

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS

JULY 12, 2024

Board of Ethics Members PRESENT:

Members - Loretta LeBar (Vice-Chair); Ann Marie Scheidegger; Kim M. Diaz; James C. Hicks
Alternate Member - Paula Hayes

Board of Ethics Member ABSENT:

G. Thomas Moynihan Jr. (Chair)

GUESTS:

Larry Elmen, Warren County Attorney
Amanda Allen, Clerk of the Board
Doug Herschleb, Warren County Resident

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the July 12, 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=hQk0RjG10_o

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

Part 3 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9RviGdNkAEU>

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: In the absence of Chair Moynihan, Vice-Chair LeBar called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
- II. Roll Call and Establishing Quorum: Roll called; quorum was established. It was noted that Chair Moynihan was excused as he had recused himself from Complaints #2024-2 and #2024-3.
- III. Motion to Waive Reading of Minutes and Approve Minutes from the prior meeting: Motion was made by Ms. Hayes, seconded by Ms. Diaz and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Moynihan absent*) to waive reading of minutes, as well as the approval of the minutes from the July 10, 2024 meeting, as they had not yet been distributed.
- IV. Public Comment and Privilege of the Floor:

Doug Herschleb, *Warren County resident*, spoke regarding Board of Ethics Complaint #2024-1, advising he had been interviewed in accordance with the complaint and was disappointed with both the Board of Ethics decision to dismiss, as well as the process used to make that determination. He indicated he had additional information to provide relative to the matter which he wasn't able to submit before the decision was made; Mr. Herschleb submitted the additional information he had gathered to the County Attorney for the Board of Ethics' consideration.

- V. Old Business:
 - a. Request for motion to enter into executive session per Public Officer's Law 105(1)(f) to consider matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or persons concerning Board of Ethics Complaints #2024-1, #2024-2 and #2024-3.

County Attorney noted that Complaint #2024-1 had been dismissed; Vice Chair LeBar advised they would initially enter into executive session to consider Complaints #2024-2 and #2024-3 and may

consider re-entering executive session later in the meeting to discuss Complaint #2024-1 if the Board decided further conversation was merited. Motion was made by Ms. Scheidegger, seconded by Ms. Diaz 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; executive session was held from 10:06 a.m. until 11:28 a.m. Upon reconvening, Vice Chair LeBar advised no decision had been made with regard to Complaint #2024-2 or #2024-3.

Vice Chair LeBar called for a motion to enter into executive session per Public Officer's Law 105(1)(f) to consider matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or persons concerning Board of Ethics Complaints #2024-1. It was noted that Ms. Scheidegger was excused from meeting at this point as she had recused herself from the matter; Ms. Scheidegger exited the meeting at 11:28 a.m. Motion was made by Ms. Diaz, seconded by Mr. Hicks and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Moynihan and Ms. Scheidegger absent*) to enter into executive session pursuant to Section 105(1)(f) of the Public Officer's Law; executive session was held from 11:30 a.m. until 11:59 a.m. Upon reconvening, Vice Chair LeBar advised it was the decision of the Board of Ethics not to re-open Complaint #2024-1.

VI. New Business: None.

VII. Discussion Items: None.

VIII. Second Public Comment and Privilege of the Floor: There was no one present wishing to speak.

IX. Next Meeting Date: August 2, 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. Diaz, seconded by Ms. Hayes and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Moynihan and Ms. Scheidegger absent*), the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda Allen, Clerk of the Board