

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ETHICS BOARD - TOWNSHIP OF EDISON**

May 04, 2022

A Regular Meeting of the Ethics Board was held in the Council Chamber on the second floor of the Municipal Building on Wednesday, May 04, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 7:04pm by Chairperson Stevens followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present were Board members Blick, Kearstan, Stevens, Zelingher & Attorney Kipnis and Secretary McCray.

The Secretary advised that adequate notice of this meeting, as required by the Open Public Meetings Act of 1975, has been provided by an Annual Notice sent to The Home News Tribune and posted in the Main Lobby of the Municipal Complex on April 28, 2024.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Appointment of Secretary

On a motion made by Mr. Kearstan and seconded by Mr. Blick to the Appointment of Secretary for Marlena McCray. An all-in favor vote was taken.

- a. Appointment of Chair

On a motion made by Mr. Blick seconded by Mr. Zelingher to Appoint Ms. Stevens as Chairperson. An all-in favor vote was taken.

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On a motion made by Mr. Zelingher seconded by Ms. Stevens to Appoint Mr. Blick as Vice - Chairperson. An all-in favor vote was taken.

- a. Appointment of Attorney

On a motion made by Mr. Kearstan seconded by Ms. Stevens to Appoint Mr. Kipnis as Board Attorney. An all-in favor vote was taken.

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The board secretary gave an updated on the financial disclosures statement for 2022.

**a. Local Government Ethics Complaint (Received April 11, 2022)
Complaint #22-01.**

Complaint was received for an advisory opinion from the board.

Mr. Blick stated possible conflict.

Mr. Kearstan explained his knowledge of the history of Amboy Avenue with the flowers being planted by DPW.

Mr. Blick asked question regarding the respondents FDS.

Mr. Zelingher read N.J.S.A. 40A:9-22.5 into the record.

The board accepted and this compliant with a Motion made by Mr. Blick and seconded by Mr. Kearstan.

**b. Local Government Ethics Complaint (Received April 11, 2022)
Complaint #22-02.**

Complaint was received

A discussion was had among the board members with concerns on this complaint with a possible conflict due to family relation.

Attorney Kipnis stated he believed the respondent should requeue themselves from the committee.

Mr. Zelingher read out the complaint and doesn't feel of any wrong doing.

Mr. Kearstan suggested complainant should appear before the board to explain his complaint.

Attorney Kipnis stated this complaint will be accepted for advisory option and will draft letter to both parties.

The board discussed dates for next meeting to be June 8, 2022.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

A motion was made by Mr. Blick and seconded by Mr. Zelingher to adjourn the meeting at 7:41pm.

Deborah Stevens
Chairperson

Marlena McCray
Secretary