

SUFFOLK COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS

Minutes of Meeting Held on
February 4, 2015
Office of the Board of Ethics
Sunrise Business Center, 3500 Sunrise Highway, Room 364
Great River, New York 11739

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

Ascertainment of Quorum: The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairperson, Robin Long. 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 (4-0-0).

Adoption of Minutes: A motion was made by Robin Long, seconded by Dennis O’Doherty, to adopt the minutes of the January 14, 2015 meeting. Upon a vote being taken, motion was approved (4-0-0).

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

Executive Session: At 9:45 a.m. a motion was made by Robin Long, seconded by Linda Spahr to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing confidential matters pertaining to one Advisory Opinion, one Notice of Violation, one Disclosure, two Financial Disclosure Statement 2nd Level Reviews, and Financial Disclosure Statement Audit Update 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 (4-0-0).

Heather Palmore arrived during Executive Session at 9:50 a.m.

During Executive Session the Board voted on:

- AO-2015-1, standing (5-0-0)
- Notice of Violation 001-2015 (5-0-0)
- Disclosure 001-2015 (5-0-0)

Heather Palmore left during Executive Session at 10:45 a.m.

A motion was made by Robin Long, seconded by Linda Spahr to close Executive Session. Upon a vote being taken, motion was approved (4-0-0).

Richard Halverson left after the close of Executive Session at 11:10 a.m.

The following paragraph was moved from Executive Session for the purpose of the minutes:

“A motion was made by Linda Spahr, seconded by Robin Long to adopt Board Rule 001/2015, as amended to read: ‘Upon review of a Suffolk County Financial Disclosure Statement revealing a potential non –compliance with a Suffolk County Departmental employment policy, the Board shall inform the employee filer and the Department Head of such review.’ Upon a vote being taken, motion was approved (4-0-0).”

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Chair Report: The Board will review the Board's Rules and Regulations for 2015.

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

- Ethics by Posters Series: Three new posters
- FDS Review: Do-Not-Reply email disseminated to 82 filers.

New Business: Linda Spahr presented a draft Board Rule to the Board that will be reviewed by Counsel before Board consideration.

The next meeting of the Board will be held on February 18, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Robin Long, seconded by Dennis O'Doherty to adjourn the meeting. Upon a vote being taken, motion was approved (3-0-0) (11:20 a.m.).