

Conference Room (16th Floor – Rath Building

Members: ___ Taunya Abaya, Chair
 ___ Anne Joynt, Vice Chair
 ___ Ellen Kennedy, Secretary
 ___ John Flynn

Staff: ___ Aaron Rubin, Counsel
 ___ Barb Piazza, Chief Ethics Officer

1. Meeting called to order at 8:48 a.m.
2. January Meeting Minutes: John moved, Taunya seconded, to approve the minutes. Motion passed.
3. Website:
 - a. Minutes and agenda have been updated
 - b. FOIL requests – none
 - c. Other communications – email received regarding an issue that is not under the discretion of the Ethics Board
4. Old Business:
 - a. Town of Amherst investigation update regarding Lavin – no violations were found. Letters will be sent to Levin and the complainant with this finding.
 - b. Possible conflict of employees who serve on Boards – the Board will discuss how to give guidance to these individuals.
 - c. Nepotism discussion – tabled for the next meeting
 - d. 2026 Goals
 - Copies of all complaints will be made available to Board members
 - Need to recruit a new member to replace Chris Trapp
 - Need to examine which employees are required to file financial disclosure forms
 - e. Annual Report – members reviewed the draft report of 2025 activities and made suggestions to Taunya for the final document.
5. New Business:

Barb reported that she will be presenting on her work with the Board at the Legislative Conference of the Association of Counties in Albany.
6. Public Comments: none
7. Motion to adjourn: Anne moved, John seconded , to adjourn the meeting at 9:59. Motion passed.