

Dutchess County Board of Ethics  
County Office Building  
c/o Commissioner of Finance  
22 Market Street  
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

MINUTES  
BOARD OF ETHICS MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 17, 2025  
10:00 A.M.

IN-PERSON AT THE DUTCHES COUNTY LEGISLATURE CAUCUS ROOM

PRESENT:

Peter Forman, Chair  
Rex S. Bridges  
Paul R. Piastro  
Dave Lemon  
Kimberly Hunt Lee, Esq., Attorney for Dutchess County Board of Ethics

Absent: Kathy Martin

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Mr. Peter Forman convened the meeting at about 10:15 a.m.

A quorum was present.

The members introduced themselves.

There were two items on the agenda. The first was to discuss an anonymous complaint regarding the Dutchess County Leadership Prayer Breakfast. The second was an application by the District Attorney's Office.

Relative to the first matter, the Board was provided with several documents sent by the anonymous complainant, after the filing of the complaint. The Board reviewed the documents to ensure each of the members had a full set.

A motion was made by Peter Forman to go into closed session to have a discussion with counsel.

Motion was seconded by Paul Piastro.

Peter Forman opened the floor for discussion on that motion. All were in favor.

Motion to Adjourn Closed Session

A motion was made by Peter Forman, seconded by Dave Lemon, adjourning the closed session. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion to Entertain an Anonymous Complaint

A motion was made pursuant to Section 14 of the Code of Ethics that provides for the Board of Ethics to make a threshold decision as to whether Board wishes to entertain an anonymous complaint, which is what we have here. Another way to describe it as a confidential complaint or a request. The motion is to accept the complaint and investigate it.

A motion was made by Peter Forman, seconded by Paul Piastro to accept the complaint.

The Board unanimously approved the Resolution to accept the complaint pursuant to Section 14 of the Code of Ethics.

Motion to Meet on November 7, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. to Entertain the Complaint

A motion was made to meet on November 7, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. for the continuing investigation.

Motion by Paul Piastro, Seconded by Rex Bridges.

All in favor.

Next meeting is November 7, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. pending availability.