

# WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS

FEBRUARY 5, 2025

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## Board of Ethics Members PRESENT:

Members - G. Thomas Moynihan Jr. (Chair); Loretta LeBar (Vice-Chair); Kim M. Diaz; James C. Hicks, John Jablonski  
Alternate Member - Paula Hayes

## 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 February 5, 2025 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=h0BIKSg9N\\_8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h0BIKSg9N_8)

Part 2 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cxPFwry6dX4>

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: Chair Moynihan called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.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 (*October 8, 2024*)

Motion was made by Ms. LeBar, seconded by Mr. Hicks and carried unanimously to waive reading of the minutes and approve the minutes of the previous Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

- IV. Public Comment and Privilege of the Floor: There was no one present wishing to speak.
- V. New Business:
  - a. 2025 Financial Disclosure Statements.

Motion was made by Mr. Moynihan, seconded by Ms. LeBar and carried unanimously to issue Failure to File Notifications to each person that has failed to file a 2025 Financial Disclosure Statement.

- VI. Discussion Items:
  - a. Discussion of potential recommendations to the Board of Supervisors to modify the Code of Ethics and annual financial disclosure statement. Committee discussed the definition of "relatives", as outlined in the Warren County Code of Ethics, and expressed a desire to compare said definition to what was provided in the NY State Code of Ethics in an effort to make that definition clearer to respondents.

VII: Old Business:

- a. Request 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 #2024-3 and other matters submitted to the Board of Ethics relating to a closed investigation.

Mr. Moynihan recused himself from Complaint #2024-3 and exited the meeting at 2:05 p.m. Note: Ms. LeBar served as Chair during the executive session and Ms. Hayes served as an alternate.

Motion was made by Ms. Diaz, 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.

Executive session was held from 2:07 p.m. until 2:22 p.m.

Upon reconvening, a motion was made by Ms. Hayes, seconded by Ms. Diaz and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Moynihan absent*) that there was no reasonable cause to proceed with Complaint #2024-3.

Mr. Moynihan returned to the meeting at 2:23 p.m., resuming the role of Chair.

- 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 Ms. LeBar, seconded by Mr. Hicks and carried unanimously, Mr. Moynihan adjourned the meeting at 2:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Molly Ganotes-Gleason, Legislative Office Specialist