

Albany County Ethics Commission
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 2, 2017
4:30 P.M.

- Present: Shari Calnero, Joseph Teresi, Bernard Malone, Patrick Collins, Maggie Alix
- Meeting called to order by Chairwoman Shari Calnero and note is made that Michael Rest is participating via speakerphone. Fr. James LeFebvre, absent.
- Motion to accept the Minutes of the previous meetings (9/21/16 & 11/2/2016) is made by Joseph Teresi and seconded by Bernard Malone. Approval of the minutes is unanimous.
- Discussion on Financial Disclosure Statements (FDS) reporting for 2017. FDS will be dispersed in March and will be due back May 15th. After the November 2, 2016 meeting, Joseph Teresi proposed simplifying the FDS filing process by creating one form that is used by everyone required to file under Local Law No. 8 for 2008. For 2017 the best course of action is to consolidate forms A, B & C, into one form. A motion was made by Bernard Malone to create one form entitled Combined Form A, B, C that is compliant with Local Law No. 8 for 2008, and seconded by Joseph Teresi. Approval is unanimous
- Discussion on updating Appendix A of Local Law No. 8 for 2008. The best course of action is to review the current job titles provided by HR and determine what titles should or shouldn't file a FDS. This job will entail reviewing job descriptions and asking several key questions as they relate to the duties of the position.
- Discussion on how to amend the law going forward. Shari Calnero and Maggie Alix will work on red lining the current legislation and will make recommendations for legislative action. A motion was made by Bernard Malone to allow Shari Calnero and Maggie Alix to continue their research and redline the current legislation as they see fit, seconded by Joseph Teresi. Approval was unanimous.
- Maggie Alix reported that the Chairman's Office is currently working on setting up Ethics Training for the entire Legislative body. The training is tentatively scheduled for Monday, March 13th at 5:00PM.
- Advisory Opinions will be indexed by year and number (ex. 2017-01)
- Shari Calnero made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bernard Malone. Approval is unanimous.