

Transcription of Westchester County Board of Ethics Meeting of April 8, 2020 held via WebEx platform.

Present by video and audio link, or solely by audio:

Walter Matystik, Chair

Brett Summers, Secretary

Kitley Covill, Vice Chair

Dennis Kremer

Stuart Cotton

Also in Attendance: Justin Adin, Associate County Attorney
Steven Leventhal, Special Counsel

Not Present: Douglas French

Mr. Matystik: I call the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Mr. Leventhal: Under the temporary order issued by the Governor, a transcription of the meeting is necessary. though it need not be stenographic.

Mr. Adin: Ellen [Trotta] is not on the call.

Mr. Summers: I will transcribe the meeting.

Mr Adin: Can any one record the meeting? I doing think I can record it through WebEx. [No one had the apparent ability to record the meeting.]

Mr. Leventhal: I will read the draft resolution that I circulated by email:

Resolution 1-2020 titled Temporary Enlargement of the Time to File Financial Disclosure Statements in Response to the Covid-19 Emergency, adopted April 8, 2020.

The WHERAS clauses recited were:

1. On 1/30/20 the WHO designated Covid-19 as a public health emergency;
2. On 3/7/20 the Governor issued an order declaring a NYS disaster given the Covid-19 virus;
3. On 3/28/20, the Governor extended the tax filing lead-in for personal and corporate taxes from April 15 to July 15;
4. The County Code establishes a May 1 st filing deadline for persons who are required to file financial disclosure statements;
5. The May 1 st filing deadline is tied to New York's April 15 tax filing deadline;

6. The Board of Ethics is of the opinion that the filing deadline for annual statements of financial disclosure be extended;
7. The enlargement of time to file is not an action pursuant to SEQRA and no SEQRA review is necessary;

WHEREFORE:

Annual statements of financial disclosure will be deemed timely filed if filed on or before August 15, 2020.

Mr. Leventhal: The draft resolution I circulated contained a reference to corporate income taxes, and I suggest that reference be deleted. Also, the draft resolution contained a typo where the word "the" and the date "2020" were transposed. I corrected that typo.

Mr. Summers: I move the resolution be adopted with those changes.

Mr. Cotton: I second that.

Mr. Matystik: Discussion?

Mr. Kremer: August 15 falls on a Saturday, so we should change that date to the following Monday which is August 17.

Mr. Summers: OK, let me confirm there are three changes to be made to the draft resolution: Changing the date from August 15 to August 17, fixing the "2020/the" typo, and deleting the reference to corporate taxes. (A chorus of ayes.)

Mr. Matystik: All in favor?
(Again, a chorus of ayes.)

Mr. Summers: I just want to confirm, all members are in agreement? Any nays? (None heard.)

Mr. Matystik: All five members are in favor.

Mr. Summers: I move the meeting be adjourned.

Ms. Kovill: I second that.
(another round of ayes.)

Mr. Matystik: The meeting is adjourned. [10:13 a.m.]
Submitted

Original Signed by: Brett F. Summers

Brett F. Summers, Secretary
Dated: April 8, 2020