

SUFFOLK COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS  
Minutes of Public Meeting Held on  
February 19, 2020  
In the Office of the Suffolk County Board of Ethics  
Sunrise Business Center, 3500 Sunrise Highway, Room 364  
Great River, New York 11739

Meeting: *Board Members Present:* Chair, Eric A. Kopp; Vice Chair, Linda Spahr; Dennis O’Doherty; Anthony Parlatore; and David Bekofsky. *Board Staff Present:* Executive Director, Samantha Segal, Esq.; Board Secretary, taking minutes, Darlene Mohlmann; and Part-time Board Investigator, Phyllis Gagliardi. *Board Independent Counsel Present:* Michael Raniere, Esq.

Ascertainment of Quorum: The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chair, Eric A. Kopp. A roll call was conducted and a quorum was present.

Adoption of Agenda: A motion was made by David Bekofsky, seconded by Linda Spahr, to adopt the agenda. Upon a vote being taken, motion was approved (5-0-0).

Adoption of Minutes: A motion was made by Anthony Parlatore, seconded by Linda Spahr to adopt the minutes of the February 5, 2020 meeting. Upon a vote being taken, motion was approved (5-0-0).

Public Session: Eric A. Kopp opened Public Session. No members of the public were present and no written testimony was submitted. Eric A. Kopp closed Public Session.

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

- 2019 Annual Report;
- FOIL production;
- Civil Service’s response to Board letter: Will incorporate notice of possible Financial Disclosure Statement filing obligation on Civil Service job postings. Civil Service forwarded information to County Executive’s Office regarding same for departments that post job postings;
- Electronic financial disclosure statement filing options offered by the Department of Information Technology, including a secure pdf upload (short-term project) and a programed form with data entry and secure submission (long term project);

Board directed submission of request to IT to begin working on both electronic filing options for short and long term;

- 2019 Budget update;
- Post-Employment jurisdiction review and Executive Director’s conversation with General Counsel of the New York City Conflicts of Interest Board.

Executive Session: A motion was made by Eric A. Kopp, seconded by Anthony Parlatore to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing confidential matters pertaining to one Advisory Opinion and two Financial Disclosure Statement Privacy Requests 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 (5-0-0).

During Executive Session: A motion was made to:

- Approve Advisory Opinion No. AO-2020-1, as amended. Approved (3-0-2), Eric A. Kopp and Linda Spahr, abstained;
- Deny Privacy Request for Financial Disclosure Statement No. FDS-125-2019. Approved (5-0-0);
- Grant standard redaction policy for Privacy Request for Financial Disclosure Statement No. FDS-529-2019. Approved (5-0-0).

At 10:05 a.m. a motion was made by Eric A. Kopp, seconded by Linda Spahr to close Executive Session. Upon a vote being taken, motion was approved (5-0-0).

New Business: None.

The next meeting of the Board will be held on Wednesday, March 4, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. There being no further business, a motion was made by David Bekofsky, seconded by Linda Spahr to adjourn the meeting. Upon a vote being taken, motion was approved (5-0-0) (10:15 a.m.).