

ULSTER COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS

DATE: February 9, 2026

TIME: 6:00 PM

PLACE: Ulster County Human Services Complex
100 Development Court, Building #2, Suite 400
(Veterans Agency Entrance)
Kingston, New York

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Taane Pegg, Chair
Stephanie Ellis
Brigid Walsh
Anne Zahradnik
Paul Tully (Via phone- non voting)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: John DeGasperis
Robert Nuzzo

OTHERS ATTENDING: Kayleen Scali, Secretary to the Board of Ethics
Dan Shortt, Ulster County Attorney's Office

Chair Taane Pegg called the meeting to order at 6:25 PM.

First order of business, review and approval of January 13 meeting minutes. Chair Pegg asked if anyone had reviewed the minutes and if they had any revisions. No discussion. Motion to approve the minutes from January 13, 2026 Board of Ethics Meeting, Brigid Walsh 1st, Stephanie Ellis 2nd, unanimously approved. Motion passes.

Old Business:

Next order of business, update on the 2024 & 2025 Financial Disclosure update. Kayleen provides an update to the board that since the last meeting we have received 1 form to review and there are 52 outstanding. Personnel is preparing memos and the Financial Disclosure Forms list for 2025 to send out by the beginning of March. The board discusses next steps to take in order to get the outstanding 52 forms from 2024 that have not been submitted. The board decided to add stronger language to the letter reminding people to complete the form.

Next order of business, further review of complaint #C-2025-4. Chair Pegg states that the Board had just met with the individual named in the complaint and their counsel. The board has requested additional information from the respondent and will be reaching out to third parties for additional information.

Motion to table this order of business until the next regularly scheduled Board of Ethics meeting March 10th, Anne Zahradnik 1st, Brigid Walsh 2nd, motion passes.

New Business:

Next order of business, review of advisory opinion #AO-2026-01. Motion to enter into Executive Session.

6:39 PM A motion was made to enter into Executive Session to discuss #AO-2026-01, Brigid Walsh 1st, Stephanie Ellis 2nd, unanimously approved.

6:44 PM Motion was made to exit Executive Session, Brigid Walsh 1st, Anne Zahradnik 2nd, unanimously approved.

Motion was made to respond to the advisory opinion referring to #AO-2026-01. The Board will respond that they have determined that there is no conflict of interest for the person making the request as long as they recuse themselves from any votes relating to set funding and that their name should not be on the application for the grant funding and to recuse themselves from all processes relating to the application for that grant, so moved Brigid Walsh 1st, Anne Zahradnik 2nd, unanimously approved.

6:45 PM Motion to adjourn meeting, Stephanie Ellis 1st, Brigid Walsh 2nd, unanimously approved.