

**Albany County Ethics Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**October 18, 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, Gerard Maney- Chairman, Sia Googas- Ethics Counsel 3 of 4 members present- quorum present

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Maney at 3:08 p.m.

1. Reviewed the meeting minutes from the June 28, 2023 meeting, a motion was made by Mr. Malone to adopt the minutes without modification. The motion was seconded by Chairman Maney, and the meeting minutes were adopted with a majority present and with one abstention.
2. An update on the return of the 2023 Financial Disclosure Forms was provided by Ms. Googas. The Ethics Commission members were provided a packet of Financial Disclosure Forms for review.
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. A motion to accept the findings of the independent investigator Ms. Cynthia Preiser’s report and recommendation as to the Ethics Complaint was made by Mr. Best, Mr. Malone seconded. The motion was unanimous.
6. Pursuant to the Albany County Ethics Commission Regulations Governing Complaints and Investigations Paragraph 8, a motion to draft a Substantial Basis Determination was made by Mr. Malone, Mr. Best seconded. The motion was unanimous.
7. The Commission reviewed the bill and details of the hours worked by Ms. Preiser. A motion to accept and approve the payment of Ms. Preiser was made by Mr. Best, Mr. Malone seconded. The motion was unanimous.
8. The Ethics Commission discussed its next meeting and a tentative date was set for November 15th at 3pm.
9. Motion to adjourn – Mr. Best moved to adjourn, Mr. Malone seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

Meeting ended at 4:11 pm.