

# ULSTER COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS

DATE: August 29, 2022

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: Gerald Benjamin, Chair  
Lou Klein  
Marjorie Rovereto  
Dylan Gallagher  
Kenneth Hassett

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS ATTENDING: Judy Riley, Secretary to the Board of Ethics  
Joseph DiFalco, Citizen  
Carl Brown, UC Human Rights Commission

Board of Ethics Meeting called the meeting to order at 5:10 PM.

Mr. DiFalco addressed the board with regard to his complaint. The Board let him know that the Legislature denied their FOIL request. They let him know that this is the last time the members will be serving on this board after tonight. He may have to address the next appointed Board. Mr. DiFalco stated that he went to a Legislative meeting and did not have much success. Chair Gerald Benjamin let him know that there is no remedy with this Board right now and the members will no longer be present. He can come back to the next Board. Mr. DiFalco exited the meeting at 5:19pm.

Motion to approve the Board of Ethics minutes from the May 31, 2022 meeting. Gerald Benjamin 1<sup>st</sup>, Ken Hassett 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimously approved.

Carl Brown stated he was just at the meeting to observe. He has been visiting various meetings and believes that if board members could be appointed for longer periods of time they could accomplish more. It was explained that the Board of Ethics members serve a five-year term and can usually be reappointed however, due to the revised Ethics and Disclosure Law that was recently passed, a new Board of Ethics was appointed to being September 1, 2022.

5:22 pm Carl Brown exited the meeting.

Motion was made to enter into Executive Session to discuss a pending Complaint, Ken Hassett 1<sup>st</sup>, Marjorie Rovereto 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimously approved.

Motion was made to exit Executive Session Lou Klein 1<sup>st</sup>, Dylan Gallagher 2<sup>nd</sup>, approved unanimously.

Motion was made to table the complaint for further review and discussion regarding the complaint and the documentation recently received, Ken Hassett 1<sup>st</sup>, Marjorie Rovereto 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimously approved.

The Board discussed the status of the 2019 & 2020 Financial Disclosure Forms. Judy Riley reported that there was one missing from each year. Judy asked the Board if they would give her permission to archive both years once she received the final forms. Motion was made to archive the 2019 and 2020 Financial Disclosure Forms upon receipt of the 2 outstanding forms, Ken Hassett 1<sup>st</sup>, Lou Klein 2<sup>nd</sup>, approved unanimously.

The Board reviewed the 2020 and 2021 Annual Reports. Motion was made to have the Chair sign the 2020 and 2021 Annual Reports and file them with the Clerk of the Legislature, Lou Klein 1<sup>st</sup>, Marjorie Rovereto 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:06 pm.