

**Local Finance Board
Local Government Ethics Law
December 13, 2023
VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS**

The meeting was called to order at 9:06 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: 4 members were present: Chairperson Suárez, Dominick DiRocco, William Close, and Idida Rodriguez were present. Board member Alan Avery was absent. There are three vacancies. A quorum was present. Also present were DAG George Cohen and staff members Dana C. Jones and Shannon Hudak.

At 9:08 a.m., a motion was made by Ms. Rodriguez and second by Mr. Close 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: 4 affirmatives. Motion passed.

Advisory Opinion 23-004 was discussed. Chairperson Suárez recused herself from the discussion and exited the meeting for the duration of the discussion of the request.

Advisory Opinion 23-005 was discussed.

At 10:00 a.m., a motion was made by Mr. DiRocco and second by Ms. Rodriguez to go into open session. A roll call was taken: 4 affirmatives. Motion passed.

The Local Finance Board then determined to take a brief recess and reconvened at 10:15 a.m. to consider financing applications and to take action on the following Ethics items:

November 8, 2023, Meeting Minutes A motion was made by Mr. Close and second by Ms. Rodriguez to approve the minutes. A roll call was taken: 4 affirmatives. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,



Nicholas Bennett
Executive Secretary
Local Finance Board