

Suffolk County Board of Ethics  
Suffolk County, New York

Minutes of Meeting Held on  
March 11, 2013  
Office of the Board of Ethics  
335 Yaphank Avenue, Yaphank, New York 11980

Meeting: Board members present: Robin Long, Thomas Isles, Heather Palmore and Linda Spahr. Staff present: Samantha Segal, Executive Director and Darlene Kurrass, taking minutes.

Roll Call: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair, Robin Long. A roll call was conducted and a quorum was present.

Adoption of Agenda: At 6:00 p.m. a motion was made by Heather Palmore, seconded by Thomas Isles, to adopt the agenda. Upon a vote being taken motion was approved. (4-0-0)

Adoption of Minutes: At 6:00 p.m. a motion was made by Heather Palmore, seconded by Thomas Isles to adopt the minutes of the February 27, 2013 meeting as amended. Upon a vote being taken motion was approved. (4-0-0)

Public Session: At 6:01 p.m. Robin Long opened Public Session. No members of the public were present and no written testimony was submitted.

At 6:01 p.m. a motion was made by Thomas Isles, seconded by Heather Palmore to close Public Session. Upon a vote being taken motion was approved. (4-0-0)

Robin Long moved Executive Session up on the agenda.

The following two paragraphs were moved to outside of Executive Session for the purpose of the minutes:

1. Heather Palmore disclosed to the Board her involvement with Jack and Jill of America. The Board discussed it and agreed that it is not a conflict of interest.
2. The Board decided that if the requestor of an Advisory Opinion has not responded to the Board's last dated correspondence within 90 days the Advisory Opinion will be closed and a letter will be sent informing the requestor of such closure.

Executive Session: At 6:04 p.m. a motion was made by Heather Palmore, seconded by Linda Spahr to go into Executive Session to discuss confidential matters pertaining to Advisory Opinions pursuant to § 105 (D)(F) of the New York State Open Meetings Law. Upon a vote being taken motion was approved. (4-0-0)

During Executive Session, the Board discussed:

- AO-2013-2

At 6:56 p.m. Robin Long recused herself from consideration of AO-2013-1 and left the room.

- AO-2013-1

At 7:14 p.m. Robin Long returned to the room.

- AO-2013-6

At 7:32 p.m. Heather Palmore left the meeting.

- AO-2012-2

At 7:54 p.m. a motion was made by Linda Spahr, seconded by Thomas Isles to leave Executive Session. Upon a vote being taken, motion was approved. (3-0-0)

Chair Report: Robin Long, Chair, discussed her appearance before the Legislature on Tuesday March 5, 2013 during the Public Hearing to discuss the Board's proposed bill. Samantha Segal, Executive Director was also present at the meeting. She also discussed the need to make changes to laws concerning post and pre-employment with the County. It was agreed that some substantive changes should be discussed at an upcoming Board meeting. She further discussed the Annual Report with the Board, all agreed to approve it.

Executive Director Report: Samantha Segal, Executive Director, discussed the "Financial Disclosure Deviation Report" which compares the disclosed lists of filers from 2012 with 2013. Letters of inquiry will be sent out to three (3) Departments pertaining to their disclosed lists.

The Board reviewed the proposed "Rules, Regulations and Procedures of the Suffolk County Board of Ethics". (Tabled)

New Business: No new business.

The next meeting of the Board will be held on March 27, 2013 at 4:00 pm.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Thomas Isles, seconded by Linda Spahr to adjourn the meeting. Upon a vote being taken the motion was approved. (3-0-0) (8:31 p.m.)