

**Albany County Ethics Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**October 27, 2020 3:00pm**  
**Room 710**  
**Albany County Office Building**  
**112 State Street, Albany, NY 12207**

**Meeting conducted in person and remotely via Turbo-Bridge phone conference.**

In attendance: Michael Rest, Bernard Malone, Gerard Maney, Patrick Collins, Peter Apostol

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Malone at 3:12 p.m.

All 3 members present- quorum present

1. Reviewed the meeting minutes from September 29, 2020 meeting, a motion from Mr. Rest to adopt the minutes was seconded by Judge Maney, and minutes were unanimously adopted.
2. Mr. Collins discussed the responses to the Financial Disclosure forms. Chairman Malone discussed determining the power of the Commission to alter the state of the form and whether it would require legislative approval to make the forms more clear. Chairman Malone asked that the Commissioner of Human Resources and the Office of the County Attorney assist the Commission on modifying the Financial Disclosure Form.
3. Mr. Apostol updated the Commissioners on the status of the State Comptroller's office. Noting that the County has provided a reply to the draft report, that the County had objections to portions of the form, including the methodology of the report.
4. On the status of the vacant positions on the Commission, Mr. Collins noted that there was previously some confusion about the makeup of the Commission, but that the appointing authorities were made aware of the current makeup.
5. The Commission discussed the receipt of an alleged violation of the Ethics Law from a municipality within the County, which did not include any County officers or employees. Mr. Apostol noted that in researching the matter, under the General Municipal Law, the Commission may review complaints from municipalities within the jurisdiction of Albany County. However, the complaint did not conform to the County's process, which includes a sworn complaint. Accordingly, it was determined that the Commission does have authority, but that the complainant should conform to the process set up by the County Ethics Commission. Chairman Malone asked for a motion to direct the complainant to submit the complaint in the proper form, Mr. Rest made

such a motion and it was seconded by Judge Maney. Mr. Rest asked counsel to direct the complainant to the Ethics Law website, so they may understand what a constitutes a complaint under the Albany County Ethics Law.

6. Motion to adjourn – Mr. Rest moved to adjourn, Judge Maney seconded. The motion was unanimous.

Meeting ends 3:49 pm.