

Albany County Ethics Commission Meeting Minutes
June 28, 2023 3:00pm
Room 940
Albany County Office Building
112 State Street, Albany, NY 12207

Meeting conducted in person

In attendance: James Melita- Member, Bernard Malone- Member, Gerard Maney- Chairman, Sia Googas- Ethics Counsel, Patrick Collins- Legislative Assistant, Cynthia Preiser- special Counsel to the Ethics Commission for purposes of Ethics Complaint

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 March 29, 2023 meeting, a motion was made by Mr. Melita to adopt the minutes without modification. The motion was seconded by Mr. Malone, and the meeting minutes were adopted unanimously.
2. An update on the return of the 2023 Financial Disclosure Forms was provided by Mr. Collins.
 - a. There are approximately 46 outstanding employees who have not completed their Financial Disclosure Forms.
 - b. The County Executive, County Attorney, Sheriff, District Attorney, County Clerk and Human Resources Commissioner have all been notified of the outstanding employees.
 - c. The Clerk of the Legislature has also individually reached out to any required filers who have not completed the Financial Disclosure Forms.
 - d. The Ethics Commission members were provided a packet of Financial Disclosure Forms and instructed to return them to the Clerk of the Legislature once they were reviewed
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. Malone, Mr. Melita seconded. The motion was unanimous.
4. Motion to move out of Executive Session was made by Mr. Melita, Mr. Malone seconded. The motion was unanimous.
5. The Ethics Commission requested that Ms. Preiser provide a report and recommendations of her investigation into the Ethics Complaint by their next meeting.
6. The Ethics Commission discussed its next meeting and a tentative date was set for September 13th at 3pm.

7. Motion to adjourn – Mr. Melita moved to adjourn, Mr. Malone seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

Meeting ended at 4:10 pm.