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Minutes

ROCKLAND COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS MEETING

Tuesday 3/7/2024 at 5:30 PM in Room # 641, 6th Floor, Building A, 50 Sanatorium Road. Pomona NY 10970

Members Present: Ira Oustatcher, Vincent Frankel, Doug Katz, Joshua Konecni

Non-Members Present: Sheela George, Assistant County Attorney and Janice Maurer, Confidential Secretary to the Board of Ethics.

Meeting called to order: At 5:45pm by Ira Oustatcher, Board of Ethics Chairperson

Topics:

- 1) At 5:47 the Board reviewed Review and Discuss Ethics Inquiry EI-138 Request from Commissioner regarding two employees request for outside employment

 The Board reviewed and unanimously determined that both cases were in conflict of the Code of Ethics. The Board and the Law department will draft a letter for the Secretary to send.
- 2) At 6:20 we made formal Introductions for the following people: Sheela George, new Board of Ethics Attorney Douglas Katz, new member of the Board of Ethics
- 3) Review Minutes from 1/23/2024 Board Meeting At 6:30 J/ Konecni motioned to accept the minutes. V. Frankel seconded.
- 4) **Review and Discuss Response from Board of Elections** Re: Candidate Financial Disclosure The Board reviewed the response from the Board of Elections for the Board of Ethics request for a list of candidates that are running in Nov. 2024 to assure compliance from the candidates. D. Katz moved to respond with a clearer letter. Unanimously approved, Sheela to draft.
- 5) Update on memo to Department Heads and Commissioners including Executive Order 2021-02 scheduled to go out Tuesday 3/12/2024

 No modifications necessary

- 6) Review Financial Disclosure letter scheduled to go out next week as well. Date TBD. No modifications necessary
- 7) Law Department Inquiry: Does the board have a position on whether short term employees (i.e. employees who were only with the County for 2 weeks) need to fill out the Disclosure form? The Board discussed and tabled until next year to determined how many of those cases come up
 - I. Oustatcher motioned to end the meeting at 7:55, J. Konecni seconded