

Suffolk County Board of Ethics
Suffolk County, New York

Minutes of Meeting Held on
July 10, 2013
Main Conference Room, Department of Public Works Building
335 Yaphank Avenue, Yaphank, New York 11980

Meeting: *Board Members present:* Robin Long, Richard Halverson, Heather Palmore and Linda Spahr. Thomas Isles arrived at 6:20. *Staff present:* Samantha Segal, Executive Director and Darlene Kurrass, taking minutes. *General Counsel present:* John Gross, Esq., Christopher Clayton, Esq. and Julie Torrey, Esq.

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 6:01 p.m. a motion was made by Heather Palmore, seconded by Linda Spahr, to adopt the agenda. Upon a vote being taken motion was approved. (4-0-0)

Adoption of Minutes: At 6:01 p.m. a motion was made by Linda Spahr, seconded by Richard Halverson, to adopt the minutes of the June 11, 2013 meeting. Upon a vote being taken motion was approved.(4-0-0)

Public Session: At 6:02 p.m. Robin Long opened Public Session. No members of the public were present and no written testimony was submitted. At 6:02 p.m. Robin Long closed public session.

Chair Report: Robin Long, Chair, designated the August 14th meeting for discussion of potential Legislation.

Executive Director Report: Samantha Segal discussed the following with the Board:

- Budget Hearing: Seeking dept. update in Aug.,
- C.O.G.E.L.
- Financial Disclosure Statement Update:
 - 17 outstanding to date,
 - 515 filed,
 - 3 employees did not file
- Local Public Authorities,
- Letters to Comptroller and Supervisor of non-filers,
- Non-filer responses to letters,
- Budget transfer,
- August 2013 Newsletter,
- Legal Intern to start July 11, 2013,
- Article of Interest,
- Awaiting County Attorney's letter of Services,
- Board Budget review, next meeting.

In-Service by General Counsel: General Counsel conducted a training of the NYS Freedom of Information and Open Meetings Laws.

At 7:45 p.m. Heather Palmore and Christopher Clayton left the meeting.

At 7:50 p.m. Robin Long entertained a motion to recall the minutes of the June 11, 2013 meeting, a motion was made by Richard Halverson, seconded by Thomas Isles to adopt the minutes as amended. Upon a vote being taken motion was approved. (4-0-0)

At 7:53 p.m. a motion was made by Robin Long, seconded by Linda Spahr to go into Executive Session to discuss confidential matters pertaining to reasonable cause determinations for three complaints, four Financial Disclosure Statement (“FDS”) Privacy Requests, two FDS second level board review, a letter from an FDS filer, civil service employment status, and possible investigation of a violation of Chapter 77 of the Suffolk County Code pursuant to § 105 (B), (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,

- C-004-2013, (4-0-0)
- C-005-2013, (4-0-0)
- C-006-2013, (4-0-0)

made a final determination of the Privacy Requests of:

- FDS #334,
- FDS #470,
- FDS #431,
- FDS #67,

and discussed letter of FDS #291. (4-0-0)

At 8:47 p.m. a motion was made by Richard Halverson, seconded by Thomas Isles to leave Executive Session. Upon a vote being taken motion was approved. (4-0-0)

New Business: None

The next meeting of the Board will be held on July 24, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Thomas Isles, seconded by Robin Long to adjourn the meeting. Upon a vote being taken the motion was approved. (4-0-0) (8:50 p.m.)