

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS

APRIL 20, 2022

BOARD OF ETHICS MEMBERS PRESENT:

Officer/Employee of Warren County:

Member - Robert Iusi, Director, Warren County Probation

Alternate Member - Brian Pilatzke, Esq., Assistant Warren County Public Defender

Elected/Appointed Officer or Employee of a Local Municipality within Warren County:

Member - Ash Anand, Warrensburg School Board Member

Member of the Public:

Alternate Member - Martin Deslauriers (Zoom)

BOARD OF ETHICS MEMBER ABSENT:

Alternate Member - Diana Palmer, Glens Falls City Common Council

GUESTS:

Larry Elmen, Warren County Attorney

Ryan Moore, County Administrator (Zoom)

Sarah McLenithan, Deputy Clerk of the Board

Rachel Seeber, Town of Queensbury Supervisor At-Large (Zoom)

Tammie DeLorenzo, Assistant to the County Administrator

Tosha Brownell, Computer Help Desk Technician (Zoom)

Molly Ganotes-Gleason, Legislative Office Specialist

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the April 20, 2022 meeting of the Warren County Ethics Board; the meeting in its entirety can be viewed on the Warren County website using the following link: <https://warrencountyny.gov>

Note: Pursuant to New York Legislation (S.50001.A.40001): "Notwithstanding the provisions of article 7 of the public officers law to the contrary, any state agency, department, corporation, office, authority, board, or commission, as well as any local public body, or public corporation as defined in section 66 of the general construction law, or political subdivisions as defined in section 100 of the general municipal law, or a committee or subcommittee or other similar body of such entity, shall be authorized to meet and take such action authorized by law without permitting in public in-person access to meetings and authorize such meetings to be held remotely by conference call or similar service, provided that the public has the ability to view or listen to such proceeding and that such meetings are recorded and later transcribed" All of the Committee members were physically present side from Martin Deslauriers, who attended remotely.

Copies of the Board of Ethics agenda were distributed to those in attendance, *a copy of the agenda is on file with the meeting minutes.*

Commencing the agenda review as follows:

- I. Mr. Anand called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m
- II. Roll Call. - Mr. Anand requested the members introduce themselves for roll call. He stated Ms. Palmer would not be attending.
- III. Reading & Approval of Minutes from March 24, 2022 - Motion was made by Mr. Anand, seconded by Mr. Iusi and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the previous Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.
- IV. Unfinished Business -
 - a. Proposed 2022 - 23 Rules and Procedure for the Board of Ethics - Larry Elmen, *County Attorney*, stated the rules were published with the agenda. He explained there were three

core areas of responsibility including issuing advisory opinions, reviewing financial documents and addressing complaints and investigations with the goal of trying to standardize and make the Board flow smoothly. He presented amendments to the draft entitled, *Warren County Board of Ethics Standing Rules and Procedures*, advising there were formatting and typographical errors and an addition of a paragraph on the last page, along with granting the County Attorney the ability to create and modify attachments, with the caveat that all changes would be reported to the Board of Ethics. A brief discussion took place regarding the County Attorney being the council for the Board of Ethics.

Motion was made by Mr. Iusi, seconded by Mr. Deslauriers and carried unanimously to accept the Warren County Board of Ethics Standing Rules and Procedures.

V. New Business - None

VI. Announcements:

a. Next Scheduled Meeting Date and Time - Mr. Anand recommended waiting to set a future meeting date until the Warren County Board of Ethics Standing Rules and Procedures was adopted.

VII. Adjournment of Public Meeting - As there was no further business to come before the Warren County Board of Ethics in Open Meeting Law, on motion by Mr. Anand and Mr. Iusi, Mr. Anand adjourned the meeting at 2:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Molly Ganotes-Gleason, Legislative Office Specialist