

**Local Finance Board
Local Government Ethics Law
February 14, 2024
VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS**

The meeting was called to order at 9:16 a.m. by Jacquelyn A. Suárez, Chairperson. Nicholas Bennett, Executive Secretary, stated that in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, C.10:4-6 et seq., proper notice was given to the Secretary of State, the *Star-Ledger* and the *Times of Trenton*. A roll call was taken: 6 members were present: Chairperson Suárez, Dominick DiRocco, William Close, Alan Avery, Idida Rodriguez and Robert Jackson were present. There are two vacancies. A quorum was present. Also present were DAG Craig Keiser and staff members Dana C. Jones, Shannon Hudak, Davinder Gill, and Matthew Marthaler.

At 9:16 a.m., a motion was made by Mr. Close and second by Ms. Rodriguez to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing complaints, requests for advisory opinions, and to receive related legal advice. A roll call vote was taken: 6 affirmatives. Motion passed.

At 11:12 a.m., a motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Mr. DiRocco to go into open session. A roll call was taken: 6 affirmatives. Motion passed.

The Local Finance Board then determined to take a brief recess and reconvened at 11:30 a.m. to consider financing applications and to take action on the following Ethics items:

Concerning the matter of B.1. January 10, 2024, Meeting Minutes: A motion was made by Mr. Close and second by Mr. Avery to approve the minutes. A roll call was taken: 5 affirmatives. Mr. Jackson recused. Motion passed.

Concerning the matter of B.2. A motion was made by Mr. Close and second by Ms. Rodriguez to issue a Notice of Investigation to two (2) Local Government Officers (LGOs) for alleged violation of N.J.S.A. 40:9-22.5(a), N.J.S.A. 40:9-22.5(c), N.J.S.A. 40:9-22.5(d) and N.J.S.A. 40:9-22.5(e). A roll call was taken: 5 affirmatives. Mr. DiRocco recused. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,



Nicholas Bennett
Executive Secretary
Local Finance Board