

Minutes Nassau County Board of Ethics

Public Session

Meeting date and place: February 24, 2020
One West Street, Mineola, New York 11501

Board Members Present: Jared A. Kasschau, County Attorney
Michael Pernick, Member
Daniel Palmieri, Member

Board Member Absent: Kenneth L. Gartner, Chair

Board Counsel: Steven G. Leventhal

Secretary to the Board: Kevin Hardiman, Deputy County Attorney, taking minutes

Also in attendance: Representatives from the Nassau County Comptroller's Office and
the Inspector General's Office

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 a.m. A quorum of the members was present. Chairman Gartner was absent.

The first item on the agenda was the adoption of the minutes from the February 4, 2020 meeting. Mr. Leventhal suggested a minor edit to the minutes to clarify the reason for adjourning to Executive Session. After a brief discussion, Mr. Pernick moved, and Mr. Kasschau seconded adopting the minutes with the suggested edits. The vote passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was a discussion regarding the list of policy makers who would be required to file Financial Disclosure forms for the 2019 reporting year. Mr. Hardiman informed the Board that agency heads were asked to provide the names of policy makers in their respective departments. Most agencies had complied with the request by the time of the meeting. Mr. Pernick suggested getting a list of the political party chairs and reaching out to the Board of Elections to get their list so that the notifications for them to file financial disclosures would be sent at the same time as the notifications to agency employees.

The next item on the agenda was a discussion of the draft Annual Report. Mr. Pernick offered some comments and edits to the draft. After discussion, the Board agreed to incorporate edits to the Annual Report and to have the County Attorney's office circulate the revised version for the Chairman's signature. Mr. Pernick moved, and Mr. Kasschau seconded a motion to incorporate the edits and proceed as agreed. The vote passed unanimously.

The Board then engaged in a discussion regarding whether to reschedule the March 24, 2020 meeting. The Board opted to wait until closer to the scheduled meeting date to determine whether it would be necessary to reschedule.

Mr. Kasschau moved to go into Executive Session to discuss an ethics complaint and requests for advisory opinions. Mr. Pernick seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 8:20 a.m.

Following the Executive Session, the Board returned to Public Session for purposes of adjourning the meeting. Mr. Palmieri moved to adjourn. Mr. Kasschau seconded. The motion passed unanimously.