

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS

APRIL 23, 2024

Board of Ethics Members PRESENT:

Members - Ann Marie Scheidegger; Kim M. Diaz; James C. Hicks; Loretta LeBar; G. Thomas Moynihan Jr.

Alternate Member - Paula Hayes

GUESTS:

Larry Elmen, Warren County Attorney

Amanda Allen, Clerk of the Board

Leslie Lovelace, Secretary to the Clerk of the Board

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the April 23, 2024 meeting of the Warren County Board of Ethics; the meeting in its entirety can be viewed using the following links:

Warren County website - <https://warrencountyny.gov>

Warren County's YouTube Channel Part 1 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JChgwNtghe4>

Part 2 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=utxSbHWONQk>

Part 3 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JqgrPsPjuRI>

Copies of the meeting agenda were distributed; a copy of the agenda is on file with the meeting minutes.

Commencing the agenda review as follows:

- I. Call to Order by Chair: Meeting called to order by Mr. Moynihan at 2:00 p.m.
- II. Roll Call and Establishing Quorum: Roll called; quorum was established.
- III. Reading and Motion to Approve Minutes from March 21, 2024 meeting: Motion was made by Ms. Scheidegger, seconded by Mr. Hicks and carried unanimously to waive reading of the minutes.
Motion was made by Ms. Diaz, seconded by Mr. Hicks and carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the March 21, 2024 meeting.
- IV. Public Comment and Privilege of the Floor: There was no one present wishing to speak.
- V. Old Business: None.
- VI. New Business:
 - a. Request for motion to enter into executive session per Public Officer's Law Section 105(1)(f) to consider matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal or a particular person concerning responses to First Notices of Corrective Action for 2024 Financial Disclosure Statements.

Motion was made by Ms. Hayes, seconded by Ms. Diaz and carried unanimously to enter into executive session pursuant to Section 105(1)(f) of the Public Officer's Law as outlined above.

Executive session was held from 2:04 p.m. until 3:12 p.m.

Chair Moynihan recused himself from Complaint #2024-2 and exited the meeting at 2:53 p.m.

Vice-Chair LeBar assumed role of Chair and alternate member Ms. Hayes served as member.

Upon reconvening, Ms. LeBar noted that no action had been taken during the executive session.

Motion was made by Ms. Diaz, seconded by Ms. Scheidegger and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Moynihan absent*) to authorize Chair Moynihan to direct Tim Murphy and John Simms to appear before the Board of Ethics at their May 6, 2024 meeting to be held at 10:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors Rooms.

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Motion was made by Mr. Hicks, seconded by Ms. Diaz and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Moynihan absent*) to accept Complaint #2024-2 and authorized acting Chair LeBar to issue notice of complaint to respondent.

Motion was made by Mr. Hicks and seconded by Ms. Scheidegger to redact the name and information of the complainant from Complaint #2024-2 before sending to respondent. Larry Elmen, *County Attorney*, suggested a roll call vote on the motion. Ms. LeBar called the question and the motion carried with the four members voting in favor (Ms. Scheidegger, Ms. Diaz, Mr. Hicks and Ms. Hayes); one opposed (Ms. LeBar) and one absent (Mr. Moynihan).

- b. Request for motion to enter into executive session per Public Officer's Law Section 105(1)(f) to consider matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person concerning Board of Ethics Complaint #2024-1.

Motion was made by Ms. Hayes, seconded by Mr. Hicks and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Moynihan absent*) to enter into executive session pursuant to Section 105(1)(f) of the Public Officer's Law as outlined above.

Ms. Scheidegger recused herself and exited the meeting at 3:17 p.m.

Executive session was held from 3:17 p.m. until 4:36 p.m.

Upon reconvening, Ms. LeBar noted that no action had been taken during executive session.

Motion was made by Ms. Diaz, seconded by Ms. Hayes and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Ms. Scheidegger and Mr. Moynihan absent*) to authorize acting Chair LeBar to issue notices to appear to three individuals discussed during executive session relative to Complaint #2024-1.

- VII. Discussion Items: None.
- VIII. Second Public Comment and Privilege of the Floor: There was no one present wishing to speak.
- IX. Scheduling Next Meeting: Meeting was scheduled by the Board on May 6, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.
- X. Motion to Adjourn: As there was no further business to come before the Warren County Board of Ethics, on motion by Ms. Hayes, seconded by Ms. Diaz and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Ms. Scheidegger and Mr. Moynihan absent*) the meeting was adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Lovelace, Secretary to the Clerk of the Board