

SUFFOLK COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS
Minutes of Public Meeting Held on
June 3, 2020
Remote Meeting via Dial In Telephone Due to COVID-19 Pandemic
Public Session Telephone: 631-606-6621
Participation Code: 433627#

Meeting: *Board Members Present:* Chair, Eric A. Kopp; Vice Chair, Linda Spahr; Dennis O’Doherty (joined the meeting at 9:32 a.m.); Anthony Parlatore; and David Bekofsky. *Board Staff Present:* Executive Director, Samantha L. Segal, Esq.; Board Secretary, taking minutes, Darlene Mohlmann; and Board Investigator, Phyllis Gagliardi. *Board Independent Counsel Present:* Michael Raniere, 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 David Bekofsky, seconded by Linda Spahr to adopt the agenda. Upon a vote being taken, motion was approved (4-0-0-1). Dennis O’Doherty absent.

Adoption of Minutes: A motion was made by Anthony Parlatore, seconded by David Bekofsky to adopt the minutes of May 20, 2020. Upon a vote being taken, motion was approved (4-0-0-1). Dennis O’Doherty absent.

Public Session: No members of the public were present.

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

- Distribution of Financial Disclosure Statement e-Filing system link and procedures;

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- SCBE employee training for e-Filing system;
- Office Relocation Update;
- Executive Director, Samantha Segal, went to the Board’s office to check mail and for pending FOIL request production;
- 2021 Budget: July 10, 2020 submission date;
- FOIL Update;
- Elected Official’s Sworn Statements Update;
- Hard copy Financial Disclosure Statements, received approximately 30;
- Webpage Update: COVID-19 FDS Filing Extension Advisory;
- Training Update: Remote options.

Executive Session: At 9:48 a.m. a motion was made by Eric A. Kopp, seconded by Dennis O’Doherty to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing confidential matters pertaining to Financial Disclosure Statement and Lobbyist Filer inquiries, Counsel updates, and pending Board matters 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).

During Executive Session: The Board reaffirmed that they do not have the authority to waive the notary statement on the County Financial Disclosure Statement form.

At 10:21 a.m. a motion was made by Dennis O’Doherty, seconded by Linda Spahr to close Executive Session. Upon a vote being taken, motion was approved (5-0-0).

The Executive Director, Samantha Segal, confirmed that there have been no matters received via hard copy mailing for Board action.

New Business: The Board’s new Financial Disclosure Statement e-filing system is the first for a New York county ethics board and has been a major initiative of the Board since inception. The system is comprised of all internal programming with no external cost for production. At the Board’s request, the Executive Director will inquire as to whether it is possible to include Sworn Statements in this electronic filing format. Addendums to Financial Disclosure Statement will be included in the second stage of programming, which is projected to be a long term project.

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The next meeting of the Board is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Linda Spahr, seconded by Anthony Parlatore to adjourn the meeting. Upon a vote being taken, motion was approved (5-0-0) (10:34 a.m.).