



City of Kingston Board of Ethics Meeting Minutes
November 5, 2020

VIRTUAL MEETING

Board Members present were Allen Nace, Jackie DeCicco, Mike Decker and Dana Blackmon

Public attendance: Chris P. Bacon, Ellen DiFalco and additional callers

The meeting was called to order by Allen Nace at 4:40pm on November 5, 2020.

Motion was made by Mike Decker to accept the meeting minutes as is and seconded by Dana Blackmon. All were in favor of accepting the minutes.

Old business: Financial Disclosure Statements: 3 members of boards who have not submitted their 2020 statement. Allen Nace to notify them as well as the Mayor to inform him of their delinquency in submitting their disclosures.

Complaint # 20192020-2 – The Board hired outside Counsel, Steven Leventhal from Long Island to counsel on this and two other complaints that tie in together.

Chris Bacon asked why there is secrecy regarding the complaints. Allen Nace responded that the complaints involve elected officials and/or personnel matters. It is the responsibility of the Board to maintain confidentiality with regards to such complaints while investigations are under way.

New Business: The Board received several more complaints since July and tabled the complaints until they have had time to review them and discuss in the next meeting.

The following complaints have been tabled: 7122020-4, 7292020-5, 7312020-6, 8102020-7, 8102020-8.

Executive Session:

Upon motion by Mike Decker, seconded by Jackie DeCicco, The Board convened in Executive Session to discuss the complaints and continue their investigation into the personnel matters revolving around ethics complaint # 20192020-2. No further discussion was held, the motion carried unanimously and the the Board members entered into Executive Session at 5:00pm.

Upon motion by Mike Decker, seconded by Dana Blackmon, the Executive Session was adjourned and the Board reconvened in public at 7:15pm.

Motion was made by Mike Decker to review the FOIL requests that come in and the control mechanisms we have in place for the Board to review and respond to those requests. Allen recognized the motion and requested that we discuss it at the next meeting.

The Board intends to hold their next meeting on December 10, 2020.

Motion was made by Dana Blackmon to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Mike Decker.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jackie DeCicco
Secretary