

ULSTER COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS

DATE: May 18, 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: Robert Nuzzo, Temporary Chair
Dean McGee
Deborah Schneer
Dylan Gallagher

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS ATTENDING: Judy Riley, Secretary to the Board of Ethics
Richard Williams, Esq, Assistant County Attorney

The Meeting was called to order at 5:10pm.

Robert Nuzzo called the meeting to Order.

The Chair asked if anyone had any revisions to the minutes from the March 29, 2023 meeting. No discussion. Motion to approve the minutes from the March 29, 2023 Board of Ethics Meeting, Dean McGee 1st, Dylan Gallagher 2nd, unanimously approved.

Judy gave an update regarding the request and Subpoena from the Ulster County Comptroller for Financial Disclosure Forms. Judy scanned and provided the 2018 and 2019 Forms and had staff from the Comptroller's Office scan the 2016 and 2017 Forms. The Comptroller received Financial Disclosure Forms from the Ulster County Legislative Office for 2021 and request any outstanding documents which Judy sent her. The Comptroller also requested copies of the Board of Ethics Annual Reports for the years 2018-2021. Judy sent all years except 2019 as there was no report filed that year.

Judy provided an update regarding outstanding 2021 Financial Disclosure Forms – many people were removed from the list as they were no longer employed by Ulster County or serving on a committee/board. There are 3 currently outstanding – 2 individuals from UCEDA and 1 from UCRRA (who may no longer be on the Board). She is following up. Bob Nuzzo stated that he would review any submitted forms once we receive them.

Judy mentioned that the Board is required to post the Financial Disclosure Forms for all Elected Officials to the County's website. Judy redacted all of the forms and sent the drop box link to the Board members to review to determine if they would like anything further redacted. The Board agreed that the redactions, per the Ethics Law, were enough and they can be posted on the website.

5:16pm Motion was made to go into Executive Session to discuss the Complaint received by the Board of Ethics, Deborah Schmeer 1st, Dylan Gallagher 2nd, unanimously approved.

5:53pm Motion was made to exit Executive Session, Dean McGee 1st, Dylan Gallagher 2nd, unanimously approved.

After discussion in Executive Session, Motion was made to send a letter to Complainant to ask for specific details regarding the allegations included in the complaint as it relates to the Ulster County Ethics Law. Dean McGee 1st, Dylan Gallagher 2nd, unanimously approved.

5:56pm Motion was made to adjourn the meeting, Dylan Gallagher 1st, Dean McGee 2nd, unanimously approved.