

SUFFOLK COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS

Minutes of Meeting Held on
July 15, 2015
In the Office of the Board of Ethics
Sunrise Business Center, 3500 Sunrise Highway, Room 364
Great River, New York 11739

Meeting: *Board Members present:* Linda Spahr, Richard Halverson and Dennis O’Doherty. *Staff present:* Samantha Segal, Executive Director and Darlene Kurrass, Board Secretary, taking minutes.

Ascertainment of Quorum: The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Acting Chair, Linda Spahr. A roll call was conducted and a quorum was present.

Adoption of Agenda: A motion was made by Dennis O’Doherty, seconded by Linda Spahr, to adopt the agenda. Upon a vote being taken, motion was approved (3-0-0).

Adoption of Minutes: A motion was made by Linda Spahr, seconded by Dennis O’Doherty to adopt the minutes of the June 17, 2015 meeting, as amended. Upon a vote being taken, motion was approved (3-0-0). A motion was made by Dennis O’Doherty, seconded by Linda Spahr to adopt the minutes of the July 1, 2015 meeting, as amended. Upon a vote being taken, motion was approved (3-0-0).

Public Session: Linda Spahr opened Public Session. No members of the public were present and no written testimony was submitted. Linda Spahr closed public session.

Chair Report: Board reviewed Proclamation 001-2015. A motion was made by Linda Spahr, seconded by Richard Halverson to adopt Proclamation 001-2015 (Attachment 1) in recognition of Robin L. Long’s work with the Board.

Executive Director Report: Samantha Segal, Executive Director, reported and/or discussed the following:

- 2015 Candidate List;
- Potential Law Department Training; and
- General Counsel Contract: Issue resolved with Audit and Control.

Legislation Update: The Suffolk County Board of Ethics has been removed from the Suffolk County lobbyist law by Local Law No. 20-2015, a Charter Law to strengthen lobbyist registration and reporting requirement. Discussed Suffolk County Code §77-11 which give the Board authority to review filer lists.

Executive Session: At 5:25 p.m. a motion was made by Linda Spahr, seconded by Richard Halverson to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing confidential matters pertaining to one Ethics Violation Complaint, two HR matters, and correspondence review in accordance with the Suffolk County Administrative Code §A30-8 and the New York State Open Meetings Law. Upon a vote being taken, motion was approved (3-0-0).

During Executive Session the Board voted on jurisdiction of C-003-2015 (0-3-0).

A motion was made by Richard Halverson, seconded by Dennis O’Doherty to close Executive Session. Upon a vote being taken, motion was approved (3-0-0).

New Business: The 2015 Financial Disclosure Statement Audit and Review will consist of Dual/Outside Employment, Contracts, and Positions. The Board set meeting dates for the remainder of 2015.

The next meeting of the Board will be held August 5, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Linda Spahr, seconded by Richard Halverson to adjourn the meeting. Upon a vote being taken, motion was approved (3-0-0) (6:00 p.m.).

Proclamation

The Suffolk County Board of Ethics is proud to recognize those individuals who maintain the highest professional ethical standards contributing to government transparency and trust, and,

WHEREAS: Local Law No. 56-2011 established a new Suffolk County Board of Ethics to administer and enforce the County's conflict of interest and disclosure rules; and

WHEREAS: in accordance with said law, **Robin L. Long, Esq.** was appointed by the Suffolk County Executive and confirmed by the Suffolk County Legislature in 2012 to serve as an original member of the Board of Ethics, and was reappointed by the Suffolk County Executive and reconfirmed by the Suffolk County Legislature in 2014 to serve a second term as a member of the Board of Ethics; and

WHEREAS: Robin L. Long, Esq. served with distinction as a member of the Board of Ethics, both as its Vice-Chairperson, and as its Chairperson; and

WHEREAS: Robin L. Long, Esq. demonstrated outstanding commitment and devoted an exceptional amount of time to the development of a Board of Ethics that would satisfy and exceed the standards set forth in its enabling legislation; and

WHEREAS: Robin L. Long, Esq. always acted with the utmost level of professionalism and in accordance with highest personal and professional ethical standards,

NOW, THEREFORE, in its own name and on behalf of the citizens of Suffolk County, the Suffolk County Board of Ethics does hereby adopt this Proclamation in honor of

Robin L. Long, Esq.

In public recognition of her work to further the Mission of the Suffolk County Board of Ethics in practicing and promoting ethical literacy and conduct in government through Training, Transparency and Trust.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF: On behalf of the Suffolk County Board of Ethics, I, Linda A. Spahr, Esq., Acting Chair, have hereunto set my hand on this fifteenth day of July, two thousand and fifteen.



Linda A. Spahr, Esq., Acting Chair
Suffolk County Board of Ethics