

Albany County Ethics Commission Meeting Minutes
December 14, 2022 3:00pm
Albany County Office Building, Room 940
112 State Street, Albany, NY 12207

Meeting conducted in person

In attendance: James Melita, Bernard Malone, Gerard Maney, Sia Googas, and Patrick Collins

3 of 4 members present- quorum present

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Maney at 3:09 p.m.

1. Reviewed the meeting minutes from the September 21, 2022 meeting, a motion from Mr. Melita to adopt the minutes without modification was seconded by Mr. Malone, and the meeting minutes were adopted unanimously.
2. An update on the return of the Financial Disclosure Forms was provided by Mr. Collins
 - a. A review to find any pattern in the delinquent filers found the Sheriff's Department struggled in compliance.
 - b. The Ethics Commission directed the Clerk of Legislature to send a hard copy of a delinquent filers list directly to the Sheriff's Department and provide 30 days for employees to return their forms.
 - c. The Ethics Commission will review any newly provided Financial Disclosures Forms at its next meeting.
3. Motion to move into Executive Session to discuss the Ethics Complaint submitted on October 19, 2022 ("Ethics Complaint") and to discuss the employment history of a particular person (OML §105(1)(f)) was made by Mr. Malone, Mr. Melita seconded. The motion was unanimous.
4. Motion to move out of Executive Session was made by Mr. Melita, Mr. Malone seconded. The motion was unanimous.
5. Motion made pursuant to the Ethics Law, Local Law 8 for 2011, Section (5)(1)(c) and pursuant to Albany County Ethics Commission Regulations Governing Complaints and Investigations Paragraph (3) to undertake a preliminary review phase of the Ethics Complaint was made by Mr. Malone, seconded by Mr. Melita. The motion was unanimous.
 - a. The Clerk of the Legislature is to request that Complainant sign and swear to any amendments previously submitted before they are considered part of the record
 - b. A formal notice will be drafted by Ethics Counsel and reviewed by the Ethics Commission before it is provided to the Respondent
6. The Commission discussed its next meeting and a tentative date was set for January 25, 2023 at 3 pm.

7. Motion to adjourn – Mr. Melita moved to adjourn, Mr. Malone seconded. The motion was unanimous.

Meeting ended at 4:23 pm