

Budget 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

Others Present:

1. Meeting called to order at 9:03 a.m.
2. March meeting Minutes: Anne moved, Tauyna seconded to approve the minutes. Motion passed.
3. Website / Email Updates (Piazza/Chair):
 - a. Updates to website: Minutes, agenda. Checked that everything is accessible.
 - b. FOIL Requests: none
 - c. Other communications: Question from an employee in the Comptroller's Office regarding a possible conflict of interest if applying to be on the Assigned Counsel Program Board. The Board advised that this would be a conflict of interest.
A second communication from Springville will be discussed at the May meeting.
4. Ethics Officer Report: She reported that she made a presentation regarding ethics to the NYS Association of County Governments at their meeting in Albany. Also, the Ethics Book Club will meet this week.
5. Old Business:
 - a. The finalized Annual Report has been forwarded to the Ethics Officer.
 - b. Issue of possible conflicts for employees who serve on Boards – discussion ensued regarding the differences between hearing complaints and providing advisory opinions.
6. New Business: none
7. Public Comments: none
8. Motion to adjourn: Anne moved, John seconded. Motion passed
9. Next meeting: May 4, 2026 at 9:00 a.m., 16th floor, ECH