

Minutes Nassau County Board of Ethics

Public Session

Meeting date and place: November 4, 2019 at 8:30 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
Kevin Hardiman, Deputy County Attorney

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

The meeting was called to order at 8:31 a.m. All members of the Board were present. Mr. Vevante informed the Board that he would be leaving County employment, and this was his last meeting as Secretary to the Board of Ethics. Mr. Hardiman will be taking over as the Secretary to the Board.

The first item on the agenda was the adoption of the minutes from the October 10, 2019 meeting. Mr. Devane moved, and Mr. Pernick seconded adopting the public minutes. The vote passed unanimously. Then Mr. Pernick moved, and Mr. Devane seconded adopting the executive session minutes subject to minor revisions. The vote passed unanimously.

Mr. Leventhal then suggested, and the Board members agreed, that the items on the agenda discussing the draft response to the Comptroller's Audit Report follow up and the draft response to the letter from the Inspector General should be moved to executive session.

Mr. Devane moved to go into executive session to have an attorney client consultation and to discuss confidential matters. Mr. Gartner seconded. The motion was passed unanimously at 8:38.

At 9:17 the Board resumed the public session.

Mr. Leventhal began a discussion about a flyer he prepared to give to County employees reminding them about their ethical obligations related to giving and receiving gifts. Mr. Gartner moved to allow Mr. Leventhal and Mr. Kasschau to begin distribution of the flyers in collaboration with the County Executive's Office. Mr. Devane seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

At 9:26 Mr. Devane moved, to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Kasschau. The motion carried unanimously.