

ULSTER COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS

DATE: December 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, Acting Chair
Deborah Schneer
Dylan Gallagher
Anne Zahradnik

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS ATTENDING: Judy Riley, Secretary to the Board of Ethics

The Meeting was called to order at 5:07pm by Robert Nuzzo, Acting Chair.

The Chair asked if anyone had any revisions to the minutes from the November 8, 2023 meeting. No discussion. Motion to approve the minutes from the November 8, 2023 Board of Ethics Meeting, Anne Zahradnik 1st, Deborah Schneer 2nd, unanimously approved.

Old Business:

5:11 pm Motion was made to go into Executive Session to discuss the first of two requests for advisory opinions from a County Legislator, Dylan Gallagher 1st, Anne Zahradnik 2nd, unanimously approved.

5:15 pm Motion was made to exit Executive Session, Deborah Schneer 1st, Dylan Gallagher 2nd, unanimously approved.

Motion was made: As it pertains to the request for advisory opinion it is so moved to respond on the facts as they were presented to the Board that there is no appearance of a conflict of interest with regard to the Ethics Law. Dylan Gallagher 1st, Anne Zahradnik 2nd, unanimously approved. Bob Nuzzo will draft the letter.

5:16 pm Motion was made to go into Executive Session to discuss the second of two requests for advisory opinions from a County Legislator, Deborah Schneer 1st, Anne Zahradnik 2nd, unanimously approved.

5:30 pm Motion was made to exit Executive Session, Anne Zahradnik 1st, Deborah Schneer 2nd, unanimously approved.

Motion was made: Based on the information submitted, the Ulster County Board of Ethics is unable to reach a decision based on the information that was provided. Should the individual wish to resubmit this request with sufficient supporting information about the facts and circumstances, the Board will reconsider the request. Dylan Gallagher 1st, Deborah Schneer 2nd, unanimously approved. Bob Nuzzo will draft letter.

New Business:

5:34 pm Motion was made to go into Executive Session to discuss a new request for advisory opinion, Dylan Gallagher 1st, Anne Zahradnik 2nd, unanimously approved.

5:42 pm Motion was made to exit Executive Session, Anne Zahradnik 1st, Deborah Schneer 2nd, unanimously approved.

Motion was made: The Ulster County Board of Ethics finds nothing in the Ulster County Ethics Law that would prohibit a full-time county employee from serving on a town board or council, however, it is suggested that the individual checks with their employer to ensure there are no employment restrictions on their position. Anne Zahradnik 1st, Deborah Schneer 2nd, unanimously approved. Bob Nuzzo will draft the letter.

Judy Riley mentioned that she has the 2022 Financial Disclosure Forms for the Board members to review at their convenience. Anne asked her to send dates of availability.

5:45 pm Motion was made to adjourn the meeting, Dylan Gallagher 1st, Anne Zahradnik 2nd, unanimously approved.