

Albany County Ethics Commission Meeting Minutes
February 8, 2023 3:00pm
Room 940
Albany County Office Building
112 State Street, Albany, NY 12207

Meeting conducted in person

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

4 of 4 members present- quorum present

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Maney at 3:17 p.m.

1. Reviewed the meeting minutes from the December 14, 2022 meeting, a motion from Mr. Malone to adopt the minutes without modification. The motion was seconded by Mr. Melita, and the meeting minutes were adopted unanimously.
2. The Ethics Commission discussed the need for counsel to represent them during the Preliminary Review Phase of the Ethics Complaint submitted on October 19, 2022 and the amendment submitted on January 11, 2023. A motion was made by Mr. Malone to empower Chairman Maney to reach out to potential counsel to see if they would represent them. The motion was seconded by Mr. Melita and the motion was passed unanimously.
3. An update on the return of the 2022 Financial Disclosure Forms was provided by Mr. Collins
 - a. The Ethics Commission directed Mr. Collins and/or Ms. Googas to reach out to the department heads of delinquent filers and inform them of any non-compliance.
4. The Ethics Commission reviewed newly provided 2022 Financial Disclosures Forms.
5. The Ethics Commission directed Mr. Collins and Ms. Googas to reach out to the Commissioner of Human Resources and do a preliminary review of her proposed Required Filers List for 2023 and present their thoughts on how to refine the list at the next meeting.
6. The Ethics Commission discussed its next meeting and a tentative date was set for March 15th at 3 pm.
7. Motion to adjourn – Mr. Best moved to adjourn, Mr. Melita seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

Meeting ended at 4:10 pm.