

Albany County Ethics Commission Meeting Minutes
November 15, 2023 3:00pm
Room 940
Albany County Office Building
112 State Street, Albany, NY 12207

Meeting conducted in person

In attendance: Bryan Best- Member, Bernard Malone- Member, James Melita- Member, Gerard Maney- Chairman, Sia Googas- Ethics Counsel, Patrick Collins- Legislative Assistant 4 of 4 members present- quorum present

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Maney at 3:11 p.m.

1. Reviewed the meeting minutes from the October 18, 2023 meeting, a motion was made by Mr. Malone to adopt the minutes without modification. The motion was seconded by Mr. Malone, and the meeting minutes were adopted by a majority present and with one abstention.
2. An update on the return of the 2023 Financial Disclosure Forms was provided by Mr. Collins.
3. Motion to move into Executive Session to discuss the Ethics Complaint submitted on October 19, 2022 and its subsequent amendments (“Ethics Complaint”) and to discuss the employment history of a particular person (OML §105(1)(f)) was made by Mr. Best, Mr. Malone seconded. The motion was unanimous.
4. Motion to move out of Executive Session was made by Mr. Malone, Mr. Best seconded. The motion was unanimous.
5. Pursuant to the Albany County Ethics Commission Regulations Governing Complaints and Investigations Paragraph 8, a motion to dismiss the Ethics Complaint and accept the draft of the Substantial Basis Determination was made by Mr. Malone, Mr. Best seconded. The motion was unanimous.
6. The Ethics Commission discussed its next meeting and a tentative date was set for April 10th at 3pm.
7. Motion to adjourn – Mr. Best moved to adjourn, Mr. Melita seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

Meeting ended at 4:08 pm.