUTES

September 27, 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 3:14 p.m.

Present:

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

Absent:

Paul A. Johnson
Jeffrey G. Berry

Also in attendance via conference call:
Christine Taylor, Board Counsel

At 3:15 p.m., Dr. Cooper moved to go into Executive Session to review Requests for Opinions (RFO-11-19 and RFO-12-19) and Complaints (C-01-19 and C-02-19), seconded by Mr. Horrego. All in favor.

At 3:45 p.m., Mr. Golden moved to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Horrego. All in favor. Carried.

Regarding Request for Opinion (RFO-11-19), Dr. Cooper moved that counsel draft an advisory opinion based upon discussion in executive session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Horrego. All in favor. Carried.

Regarding Request for Opinion (RFO-12-19), Mr. Golden 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 Complaint (C-01-19), Mr. Golden moved that counsel draft a letter based upon discussion in executive session. The motion was seconded by Dr. Cooper. All in favor. Carried.

Regarding Complaint (C-02-19), Mr. Golden moved that counsel draft a letter based upon discussion in executive session and further legal research or whether to revisit the issue. The motion was seconded by Mr. Berry. All in favor. Carried.

Discussion followed regarding the "Open Meetings Law" whereby a member of the Ethics Board may participate via conferencing (skype, facetime) and be counted as attending a meeting. Mr. Golden asked that Counsel provide Chair Sicina with the legal requirements for posting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

