

Suffolk County Board of Ethics

Minutes of Meeting Held on
July 8, 2014
Office of the Board of Ethics
335 Yaphank Avenue, Yaphank, New York 11980

Meeting: *Board Members present:* Robin Long, 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 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 Dennis O’Doherty, seconded by Linda Spahr, to adopt the minutes of the June 30, 2014 Board 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.

Chair Report: None.

Executive Director Report: Samantha Segal, Executive Director, reported and discussed the following with the Board:

- 2014 Financial Disclosure Statement Review assisted by General Counsel,
- FOIL Request to Comptroller for SCEX Form 22’s,
- §A30-6 (B), Referral to Department Head for disciplinary proceedings,
- Outreach of George Nolan, General Counsel to the Suffolk County Legislature, in regards to the Board’s Legislative Recommendations and Code Review in the Suffolk County Board of Ethics 2013 Annual Report.

At 9:55 a.m. a motion was made by Robin Long, seconded by Dennis O’Doherty to add under Section I, of the Board Investigation Hearing Procedures, a subsection 4 stating that, “Such referral as required by Paragraph I, Subsection 3 of this provision shall consist of a copy of the reasonable cause finding to be served on the public servant’s County Department Head and the Suffolk County Law Department.” Upon a vote being taken, motion was approved (4-0-0).

At 10:05 a.m. a motion was made by Robin Long, seconded by Dennis O’Doherty to amend the Board Investigation Hearing Procedures Section I, subsection 1, last sentence, to read, “The public servant shall have 45 days to respond...” Upon a vote being taken, motion was approved (4-0-0).

Executive Session: At 10:15 a.m. a motion was made by Robin Long, seconded by Linda Spahr to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing ongoing confidential matters pertaining to two Reasonable Cause Letters, one Board Investigation, one Reasonable Cause Vote, and two Advisory Opinions 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).

During Executive Session the Board discussed the following:

- Reasonable Cause letters: C-002-2014 and C-003-2014,
- C-004-2014 (0-4-0),

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- AO-2014-6 as amended (4-0-0),
- AO-2014-7 (Adjourned) / Disclosure 001-2014 (4-0-0).

At 10:55 a.m. Robin Long recused (Recusal Number RL012014(8)) from participating in the discussion of Board Investigation 001-2014 and left the room.

Board discussed Board Investigation 001-2014. After discussion concluded Robin Long returned to the room.

At 11:20 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).

New Business: 2014 Financial Disclosure Statement Review: The Board directed Samantha Segal, Executive Director not to request Elected Officials' Suffolk County Form 22 as it does not apply. Also, the Executive Director will inform any recused Board of Ethics member of the outcome of a matter he/she recused from.

The next meeting of the Board will be held on July 23, 2014 at 6:00 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 (4-0-0) (11:20 a.m.)