

# ULSTER COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS

DATE: August 13, 2024

TIME: 6:00 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, Acting Chair  
Stephanie Ellis  
Deborah Schneer  
Paul Tully  
Brigid Walsh  
Anne Zahradnik

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS ATTENDING: March Gallagher, UC Comptroller  
Judy Riley, Secretary to the Board of Ethics

The Meeting was called to order at 6:12pm by Robert Nuzzo, Acting Chair.

The Chair asked if anyone had any revisions to the minutes from the July 9, 2024 or the July 31, 2024 meetings. No discussion. Motion to approve the minutes from the July 9, 2024 and July 31, 2024 Board of Ethics Meetings, Brigid Walsh 1<sup>st</sup>, Anne Zahradnik 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimously approved.

Ulster County Comptroller March Gallagher asked to address the Board. She asked that once the 2023 Financial Disclosure Forms were reviewed that the Board allow the Comptroller's office access to the forms for review. She asked for the Board to expeditiously make a determination with regard to the Complaint and if there is a hearing to contact her as soon as possible. She also requested that the Board review the minutes of the Legislative Meeting related to the complaint – that the people involved in the consent agenda approvals are no longer employed by the County and she urged to Board to review the meeting minutes. Comptroller Gallagher exited the meeting at 6:18pm.

Old Business:

Review of Complaint (C-2024-004) - Robert Nuzzo recused himself from the matter.

6:19pm Motion was made to enter into Executive Session to discuss the complaint (C-2024-004) received by the Board, Anne Zahradnik 1<sup>st</sup>, Brigid Walsh 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimously approved.

6:41pm Motion was made to exit Executive Session, Anne Zahradnik 1<sup>st</sup>, Paul Tully 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimously approved.

Motion was made to draft and send letter to reprimand individual that is the subject of the complaint C-2024-004 according to discussions held in Executive Session, Brigid Walsh 1<sup>st</sup>, Anne Zahradnik 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimously approved. (Robert Nuzzo abstained)

Judy Riley asked the Board if she needs to respond to an email from Mr. Veitch. The Board stated that there was no need at this time.

The Board reviewed the majority of the 2023 Financial Disclosure Forms however there are several still outstanding. Once all of the forms have been received and reviewed, Judy can post the elected official's forms on the website and provide copies to the Comptroller as in the past.

Robert Nuzzo let the Board know that the County Executive has put forth the Board's appointment of Taane Pegg and it will be going to the next legislative session.

6:50pm Motion to adjourn meeting, Deborah Schmeer 1<sup>st</sup>, Brigid Walsh 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimously approved.