



Orange County Board of Ethics

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2017 Annual Report

Mission Statement for Board of Ethics: The Board is comprised of seven members, each of whom serves without compensation. The Board is responsible for ensuring full compliance with the Orange County Code of Ethics, including mandated financial disclosures by certain County employees and officials. The citizens of New York State and Orange County are entitled to be assured that persons in positions of governmental responsibility act in the discharge of their duties according to the highest standards of ethical conduct.

With a total budget of 33,173 for 2017, The Board approved the extension of our present counsel for an additional year with the same terms and conditions. The secretary, which had been a contractual position since 1990, began in 2017 as a county employee.

The Board sent out a total of 337 Financial Disclosure Statements to the required filers to be completed and returned by the May 1, 2017 deadline. By the end of May, there were 29 delinquent filers who were notified that either they submit their forms or appear before the Board.

Waiver and Foil forms were approved by the members as required by the new Ethics Local Law.

By December, after various attempts by the Board, two delinquent filers were referred to the District Attorney for further action, pursuant to Sections 8 and 9C of Local Law No. 1 of 2017.

The Board of Ethics scheduled nine meetings and two work sessions and finalized the following in 2017:

- 346 Financial Disclosure Statements
- 5 Requests for Opinions

9 Disclosure letters reviewed.

6 Complaints

1 Waiver

2 Delinquent Filers

Pursuant to Section 8 of Local Law No. 1 of 2017, the members also reviewed twenty-three financial disclosure statements filed by candidates for elected positions.