

ULSTER COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS

DATE: January 26, 2023

TIME: 5:00 PM

PLACE: Ulster County Human Services Complex
100 Development Court, Building #2, Suite 400
(Veterans Agency Entrance)
Kingston, New York

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Dylan Gallagher, Temporary Chair
Lara Kasper-Bukareff
Robert Nuzzo
Deborah Schneer

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Dean McGee

OTHERS ATTENDING: Judy Riley, Secretary to the Board of Ethics
Joseph DiFalco, Citizen
Richard Williams, Esq, Assistant County Attorney
Taane Pegg, Guest
March Gallagher, UC Comptroller

The Meeting was called to order at 5:05pm.

The Board voted in a temporary Chair for the meeting. Motion was made to wait until the full board was present to appoint a Chair for the year and to appoint Dylan Gallagher as the temporary Chair for the meeting, Robert Nuzzo 1st, Deborah Schneer 2nd, unanimously approved (Dylan G. abstained).

The Chair asked if anyone had any revisions to the minutes from the December 20, 2022 meeting. No discussion. Motion to approve the minutes from the December 20, 2022 Board of Ethics Meeting, Dylan Gallagher 1st, Robert Nuzzo 2nd, unanimously approved.

Robert Nuzzo introduced Taane Pegg as a potential candidate to serve on the Board of Ethics. The Board had reviewed his resume and Taane introduced himself to the Board, asked questions and Dylan Gallagher explained the duties of the Board. Taane stated his interest in serving on the Board. Motion was made to nominate Taane Pegg as the Board's candidate to serve on the Board of Ethics pursuant to the Ulster County Ethics Law, Robert Nuzzo 1st, Dylan Gallagher 2nd. Judy will send the nomination to the County Executive's Office.

Mr. DiFalco addressed the Board although his matter was not on the Agenda. He insisted that the responses he received from the Board of Ethics be signed. The Board refused to address his concerns as he interrupted the Board's business. Mr. DiFalco left the meeting at 5:20pm.

March Gallagher exited the meeting at 5:22pm.

5:22pm Motion to Enter Executive Session to discuss Complaints forwarded by the Town of Gardiner Board of Ethics, Dylan Gallagher 1st, Robert Nuzzo 2nd, unanimously approved.

6:00pm Motion to Exit Executive Session Dylan Gallagher 1st, Robert Nuzzo 2nd, unanimously approved.

Motion made: As a result of the Board's discussion and review of the Ethics and Disclosure Law of the Town of Gardiner, the Board determined that there were no conflicts of interest, appearance of conflicts of interest, or violations of the Town of Gardiner's Ethics & Disclosure Law, and all four (4) complaints were dismissed. A letter will be drafted and reviewed by the Board and then sent to the complainant, Lara Kasper-Bukareff 1st, Dylan Gallagher 2nd, unanimously approved.

6:04pm Motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the Request for Advisory Opinion, Dylan Gallagher 1st, Deborah Schneer 2nd, unanimously approved.

6:17pm Motion to Exit Executive Session Dylan Gallagher 1st, Lara Kasper-Bukareff, unanimously approved.

Motion was made: As the result of the Board's review and discussion of the Request for Advisory Opinion and the Ulster County Ethics Law in Executive Session, the Board would like to continue its discussion of this matter at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting, Dylan 1st, Robert Nuzzo 2nd, unanimously approved.

6:18pm Motion was made to adjourn the meeting, Robert Nuzzo 1st, Dylan Gallagher, 2nd, unanimously approved.