

MINUTES
BOARD OF ETHICS PUBLIC MEETING

June 26, 2026

10:30 A.M.

In-Person at the Dutchess County Department of Law

Present:

Peter M. Forman, Chair
Paul Piastro
Rex Bridges
David Lemon
Caroline E. Blackburn, Counsel
Rachel Whispell, Confidential Secretary

From the Public:

Kimberly Hunt-Lee, Esq., Sokoloff Stern
Kristopher Munn, Legislator
Michael Treybich, Legislative Attorney (*via telephone*)

Item 1. Meeting Opened

The meeting was called to order by Chair Peter Forman at 10:30 a.m. A quorum was present.

Caroline Blackburn recused herself from the meeting temporarily for the members to meet with special counsel on one of the agenda items.

Item 2. Review Anonymous Complaint re: Leadership Prayer Breakfast

Peter Forman moved to proceed with a Closed Session, seconded by Paul Piastro. The motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session was held. The meeting returned to open session.

Discussion on this complaint are adjourned to August 21, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

Board of Ethics confirmed receipt of Legislative correspondence and will be responded to separately.

Ms. Hunt-Lee was excused and Ms. Blackburn returned for the remainder of Agenda.

Item 3. Review McCormack Complaint re: Delivering for Dutchess Leadership Breakfast

Michael Treybich, attorney to the Dutchess County Legislature, placed his position on the record based on papers submitted. Members must now determine whether there is a claimed violation of the Code of Ethics.

Rex Bridges moved to proceed to a Closed Session, seconded by David Lemon. The motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session was held. The meeting returned to open session.

David Lemon excused himself from the meeting.

Item 4. Review Informational Notice of T/Clinton Ethics Complaint

The remaining members reviewed and discussed the Informational Notice of Town of Clinton complaint.

Paul Piastro moved to remove this complaint off of the Board's agenda, seconded by Rex Bridges. Three – yes; one-absent. The motion carried.

Item 5. Approve Financial Disclosure Statements Received

Rex Bridges moved to approve financial disclosure statements for 2025 that have been received, seconded by Paul Piastro. Three – yes; one – absent. The motion carried.

Item 6. Determination on 2025 Outstanding Financial Disclosure Statements

The members reviewed the memo received from the Department of Finance dated June 23, 2026 concerning active and inactive employees who failed to submit financial disclosure statements and determined next steps.

Item 7. Adjournment

Paul Piastro moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Rex Bridges. Three – yes; one – absent. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 12:13 p.m.