

ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS

MINUTES

October 25, 2018

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 3:13 p.m.

Present:

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

Also in Attendance:

James T. Towne, Board Counsel

Mr. Golden moved to amend the minutes of September 13, 2018 by deleting the name of James Towne as he was not in attendance. The motion was seconded by Dr. Johnson. All in favor. Carried. On motion of Mr. Golden, seconded by Dr. Johnson, the minutes of September 13, 2018, as amended, were accepted. The vote was as follows: Ayes 4; Noes 0; Absent 1 (Horrego). Mr. Berry did not vote as he was not in attendance at the September meeting. Carried.

At 3:15 p.m. Mr. Berry moved and Mr. Golden seconded that the Board move into Executive Session regarding Request for Opinion (RFO-05-18). All in favor. Carried.

Mr. Horrego joined the meeting at 3:16 p.m.

At 3:23 p.m. Dr. Johnson moved and Mr. Berry seconded that the Board move out of Executive Session. All in favor. Carried.

Dr. Johnson moved that Mr. Towne draft a letter regarding RFO-05-18 in accordance with the Board's discussions in Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Berry. All in favor. Carried.

Dr. Johnson moved regarding Disclosure Letter (DL-05-18) that the Board send a letter acknowledging the new disclosure, finding it acceptable and presenting no conflict, and that there is no need for further action at this time. The motion was seconded by Mr. Golden. All in favor. Carried.

Mr. Golden moved that, pending a formal adoption of the regulation, the Board keep confidential any complaints it receives until such regulation is in place. The motion was seconded by Mr. Berry. All in favor. Carried.

Mr. Golden moved that the Board send the list of the remaining delinquent filers to the District Attorney for further action that the District Attorney deems appropriate, and to refer to the section

of law indicating that the Board is able to make such report. The motion was seconded by Dr. Cooper. All in favor. Carried.

Mr. Berry moved to approve the Counsel Bills for September in the amount of \$1435.00. The motion was seconded by Dr. Johnson. All in favor. Carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 29th, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.

Chair Sicina stated that she along with Dr. Johnson attended the October 17th Rules Committee Meeting regarding the 2019 Ethics Budget, noting that the correct amount is \$41,727. (An incorrect amount was given to the Board at the June Ethics meeting.)

Chair Sicina asked Mr. Berry and Mr. Horrego if they would like to continue serving on the Ethics Board as their terms expire at the end of this year. Mr. Berry and Mr. Horrego both agreed to continue serving the Board of Ethics. A memo to the County Executive and Legislature will be sent requesting their reappointments.

At 4:08 p.m. Mr. Golden moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Horrego. All in favor. Carried.