

Albany County Ethics Commission Meeting Minutes
September 21, 2022 3:00pm
Room 940
Albany County Office Building
112 State Street, Albany, NY 12207

Meeting conducted in person

In attendance: Bryan Best, 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 3:10 p.m.

1. Reviewed the meeting minutes from the June 22, 2022 meeting, a motion from Mr. Malone to adopt the minutes without modification was seconded by Mr. Best, and the meeting minutes were adopted unanimously.
2. An update on the return of the Financial Disclosure Forms was provided by Mr. Collins
 - a. The notification process was outlined in the discussion:
 - i. Human Resources had requested that all department heads notify their employees of their requirement to submit a Financial Disclosure form and provided a blank copy of the form.
 - ii. Human Resources sent a reminder to all employees before the deadline of May 16 to submit a Financial Disclosure form
 - iii. After the deadline, the County Clerk asked Human Resources to send another reminder email.
 - iv. The Clerk of the Legislature then reached out individually to members who haven't complied with the Ethics Law on several occasions
 - b. About 80 forms are still outstanding
 - c. Mr. Collins will look to see if there are any patterns as to which required filers are not submitting their Financial Disclosure forms.
3. There was discussion about the Fire Advisory Board being inadvertently left on the required filers list for 2022. In 2021, the Ethics Commission determined that the members of the Fire Advisory Board are not required filers per the Ethics Law. It was discussed that the Fire Advisory Board members do not need to file a Financial Disclosure form for 2022 and are to be stricken from the required filers list without further action by the Ethics Commission.
4. The Commission discussed its next meeting and a tentative date was set for December 7th at 3 pm.
5. Motion to adjourn – Mr. Best moved to adjourn, Mr. Malone seconded. The motion was unanimous.

Meeting ended at 3:25 pm.