

**Budget Conference Room (16<sup>th</sup> Floor) – Rath Building**

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Members:                     Taunya Abaya, Chair                    Staff:    Aaron Rubin, Counsel  
                                      \* Anne Joynt, Vice Chair                     Barb Piazza, Chief Ethics Officer  
                                      Ellen Kennedy, Secretary  
                                      John Flynn

Others Present:

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1. Meeting called to order at 9:04. As authorized by and in compliance with Section 103-a of the New York Public Officers Law and Section 4.9 of the Board's Rules and Regulations, Vice Chair Anne Joynt participated by video conference due to unexpected illness. A quorum was physically present and Ms. Joynt did not participate in any votes.

2. April Minutes: John moved, Taunya seconded to approve the minutes. Motion carried by the unanimous vote of the physically present members.

3. Website / Email Updates (Piazza/Chair):

- a. Updates to website: Minutes, agenda – updates have been made
- b. FOIL requests: Supervisor in Social Services requested a 2025 financial disclosure for a departmental employee. It was determined that the employee was not required to submit a long form. The supervisor was directed to request the short form from the personnel office.
- c. Other communications: Question from the Youth Bureau regarding possible conflict of interest in reviewing RFPs. The Board agreed that the individual should recuse self.

4. Ethics Officer Report: The Financial Reporting Forms have been distributed to employees. A number of electronic and paper forms have already been returned. The due date is May 15. Aaron has been asked to prepare a chart summarizing the Board's duties and jurisdiction.

5. Old Business: A discussion of possible conflict of employees who serve on boards is tabled to the June meeting.

6. New Business: Issue of ethical considerations in Springville politics was discussed and a draft opinion will be finalized and communicated to the relevant party.

A second issue in West Seneca was discussed and determined that the issue should be dealt with by the West Seneca Board of Ethics.

6. Public Comments: None

7. Motion to adjourn: John moved and Taunya seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed; meeting adjourned at 9:54.

8. Next meeting: June 1, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. , 16<sup>th</sup> floor, ECH