

SUFFOLK COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS
Minutes of Public Meeting Held on
September 21, 2016
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, Anthony Parlatore and Eric Kopp. *Staff present:* Samantha Segal, Executive Director and Darlene Mohlmann, 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 Linda Spahr, seconded by Eric Kopp, to adopt the agenda, as amended to add one advisory opinion standing vote to Executive Session. Upon a vote being taken, motion was approved (4-0-0).

Adoption of Minutes: A motion was made by Anthony Parlatore, seconded by Richard Halverson to adopt the minutes of the September 7, 2016 meeting. Upon a vote being taken, motion was approved (4-0-0).

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: None.

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

- The Board is on track to receiving more Advisory Opinion Requests this year than any previous year;
- Training:
 - All-Employee Ethics Training confirmed for October 24, 2016 from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.;
 - CPE Certification being renewed;
 - Police Department: interested in scheduling department specific 2017 training(s), will distribute ethics materials to new employees, and begin utilizing the Board’s online training system;
- The initial 2016 FDS Review is 40% complete;
- Judicial Hearing Officer Contract has been send to the vendor for signature and is expected to be finalized by mid-October for tentative November hearing(s);
- Legislative I.R. 1852-2016: to amend Suffolk County Code Chapter 77 post-employment restrictions.
 - The Board has rendered Advisory Opinions on the current post-employment laws; and
 - Has intermittently discussed a waiver provision used in other jurisdictions;
 - George Nolan, Counsel to the Legislature, solicited the Board’s feedback on the proposed amendment;
 - Samantha Segal, Executive Director spoke to George Nolan and the County Attorney’s Office about past research on the topic. Other jurisdictions have a waiver provision;
 - The Board directed the Executive Director to send a letter in response to George Nolan’s request for feedback from the Board informing him of the election of other jurisdictions to include a waiver provision.
- The County Executive’s Office has not yet distributed the All-Department Head Memo regarding distribution of the Code of Ethics Booklet to County vendors in accordance with the County SOP;
- The Board reviewed the County Executive’s 2017 Recommended Operating Budget.

Executive Session: A motion was made by Linda Spahr, seconded by Richard Halverson to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing confidential matters pertaining to one hearing, three Advisory Opinions, three Advisory Opinion Requests, one Public Record Review, Counsel Updates, and one FDS Audit follow-up 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 conducted a Hearing and held Index No. FDS 140/2015 in violation of Suffolk County Code §77-10, with a waived fine. Approved (4-0-0);

A motion was made:

- To approve Advisory Opinion No. AO-2016-15. Adjourned;
- To approve Advisory Opinion No. AO-2016-16. Approved (4-0-0);
- To approve Advisory Opinion No. AO-2016-19. Approved (4-0-0);
- To approve standing of Advisory Opinion Request No. AO-2016-20. Approved (4-0-0);
- To approve standing of Advisory Opinion Request No. AO-2016-21. Approved (4-0-0);
- To approve standing of Advisory Opinion Request No. AO-2016-22. Approved (4-0-0);

Anthony Parlatore recused from discussion of Public Record Review 002-2016 and left the meeting at 10:56 a.m.

A motion was made by Linda Spahr, seconded by Eric Kopp, to close 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 October 5, 2016 at 9:30 a.m.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Eric Kopp, seconded by Linda Spahr to adjourn the meeting. Upon a vote being taken, motion was approved (4-0-0) (11:10 a.m.).