

**PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS
OFFICIAL MINUTES**

Meeting of November 21, 2014

Members Present: Bob Bickford, Al Lotrecchiano, Paul Eldridge

Absent: Kathleen Delamere, Nancy Dill

Staff: Jan Miller

The meeting began at 10:00am in the conference room of the County Personnel Department. Roll call was taken. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Meeting

The Board reviewed the minutes of the November 21, 2014 meeting and approved them as presented.

Old Business:

- The Law Department responded with a draft Local Law proposal relative to Executive Law Section 94 and the financial disclosure review, as Section 55-7 F. The draft includes a statement of a “right of appeal” if the Board denies a request for exemption for reporting an individual’s spouse or child’s information. Given that the current version of the Ethics Board’s Rules does not provide for an appeals process, the Chair will suggest to the Law Department that the reference to an appeal be deleted from the proposed Local Law.
- Staff reported that the Law Department is still reviewing the outstanding Conflict of Interest inquiry and will report an opinion when their research is completed.
- Paul Eldridge reported that the Caruso legal case, on which the Spain vs. Sayegh complaint has been waiting, has been dismissed. Mr. Eldridge will contact Attorney Redding with this update and seek his advice on how the Board should proceed with the complaint.

New Business:

- Kathleen Delamere’s current term on the Board expires on December 31, 2014. The Chair will advise the County Executive.

The Board moved to executive session at 10:38am to review 2014 financial disclosure forms. Seven forms were reviewed; 6 were accepted and one will be returned for correction. At 10:47am the Board resumed the public session, set the next meeting for January 16, 2015, and adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Eldridge, Secretary