

**PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS
OFFICIAL MINUTES**

Meeting of March 20, 2015

Members Present: Bob Bickford, Al Lotrecchiano, Nancy Dill

Absent: Kathleen Delamere, Paul Eldridge

Staff: Jan Miller

The meeting began at 10:05am in the conference room of the County Personnel Department. Roll call was taken. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Meeting

The Board was scheduled to hold a Public Hearing to hear any appeals from County officials who had failed to file their 2014 Financial Disclosure forms. No one appeared for the hearing, so the Board moved on to its regular 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.
- The Board reviewed the Law Department's response to the outstanding Conflict of Interest inquiry and agreed with the opinion rendered. The Chair will send a letter to the employee, with a copy of the opinion, advising him of the Board's action.
- Regarding the status of the Spain vs. Sayegh complaint, no further action has been taken to date. This issue will be tabled to the next meeting while the Chair contacts Attorney Redding for an update.
- Staff reported that the reappointment of Kathleen Delamere to the Board is to be taken up at the April meeting of the full Legislature.

New Business:

- Report of the Legislature's action on the Board's recommendation of a penalty for those who fail to file a Financial Disclosure form.

The Board moved to executive session at 10:40am to review 2015 financial disclosure forms and any delinquent forms from 2014 that were recently submitted. Nine forms were reviewed for 2014; 8 were accepted and one will be returned for correction. The Board then reviewed 84 forms submitted for 2015; 77 were accepted and 7 will be returned for correction. At 11:57am the Board resumed the public session, set the next meeting for April 17, 2015, and adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Eldridge, Secretary