

Ethics Board
Village of Mamaroneck
Minutes of the Meeting
November 29, 2023
Courtroom

In attendance: Daniel Karson, Maria DeRose, Susan Berenzweig, Lauren Perone Jones, Chari Topol-Allison

Present: Robert Spolzino, Counsel to the Ethics Board

Also Present: Nathan David, stenographer

Members of Public Present at Public Session only: Suzanne McCrory, John Hofstetter, Stuart Tiekert

A motion to call the meeting to order was made by Mr. Karson and seconded by Ms. DeRose at 4:35 PM. The motion was unanimously approved.

Upon motion by Dr. Berenzweig and seconded by Ms. DeRose, the amended minutes from the October 24, 2023 meeting were unanimously approved.

Regarding an anonymous letter regarding the organization One Mamaroneck sent to a VOM Trustee and a copy given to the Ethics Board, the board determined that because the letter did not take the form of a complaint made to the board, no action will be taken. Dr. Berenzweig will attempt to discover the author of the letter, and if found, will ask if they wish to submit a formal complaint.

Upon motion by Ms. Perone Jones and seconded by Dr. Berenzweig, the board voted unanimously to adopt the amended language in the proposed revised Code of Ethics Section 21-7 E (5) regarding political activity.

Upon motion by Mr. Karson and seconded by Ms. DeRose, the Board voted unanimously to convene in Executive Session, pursuant to section 105 f of the Open Meetings Law, at 4:50 PM to conduct interviews regarding a formal complaint.

Upon motion by Ms. Perone Jones and seconded by Dr. Berenzweig, the Board voted unanimously to reconvene in public session at 7:12 PM.

Upon motion by Ms. DeRose and seconded by Ms. Perone Jones, the Board voted unanimously, pursuant to Code of Ethics Section 21-15 A, to grant a request by Mr. Yusef Yizar, and the Village Harbor Master, a waiver of code section 21-4 E 1 (e), permitting Mr. Yizar to work as a Laborer in the Harbor Master's department. Mr. Yizar is the brother of Village Trustee Leilani Yizar-Reid.

Upon motion by Dr. Berenzweig and seconded by Ms. DeRose, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the Chair to write and submit an advisory opinion requested by Mayor Elect, Sharon Torres. Mr. Karson abstained from taking part in the vote.

Upon motion by Ms. Perone Jones and seconded by Ms. Allison, the meeting was adjourned at 7:21 PM.