

SUFFOLK COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS

Minutes of Meeting Held on
September 16, 2015
In the Office of the Board of Ethics
Sunrise Business Center, 3500 Sunrise Highway, Room 364
Great River, New York 11739

Meeting: *Board Members present:* 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 Chair, Linda Spahr. A roll call was conducted and a quorum was present.

Adoption of Agenda: A motion was made by Richard Halverson, seconded by Dennis O’Doherty, to adopt the agenda. Upon a vote being taken, motion was approved (3-0-0).

Adoption of Minutes: A motion was made by Dennis O’ Doherty, seconded by Richard Halverson to adopt the minutes of the September 2, 2015 meeting. Upon a vote being taken, motion was approved (3-0-0).

Public Session: Linda Spahr opened Public Session. No members of the public were present and no written testimony was submitted. Linda Spahr closed Public Session.

Chair Report: Linda Spahr, Chair, reported and/or discussed the following:

- Attendance at Ways & Means Committee on September 3, 2015: Legislative I.R. 1649-2015.

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

- Legislative I.R. 1691-2015, “A Local Law to strengthen the Code of Ethics”;
 - If I.R. 1691-2015 passes Committee the Board will comment that Suffolk County Code §77-7 is the companion law that should also be amended;
- The Board will follow-up on letter sent to appointing authorities regarding vacancies in two weeks.

Executive Session: At 9:45 a.m. a motion was made by Linda Spahr, seconded by Dennis O’ Doherty to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing confidential matters pertaining to the continuation of the Executive Director Report regarding General Counsel updates and a personnel matter, three Advisory Opinions and one Ethics Violation Complaint 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 (3-0-0).

During Executive Session the Board adjourned vote on AO-2015-10 (3-0-0) and directed staff to conduct a further fact-finding pursuant to Board procedures, voted on AO-2015-13 (3-0-0), voted on AO-2015-14 (3-0-0), and received an update on C-004-2015 and directed staff to conduct a further fact-finding pursuant to Board procedures.

A motion was made by Linda Spahr, seconded by Richard Halverson to close Executive Session. Upon a vote being taken, motion was approved (3-0-0).

New Business: Samantha Segal advised the Board that Heather Palmore received the Board’s Letter of Distinction and extended her gratitude to the Board.

The next meeting of the Board will be held October 7, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Linda Spahr, seconded by Richard Halverson to adjourn the meeting. Upon a vote being taken, motion was approved (3-0-0) (11:30 a.m.).