

Nassau County Board of Ethics  
Minutes – Public Session

Meeting date and place: March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017  
One West Street, Mineola, New York 11501

Board Members: Carnell T. Foskey, County Attorney  
Albert A. D’Agostino, Member  
John E. Ryan, Member  
Owen Smith, Chair

Board Counsel: Steven G. Leventhal

Also in attendance: David Ragonetti, Deputy County Attorney  
Christopher Leimone, Deputy County Attorney  
Sean Berman, Accountant I, taking minutes

At 10:19 a.m. Chair Owen Smith called the meeting to order, and motioned to adjourn to executive session, seconded by Albert A. D’Agostino. Motion carries unanimously.

At 11:38 a.m. John E. Ryan motioned to adjourn the executive session back to public session, seconded by Chair Owen Smith. Motion carries unanimously.

The Board first discussed updating the Nassau Code of Ethics. Counsel Leventhal has drafted his own version, modeled after the code he authored for various other municipalities. This latest version is intended to completely overhaul the current code, and be far more comprehensive. His draft is currently being reviewed by Deputy County Attorney and Bureau Chief of Appeals Gerald Podlesak. Upon completion of his review, the Board intends to write to the County Executive as well as the majority/minority Legislature with the goal of adopting the updated code.

Next, the Board revisited the topic of adding a new member. The County Executive’s office had inquired whether the Board had potential candidates in mind. The Board came to a general consensus that a new member should either be a registered Democrat, Independent, or Blank party affiliation, as the Board is currently comprised solely of Republican members.

Lastly, the Board discussed the upcoming year for Financial Disclosures. At this stage the Board is drafting up memos to send out to each department with the goal of attaining a list of individuals required to file pursuant to the administrative code.

At 11:45 a.m. Chair Owen Smith motioned to adjourn the public session and therefore the meeting, seconded by John E. Ryan. Motion carries unanimously.