

ULSTER COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS

DATE: June 10, 2025

TIME: 6:00 PM

PLACE: Ulster County Human Services Complex
100 Development Court, Building #2, Suite 400
(Veterans Agency Entrance)
Kingston, New York

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Taane Pegg, Chair
Stephanie Ellis
Paul Tully
Brigid Walsh
Robert Nuzzo

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Deborah Schneer
Anne Zahradnik

OTHERS ATTENDING: Kayleen Scali, Secretary to the Board of Ethics

Chair Taane Pegg called the meeting to order at 5:59 PM.

First order of business, review and approval of minutes. Chair Pegg asked if anyone had reviewed the minutes and if they had any revisions to the April 8, 2025 meeting. No discussion. Motion to approve the minutes from the April 8, 2025 Board of Ethics Meeting, Brigid Walsh 1st, Paul Tully 2nd, unanimously approved.

Old Business:

Next order of business, creation for the form on the website. Board discusses purpose of the content form sent from the County Executive's office. Chair Pegg reviews with Board each question on the form and members discuss the best response. Chair Pegg will complete Part 2 and Part 4 of the form and will send response to Board to review prior to submission.

Next order of business is the update on the County Attorney's Response on the 2023 Financial Disclosure forms. Kayleen Scali provides an update that letters were sent to the three people who have not yet sent in a completed 2023 Financial Disclosure form from the County Attorney's office and they have not yet received any answers. Chair Pegg asks the board how we want to proceed if the County Attorney's office does not receive an answer. The Chair will reach out to the Chair of the Human Right's Commission to see if they can help get the outstanding forms from the three members. Chair Pegg explains what is required if we do not get the completed forms. Robert Nuzzo asks if the three members have left the Human Rights Commission. Kayleen Scali updates the board that one member's term expired in May 2025 and the other two members term will expire in December 2025.

New Business:

Next order of business is an update on the 2024 Financial Disclosure forms. Members ask how many we have received. Kayleen Scali provides an update that 92 have not been returned as of this board meeting. The board has approximately 15 that have been received and need board review. Previous forms that were reviewed by the board and were found incomplete were sent back to the individual with a letter asking for them to make corrections and resubmit. The board discusses sending a letter out to those that have not yet sent in. Kayleen Scali is going to see what and how it had been handled in the past and will share with the board prior to sending out. Motion to approve that the Board will send out a letter to remind people to submit their 2024 Financial Disclosure forms, Robert Nuzzo, 1st, Brigid Walsh 2nd, unanimously approved.

Approval to post the 2024 Financial Disclosure Forms of elected officials on the County Website. Robert Nuzzo asks if we have received all of the elected officials' forms. Kayleen Scali updates the board that the ones we have received have been reviewed by the Board but we are still waiting a few more. The board agrees that prior to posting on the website we should wait till we receive all elected officials forms. Chair Pegg asks if there is a deadline that we have to post them on the website by. Robert Nuzzo says there is no date that we have to post the forms on the website by. There are nine forms by elected officials that have not yet been submitted. Chair Pegg makes a motion to table approval to post the 2024 Financial Disclosure Forms of elected officials on the County Website once we receive all of them, Brigid Walsh 1st, Paul Tully 2nd, unanimously approved.

6:32 pm A motion was made to enter into Executive Session to discuss a Complaint, Stephanie Ellis 1st, Brigid Walsh 2nd, unanimously approved.

6:42 pm Motion was made to exit Executive Session, Stephanie Ellis 1st, Brigid Walsh 2nd, unanimously approved.

Motion was made to respond to the Complainant referring to #C-2025-01. The subject matter of the complaint falls outside the scope of the Board of Ethics. A recommendation to refer the complainant to the Attorney General's public corruption unit for requests relating to such types of investigation. Brigid Walsh, 1st, Paul Tully, 2nd, unanimously approved.

6:47 pm Motion to adjourn meeting, Brigid Walsh 1st, Paul Tully 2nd, unanimously approved.