

## **Albany County Ethics Commission Meeting Minutes**

**June 22, 2022 3:30pm**

**Room 940**

**Albany County Office Building**

**112 State Street, Albany, NY 12207**

### **Meeting conducted in person**

In attendance: Bryan Best, Bernard Malone, Gerard Maney, James Malita, Sia Googas and Patrick Collins

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Maney at 3:33 p.m.

All 4 members present- quorum present

1. Reviewed the meeting minutes from April 13, 2021, a motion from Mr. Malone to adopt the minutes with a change to the date of the meeting was seconded by Mr. Best. The meeting minutes were unanimously adopted with the change.
2. Update on the return of Financial Disclosure forms
  - a. Mr. Collins advised the Ethics Commission that the return date for the forms was Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup> and that only about 50 to 60 percent of required filers had responded within the time frame.
  - b. The Clerk of the Legislature sent an email to department heads, committee chairs and to nonresponsive employees two weeks after due date asking for compliance and the return of the forms.
  - c. The Clerk of the Legislature intended to send another email out a month after the due date requesting any outstanding Financial Disclosure forms be returned.
3. Discussed what Ethics Commission members should keep in mind when reviewing the Financial Disclosure forms.
4. Financial Disclosure forms were distributed for review among Ethics Commission membership
5. Determined that reviewed Financial Disclosure forms should be returned to Majority Counsel's Office by July 22<sup>nd</sup>
6. The Commission discussed whether Financial Disclosure forms could be recertified from year to year and determined that at this time it will continue to require that Financial Disclosure forms be completed annually as required under the Code of Ethics and Financial Disclosure Law of the County of Albany.
7. The Commission discussed its next meeting and a tentative date was set for August 10, 2022 at 3:30 pm.
8. Motion to adjourn – Mr. Best moved to adjourn, Mr. Malita seconded. The motion was unanimous.

Meeting ends 3:53 pm.