

Minutes Nassau County Board of Ethics

Public Session

Meeting date and place: February 4, 2021
Held remotely via Microsoft Teams and Livestreamed online

Board Members Present: Kenneth L. Gartner, Chair
Jared A. Kasschau, County Attorney
Michael Pernick, Member

Board Counsel: Steven G. Leventhal

Secretary to the Board: Kevin Hardiman, Deputy County Attorney, taking minutes

Also in attendance: Andrew Lester, Deputy Commissioner, IT

The meeting commenced at 8:37 a.m. All current members were present.

The first item on the agenda was the adoption of the minutes from the January 12, 2021 meeting. Mr. Kasschau moved, and Mr. Pernick seconded adopting the public minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

The members then discussed the draft YE2020 Annual Report. Minor edits were suggested by Mr. Gartner and Mr. Kasschau relating to vacancies on the Board. The Board asked Mr. Hardiman to include the suggested edits in a revised YE2020 Annual Report. Due to the March 1 deadline to submit the Annual Report to the County Executive and the County Legislature, Mr. Kasschau moved to approve the Annual Report as amended to include the suggested edits. Mr. Pernick seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board then discussed the List of Policymakers who will be required to submit a 2021 Annual Statement of Financial Disclosure relating to the 2020 calendar year. Mr. Kasschau moved to approve the List of Policymakers subject to any necessary additions or subtractions based on revised lists to be submitted by certain agencies. Mr. Pernick seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Kasschau moved to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss two requests for ethics advice, one relating to a potential conflict of interest in connection with the award of a grant and the other relating to a County employee considering running for local public office, and also to discuss two complaints relating to matters concerning potential discipline of employees. Mr. Pernick seconded. The motion passed unanimously at 8:54 a.m.

Following the Executive Session, the Board returned to Public Session at 9:31 a.m. for purposes of adjourning the meeting. Mr. Kasschau moved to adjourn. Mr. Pernick seconded. The motion passed unanimously at 9:32 a.m.