

Minutes Nassau County Board of Ethics
Public Session

Meeting date and place: March 25, 2019 at 7:30 A.M.
One West Street, Mineola, New York 11501

Board Members Present: Kenneth L. Gartner, Chair
Jared A. Kasschau, County Attorney
Michael Pernick, Member
Christopher Devane, Member
Daniel Palmieri, Member

Board Counsel: Steven G. Leventhal

Secretary to the Board: Nicholas Vevante, Deputy County Attorney, taking minutes

Also in attendance: Representatives from the Nassau County Comptroller's Office and
Ned Schwartz, Deputy Inspector General

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 a.m. All members of the Board were present so there was a quorum.

The first item was the adoption of the minutes from the February 28, 2019 meeting. Mr. Kasschau moved, and Mr. Devane seconded adopting the minutes. The vote passed unanimously.

Mr. Vevante then gave a brief presentation of the electronic request for advisory opinions and complaint submission applications. Mr. Kasschau then moved and Mr. Pernick seconded that the Board members approved the use of the two applications subject to minor changes they suggested. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Vevante then gave an update for the filing of a financial disclosure forms for the fiscal year 2017. Mr. Vevante said there were four outstanding filers, one of whom indicated that they wanted to request an exemption. The Board discussed the procedures for how to proceed regarding these last four filers.

Mr. Vevante also discussed the launch of the electronic filing system. Mr. Vevante would send out a letter a month before the filing deadline, May 15th, informing the departments that the system was online.

The Board members reviewed the draft annual report prepared by Mr. Leventhal. The members approved the report with the condition that an additional comment be made. Mr. Vevante would forward the annual report to the Legislature and the County Executive.

There was a discussion on the possibility of setting a policy that would impose penalties for employees who filed financial disclosure statements late. The Board has asked Mr. Leventhal to prepare a separate resolution for the procedures related to late filers for review and adoption at the next meeting.

Judge Palmeri moved to go into executive session discuss advisory opinions. Mr. Pernick seconded. The motion was passed unanimously at 8:45.

At 10:05 Mr. Pernick moved to adjourn the executive session and was seconded by Judge Palmeri, it carried unanimously.

Mr. Schwartz from the Inspector General's Office introduced himself to the Board and gave copies of other municipal Codes of Ethics he found to the Board Members and counsel..

At 10:07 Mr. Devane moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Kasschau. The motion carried unanimously.