

Minutes Nassau County Board of Ethics
Public Session

Meeting date and place: August 13, 2019 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, the
Inspector General's Office, and the Presiding Officer's Office

The meeting was called to order at 8:04 a.m. All but one of the members of the Board were present. Mr. Devane arrived shortly after the meeting started.

The first item was the adoption of the minutes from the July 11, 2019 meetings. Judge Palmeri moved, and Mr. Pernick seconded adopting the minutes. The vote passed unanimously with Mr. Devane absent.

Mr. Vevante then gave an update for the filing of a financial disclosure forms for the reporting year 2018. He informed the Board that there were 756 Nassau County officers or employees who need to file with 3 outstanding, although 2 may not need to file. This list also did not include political party chairs or non-incumbent candidates for county-wide elective office. There were 3 non-incumbent candidates that still needed to file. Mr. Vevante was instructed to reach out to the counsel to the Board of Elections to see if he could reach out to the 3 non-incumbent candidates that still needed to file. Mr. Pernick asked Mr. Vevante to gather a list of the filers who filed but after the deadline they were given in their Notices to Cure.

There was then a discussion about changes to Resolution 1-2019. Mr. Leventhal sent an email with proposed updates to the Resolution. Mr. Vevante will bring a copy of the proposed changes for the Board's final approval to the next regular meeting.

There was then a brief discussion about whether the Board would comment on the proposed local law submitted to the County Legislature by the County Executive about public disclosures of the financial disclosure forms. The Board decided not to comment.

Next, there was supposed to be a discussion about the Comptroller's Audit of the Board from earlier this year. Copies of the audit were not at the meeting and the Board deferred the discussion until the next regular meeting.

Mr. Vevante then gave a short update about the retention of older financial disclosure forms. He informed the Board that he met with the County Clerk and her staff and they informed him of the procedures for destroying old forms.

Mr. Leventhal wanted to discuss a topic not on the agenda. Mr. Leventhal thought it would be a good idea to talk about employee ethics training, especially about gifts with the holidays a few months away. Mr. Leventhal wanted to prepare a flyer for the Board's review and approval to distribute in November based on the current Code of Ethics, Penal Law, and General Municipal Law Article 18. Mr. Leventhal said he would aim to have it completed for the October 10th meeting. The Board thought this would be a good idea and only the first in a series of targeted flyers.

Mr. Kasschau moved to go into executive session to discuss advisory opinions and exemption requests. Mr. Devane seconded. The motion was passed unanimously at 8:46.

At 9:35 Mr. Kasschau moved to adjourn the executive session and was seconded by Mr. Devane, it carried unanimously.

At 9:36 Mr. Kasschau moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Pernick. The motion carried unanimously.