

Minutes Nassau County Board of Ethics
Public Session

Meeting date and place: March 20, 2019 at 7:30 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 and
Inspector General's Office

The meeting was called to order at 7:37 a.m. All members of the Board were present.

The only item on the agenda was a work session on the proposed Code of Ethics. Mr. Leventhal introduced the proposed Code that he drafted. He informed the Board members that the proposed Code was reviewed by different members of the County Attorney's Office's Legal Counsel Bureau who weigh in substantially with comments and suggested changes. Mr. Leventhal then listed some of the inspirations of the proposed Code including General Municipal Law Article 18, the New York State Comptroller's Model Code, and various writings in the field of governmental ethics including Mark Davies and the State Conflict of Interest Board. Mr. Leventhal also drew on his experience as former Board member and his over thirty years of work in the governmental ethics area of law.

Mr. Leventhal gave a brief description of the sections of the proposed Code; (1) the Code of Conduct, (2) disclosure, and (3) administration and enforcement.

From 8:00-8:10 Deputy Inspector General Ned Schwartz gave a short presentation. Mr. Schwartz believed there is a shared interest between his office and the Board

The Board members and Mr. Leventhal proceed to review the proposed Code of Ethics by discussing provisions that the Board members had questions or comments about. Over the next two hours the Board members were able to get through about half of the proposed Code. The

Board decided that another work session was necessary and that a meeting time would be decided at the next regular meeting on March 25, 2019.

Mr. Pernick indicated that he had items to discuss in a short executive session and he asked that they have one. Mr. Kasschau moved to go into executive session. Mr. Pernick seconded. The motion was passed unanimously at 9:55.

At 10:10 the Mr. Kasschau moved to adjourn the executive session and was seconded by Judge Palmeri, it carried unanimously.

At 10:10 Mr. Kasschau moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Devane. The motion carried unanimously.