

Suffolk County Board of Ethics  
Suffolk County, New York

Minutes of Meeting Held on  
March 27, 2013  
Office of the Board of Ethics  
335 Yaphank Avenue, Yaphank, New York 11980

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

Roll Call: The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chair, Robin Long. A roll call was conducted and a quorum was present.

Adoption of Agenda: At 4:00 p.m. a motion was made by Richard Halverson, seconded by Linda Spahr, to adopt the agenda. Upon a vote being taken motion was approved. (4-0-0)

Adoption of Minutes: At 4:01 p.m. a motion was made by Linda Spahr, seconded by Thomas Isles, to adopt the minutes of the March 11, 2013 meeting as amended. Upon a vote being taken motion was approved. (3-0-1) Richard Halverson abstained.

Public Session: At 4:02 p.m. Robin Long opened Public Session. No members of the public were present and no written testimony was submitted. At 4:04 p.m. Robin Long closed public session.

Chair Report: Robin Long discussed the Legislature meeting, held March 19, 2013, at which the Board of Ethics' bill to amend the financial disclosure statement form was passed 18-0. Thomas Isles, Vice Chair and Samantha Segal, Executive Director were present at the meeting. The Board discussed amending the law governing advisory opinions to clarify standing of pre and post employees.

Executive Director Report: Samantha Segal informed the Board that the Annual Report was submitted, Code of Ethics Booklets were distributed and posted on the Board's webpage, and the Head of the Suffolk County Traffic & Parking Violations Agency asked her to meet with the staff and hand-out the Code of Ethics Booklets. The Board discussed the means by which the 2013 Financial Disclosure Statements will be distributed. Samantha Segal informed the Board of the six (6) responses to the Board's Request for Qualifications for Outside Counsel and distributed a proposed ethics training schedule for 2013.

The Board discussed what positions in certain Departments and Agencies of the County are, or should be, required to file Financial Disclosure Statements.

Executive Session: At 5:15 p.m. a motion was made by Richard Halverson, seconded by Linda Spahr to go into Executive Session to discuss confidential matters pertaining to Advisory Opinions and Complaints pursuant to § 105 (D) and (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-2012-2, (4-0-0), Chair signature pending,

- AO-2013-3,
- AO-2013-6,
- C-002-2013, (4-0-0).

At 7:02 p.m. a motion was made by Thomas Isles, seconded by Linda Spahr to leave Executive Session. Upon a vote being taken motion was approved. (4-0-0)

New Business: Training Schedule, tabled.

The next meeting of the Board will be held on April 10, 2013 at 6:00 pm.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Thomas Isles, seconded by Richard Halverson to adjourn the meeting. Upon a vote being taken the motion was approved. (4-0-0) (7:05 p.m.)