

Minutes Nassau County Board of Ethics

Public Session

Meeting date and place: November 19, 2019
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: 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 7:38 a.m. All members of the Board were present.

The first item on the agenda was the adoption of the minutes from the November 4, 2019 meeting. Judge Palmieri moved, and Mr. Pernick seconded adopting the public minutes subject to minor revisions. The vote passed unanimously. Then Mr. Devane moved, and Mr. Pernick seconded adopting the executive session minutes subject to minor revisions. The vote passed unanimously.

Mr. Leventhal began a discussion following up on the posting and distribution of the Plain Language Guide to Gifts, Favors and Tips. Mr. Hardiman confirmed that the guide was posted on the Board's website. Mr. Kasschau noted that he had discussed with Human Resources personnel having the guide distributed to all County personnel via email.

The members then discussed rescheduling the next Special Counsel selection committee meeting. The meeting was rescheduled to December 3, 2019 at 7:30 a.m.

The members then discussed setting a date for the next Board of Ethics general meeting. Following a discussion of available dates, the members chose to have the next meeting on December 17, 2019 at 7:30 a.m. Mr. Pernick noted that the December meeting agenda should include: i) the Annual Report for 2019; ii) scheduling the quarterly meetings and upcoming general meetings for 2020; and, iii) beginning the process of determining who will need to file financial disclosures for 2019.

Mr. Devane then moved to go into executive session to address confidential matters. Mr. Kasschau seconded. The motion was passed unanimously at 7:47 a.m.

At 9:37 a.m., the Board briefly resumed the public session and Mr. Devane moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Gartner. The motion carried unanimously.