Nassau County Board of Ethics Minutes – Public Session

Meeting date and place: January 25th, 2017

One West Street, Mineola, New York 11501

Board Members: Carnell T. Foskey, County Attorney

Albert A. D'Agostino, Member

John E. Ryan, Member Owen Smith, Chair

Board Counsel: Steven G. Leventhal

Also in attendance: David Ragonetti, Deputy County Attorney

Christopher Leimone, Deputy County Attorney Sean Berman, Accountant I, taking minutes

At 12:38 p.m. Chair Owen Smith called the meeting to order.

Board Counsel Steven G. Leventhal first discussed his findings from a review of all 2015 Financial Disclosure submissions, noting that he was preparing follow-up questions to certain individuals regarding items listed in their disclosure.

Next the Board discussed the development of a new Code of Ethics for Nassau County, prepared by Counsel Leventhal and currently under review by Deputy County Attorney Gerald Podlesak. Counsel Leventhal would like to update the Code of Ethics, as well as make the Code more comprehensive. He noted his desire to include a charter section that prohibits county officials from having interests in tax liens.

Counsel Leventhal also mentioned the need for the Board to introduce a new member, which would require action by the County Executive's office and legislature.

At 1:03 p.m. Chair Owen Smith motioned to adjourn into executive session, seconded by John E. Ryan. Motion carries unanimously.

At 1:41 p.m. Board member John E. Ryan motioned to adjourn the executive session as well as the meeting, seconded by Chair Owen Smith. Motion carries unanimously.