

SUFFOLK COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS
Minutes of Public Meeting Held on
April 4, 2018
In the Office of the Board of Ethics
Sunrise Business Center, 3500 Sunrise Highway, Room 364
Great River, New York 11739

Meeting: *Board Members present:* Eric A. Kopp, Linda A. Spahr, Richard Halverson, Dennis O’Doherty, and Anthony Parlatore. *Staff present:* Samantha Segal, Executive Director, and Darlene Mohlmann, Board Secretary, taking minutes. *Counsel Present:* John Gross, Esq. and Maryann Czak, Esq.

Ascertainment of Quorum: The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chair, Eric A. Kopp. A roll call was conducted and a quorum was present.

Adoption of Agenda: A motion was made by Dennis O’Doherty, seconded by Anthony Parlatore, to adopt the agenda. Upon a vote being taken, motion was approved (5-0-0).

Adoption of Minutes: A motion was made by Linda Spahr, seconded by Dennis O’Doherty to adopt the minutes of the March 7, 2018 meeting. Upon a vote being taken, motion was approved (5-0-0).

Public Session: Eric A. Kopp opened Public Session and welcomed Mr. David Bekofsky. No written testimony was submitted. Eric A. Kopp closed Public Session.

Chair Report: Eric A. Kopp, Chair, thanked David Bekofsky for his attendance at the meeting as a newly appointed member of the Board whose term will become effective April 7, 2018 after the expiration of Richard Halverson’s term.

Executive Director Report: Samantha Segal, Executive Director, reported and/or discussed the following:

- Training:
 - Continuing Legal Education Board pleased to see high attendance to the Board’s Ethics CLE Program;
 - Recertified to provide 2 Ethics CLE credits through August 9, 2019;
 - 2018 training mandate of 2 trainings has been exceeded with three training programs already completed;
- Elflein appeal dismissed by appellate division;
- Financial Disclosure Statement forms distributed;
- Farmland Committee appeal decided, filing requirement reinstated, forms will be distributed;
- Marlene Budd resigned, new Foil Appeals Officer in County Attorney’s Office assigned;
- One FOIL Request pending completion;
- New pamphlet, *Quick Reference for Elected Officials*;
- Clerk of the Legislature will post revised Lobbyist Sworn Statement on webpage with rest of lobbyist information;
- Board approved rule requiring the cross-reference of rendered advisory opinions with Financial Disclosure Statement forms during audit.

Annual Report: The Board reviewed the draft 2017 Annual Report. A motion was made by Anthony Parlatore, seconded by Eric A. Kopp to adopt the 2017 Annual Report, as amended. Upon a vote being taken, motion was approved (5-0-0).

The Board invited David Bekofsky whose term as a member of the Board will begin April 7, 2018 into Executive Session without objection by any member.

Executive Session: A motion was made by Anthony Parlatore, seconded by Linda Spahr to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing confidential matters pertaining to Counsel Updates, Investigator Update on Public Record Review No. PRR-001-2018, one Miscellaneous Inquiry, and three Advisory Opinion Requests in accordance with the Suffolk County Administrative Code §A30-8 and the New York State Open Meetings Law. Upon a vote being taken, motion was approved (5-0-0).

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During Executive Session:

- A motion was made to disapprove Privacy Request of FDS No. 190/2012. Approved (5-0-0);
- The Board review Miscellaneous Inquiry No. M-001-2018 and directed a letter be sent to inquirer;
- A motion was made to disapprove standing of Advisory Opinion Request No. AO-2018-5. Approved (5-0-0);
- A motion was made to approve standing of Advisory Opinion Request No. AO-2018-6. Approved (5-0-0);
- A motion was made to approve Advisory Opinion No. AO-2018-6. Approved (5-0-0);
- A motion was made to approve standing of Advisory Opinion Request No. AO-2018-7. Approved (5-0-0);
- A motion was made to approve Advisory Opinion No. AO-2018-7. Approved (5-0-0).

Counsel left the meeting during Executive Session.

At 10:16 a.m. a motion was made by Linda Spahr, seconded by Dennis O'Doherty, to close Executive Session. Upon a vote being taken, motion was approved (5-0-0).

New Business: On behalf of the Suffolk County Board of Ethics and the citizens of Suffolk County, Eric A. Kopp, Chair, presented a Proclamation in honor of Richard F. Halverson in public recognition of his work to further the Mission of the Suffolk County Board of Ethics. Mr. Halverson was appointed by the Suffolk County Executive and confirmed by the Suffolk County Legislature in 2012 to serve as a founding member of the Suffolk County Board of Ethics, serving for a total of six years. Mr. Halverson served with distinction as a member of the Board of Ethics, as Vice Chair in 2016 and 2017 and demonstrated outstanding commitment, devoting an exceptional amount of time to the development of the Board of Ethics and exceeding all standards set forth in its enabling legislation. He always acted with the utmost level of professionalism and in accordance with highest personal and professional ethical standards. It has been an honor to have Mr. Halverson serve on the Board.

The next meeting of the Board will be held April 18, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Eric A. Kopp, seconded by Linda Spahr to adjourn the meeting. Upon a vote being taken, motion was approved (5-0-0) (10:20 a.m.).