

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS

AUGUST 8, 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
Molly Ganotes-Gleason, Legislative Office Specialist

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the August 8, 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=wul6dNkunNI>

Part 2 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=owoxA61_Ay4

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.
- III. Motion to Waive Reading of Minutes and Approve Minutes from the prior meeting (*August 2, 2024*)

Vice-Chair LeBar requested a motion to amend the minutes from the August 2, 2024 meeting to note that Thomas Moynihan Jr. did not attend because he had recused himself from all matters before the Board at the August 2, 2024 meeting. Motion was made by Ms. Hayes, seconded by Ms. Diaz and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Moynihan absent*) to amend the minutes of the prior meeting, as outlined above.

Motion was made by Ms. Diaz, seconded by Ms. Hayes and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Moynihan absent*) to waive reading of the amended minutes and approve the amended minutes of August 2, 2024.

- IV. Public Comment and Privilege of the Floor: There was no one present wishing to speak.
- 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 Complaint #2024-2.

Motion was made by Ms. Diaz, seconded by Ms. Hayes 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.

Executive session was held from 10:02 a.m. until 11:20 a.m.

Upon reconvening, Vice-Chair LeBar stated that no action was taken during executive session.

Vice-Chair LeBar called for a motion to vote on the following violations of the Ethics Code and Article 18 of the General Municipal Law cited in relation to Complaint 2024-2: Section 15a, Interest in Contracts; Section 7, Annual Disclosures; Section 6, Disclosure of Interest and Legislation and other matters; Section 8 Recusal and Abstention; and Section 11a(3), Private Employment in Conflict with Official Duties. Motion was made by Ms. Hayes, seconded by Ms. Diaz and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Moynihan absent*) to accept all the violations listed by Vice-Chair LeBar.

Note: At the October 8, 2024 the Board of Ethics approved an amendment to the August 8, 2024 meeting minutes to delete Section 15b, Interest and Contracts and add Private Employment in Conflict with Official Duties after Section 11a(3).

- 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: To be determined.
- X. Motion to Adjourn: As there was no further business to come before the Warren County Board of Ethics, on motion by Mr. Hicks, seconded by Ms. Diaz and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Moynihan absent*), the meeting was adjourned at 11:36 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Molly Ganotes-Gleason, Legislative Office Specialist