

Albany County Ethics Commission
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 21, 2016 at 4:30 P.M.

- Meeting called to order by Chairwoman Sheri Calnero
- Motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting made by Joseph Teresi and seconded by Bernard J. Malone Jr. The motion was accepted unanimously.
- A request for an advisory opinion has been received from an Albany County official. A discussion followed regarding how the Commission would procedurally address requests for advisory opinions in the future. The group concluded Commissioners should discuss in executive session those requests involving the financial history of an individual. A motion was made by Bernard J. Malone Jr. and seconded by Joseph Teresi. The motion was approved unanimously.
- Review of data regarding financial disclosures filed by Albany County officials and employees indicated that about 65 people had not filed disclosure forms. Motion to send a letter to these officials and employees who had not filed (requesting their compliance) was made by Joseph Teresi and seconded by Bernard J. Malone, Jr.
- The Commissioners discussed the financial disclosure requirements in general. Discussion revealed that the Albany County Human Resources Department has indicated that the list of positions as it appears in Local Law no. 8 (Ethics Law) upon which the financial disclosures are based is outdated. It was decided to invite the head of Human Resources to our next meeting to gain clarification on amending the list for greater accuracy. There was also discussion of the types of forms used and how they can be simplified. Pending all of this, the issue was tabled until our next meeting.
- Discussion of the Commission's response to a letter from Frank Mauriello that answers the seven points of his letter. A letter will be sent to him outlining our responses.
- Discussion of the proposed web site for the Commission. It will be a link from the Albany County Legislature site and should be up and running by October 31, 2016.
- Discussion of New Business, it was decided that the members will review sections 1 through 7 of the ethics law to discuss any possible corrections or improvements for our next meeting.
- The Commission has been sent a Freedom of Information request from Common Cause. A response letter will be sent.
- The Commissioners were informed that a budget of \$10,000. has been allocated by the Albany County Legislature for operation of the Ethics Commission.
- The next Albany County Ethics Commission will be Wednesday, November 2, 2016 at 4:30 PM in room 730 of the Albany County Office Building.

- Motion to enter executive session to discuss the advisory opinion request was made by Bernard J. Malone Jr. and seconded by Joseph Teresi. The motion was approved unanimously.
- Motion to adjourn made by Fr. James Lefebvre and seconded by Joseph Teresi. It was approved unanimously.