

Albany County Ethics Commission Meeting Minutes
September 25, 2024 3:00pm
Room 940
Albany County Office Building
112 State Street, Albany, NY 12207

Meeting conducted in person

In attendance: Bryan Best- Secretary, Bernard Malone- Member, James Melita- Chairman, Benedict Conboy- Member, Eugene Devine- Member, Sia Googas- Ethics Counsel,

5 of 5 members present- quorum present

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Melita at 3:13 p.m.

1. Reviewed the meeting minutes from the April 10, 2024 meeting, a motion was made by Mr. Malone to adopt the minutes without modification. The motion was seconded by Mr. Best, and the meeting minutes were adopted unanimously.
2. An update on the return of the 2024 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 July 19, 2024 and to discuss the employment history of a particular person (OML §105(1)(f)) was made by Mr. Conboy, Mr. Malone seconded. The motion was unanimous.
4. Motion to move out of Executive Session was made by Mr. Conboy, Mr. Malone seconded. The motion was unanimous.
5. Pursuant to the Albany County Ethics Commission Regulations Governing Complaints and Investigations Paragraph 2, a motion to dismiss the Ethics Complaint on the basis that it fails to allege facts sufficient to constitute a violation of the Albany County Ethics Law was made by Mr. Conboy, Mr. Best seconded. The motion was unanimous.
6. The Ethics Commission directed its attorney to draft a dismissal determination outlining its decision regarding the Ethics Complaint submitted on July 19, 2024 and after final approval from the Chairman to send the dismissal determination to the Complainant and Respondent per the Regulations Governing Complaints and Investigations.
7. The Ethics Commission discussed its next meeting and a tentative date was set for February 12th at 3pm.
8. Motion to adjourn – Mr. Best moved to adjourn, Mr. Devine seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

Meeting ended at 3:57 pm.