

Town of North Hempstead Board of Ethics

AGENDA

Date: August 24, 2022

Location: Town Attorney Law Library, Town Hall (220 Plandome Road, Manhasset, NY)

Attendance

Mr. Joseph Sciame, Chairman.....
Rabbi Dr. Robert S. Widom
Justice Richard S. Kestenbaum, Esq.
Dr. Isma Chaudhry.....
Mrs. Betty Leong.....
Rabbi Anchelle Perl.....
Ms. Robin L.Bolling.....

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- I. Review Minutes of July 13, 2022 meeting
 - II. Review request for extension for filing a 2021 Annual Statement of Financial Disclosure.
 - III. Review list of individuals who have not filed an Annual Statement of Financial Disclosure
 - IV. Determine next meeting date
 - V. Adjourn.

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Meeting Minutes for August 24, 2022

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Rabbi Dr. Robert S. Widom.....	Present
Justice Richard S. Kestenbaum, Esq.....	Present
Mrs. Betty Leong.....	Present
Dr. Isma Chaudhry.....	Present
Rabbi Anchelle Perl.....	Present
Ms. Robin L. Bolling	Absent
John B. Chiara.....	Present
Michael Kelly.....	Present
Charles Vogeley.....	Present

Quorum Status: Attained

Audio Recording: Retained

Agenda:

Prior to meeting Charles Vogeley was presented with a Proclamation for his service with the Board of Ethics by Supervisor Jennifer DeSena and Councilwoman Veronica Lurvey.

Refer to retained meeting recording.

I. Board members reviewed and adopted minutes of July 13, 2022 meeting.

- Mrs. Betty Leong - Motion
- Rabbi Dr. Robert S. Widom - Second
- Unanimously Adopted

II. Board members reviewed the list of individuals who have not filed an Annual Statement of Financial Disclosure. Phillip Purcell, David Norman and Byron Johnson. The Board excused Phillip Purcell, as he is no longer an employee of the Town. Letters of Delinquency were signed and will be sent to David Norman and Byron Johnson by the Town Attorney's Office.

- Dr. Isma Chaudhry - Motion
- Rabbi Anchelle Perl- Second
- Unanimously Adopted

III. Reviewed the requests for Extension for filing of a 2021 Annual Statement of Financial Disclosure

Veronica Lurvey filed for further extension of filing a 2021 Annual Statement of Financial Disclosure. The Board agreed to make extension for the 30 days for reasons stated in the requests. The Financial Disclosure will be due on September 25, 2022.

The Board excused James Viras from the filing of an Annual Financial Disclosure as he is not required to file according to Town Code.

- Mrs. Betty Leong - Motion
- Justice Richard S. Kestenbaum, Esq.- Second
- Unanimously Adopted

IV. Review 2021 Annual Statement of Financial Disclosure for Steven G. Leventhal, proposed Counsel to the Board of Ethics.

The Board discussed at length the need to have counsel, who should chose said counsel and whether they should be reviewing financial disclosures of those who are not employees of the town currently.

The item was Tabled until they have a better understanding of the need for outside counsel.

- Rabbi Dr. Robert S. Widom - Motion
- Rabbi Anchelle Perl - Second
- Unanimously Adopted

V. Review Annual Statement of Financial Disclosure for proposed appointees to the Board of Ethics, Derek Chan, Melissa Slobin and Francisco Vasquez, and appointment of Kimberly G Keiserman to the Board of the North Hempstead Housing Authority.

The Board discussed why they were asked to review the disclosures of potential appointees to the Board of Ethics. They were read a portion of the Code which stated the need to file a Financial Disclosure 30 days prior to being considered for an appointment.

The Board discussed their terms of service and how these new appointees would fit into the Board. They discussed the disadvantages of having a new board and their regrets on how it has been handled.

The Board decided to continue the review of these Financial Disclosures at another meeting. In the mean time a letter will be written by the Board to the Supervisors Office sharing the Board's thoughts and concerns on these new Appointees.

The Board reviewed Annual Statement of Financial Disclosure of Kimberly G. Keiserman, proposed appointee, Commissioner of the North Hempstead Housing Authority.

The Board discussed the need to hold interviews of these new appointees, to make sure that there are no conflicts of interest. This Financial Disclosure was approved.

- Justice Richard S. Kestenbaum, Esq. - Motion
- Dr. Isma Chaudhry - Second
- Unanimously Adopted

VI. Adjourn meeting

- Mrs. Betty Leong - Motion
- Rabbi Dr. Robert S. Widom - Second
- Unanimously Adopted