

Minutes Nassau County Board of Ethics
- Public Session

Meeting date and place: November 14, 2018 at 8:00 A.M.
One West Street, Mineola, New York 11501

Board Members Present: Kenneth L. Gartner, Chair
Jared A. Kasschau, County Attorney
Michael Pernick, Member
Christopher Devane, Member
Daniel Palmieri, Member

Board Counsel: Steven G. Leventhal

Secretary to the Board: Nicholas Vevante, Deputy County Attorney, taking minutes

Also in attendance: Representatives from the Nassau County Comptroller's Office
including counsel to the Comptroller, Jeff Schoen

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m. All members of the Board were present and so there was a quorum.

The first item discussed was that this meeting was originally planned to discuss a proposed revision of the Code of Ethics but that the discussion should be postponed until comments from the Legal Counsel Bureau could be incorporated.

Next, Mr. Leventhal was asked to circulate previously adopted rules of procedure and investigations for the Board's review.

Judge Palmeri then moved, seconded by Mr. Pernick, that the minutes from September 17, 2018 and November 1, 2018 meetings be adopted. It passed unanimously.

The next item discussed was the status of filing of financial disclosures for the reporting year ending on December 31, 2017. Mr. Vevante informed the Board that, in conjunction with the Board's former Secretary, he was continuing to collect the outstanding financial disclosures. Mr. Vevante stated that there were 715 officers and employees on the list that were required to file financial disclosures. Mr. Vevante further stated that of the 715 officers and employees, 634 have filed their forms, one requested an extension, five requested an exemption, and seventy-two have not filed or asked for an extension or exemption. Mr. Vevante said that he would be reaching out by the end of November to the officers and employees who have not yet filed to have them submit their forms.

Next, the Board was informed by Mr. Vevante was continuing to work with Nassau County's IT Department and Deputy County Executive John Chiara on putting together an electronic financial disclosure form. Printout of the proposed electronic form were provided to the Board Members. Mr. Vevante stated that the form should be ready for the next filing year.

Mr. Pernick moved to go into executive session to discuss requests for advisory opinions and to interview candidates for special counsel. Judge Palmeri seconded. The motion was passed unanimously at 8:15.

At 9:30 the Mr. Kasschau moved to adjourn the executive session as well as the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pernick, and carried unanimously.