



## City of Kingston Board of Ethics

Allen Nace, *Chair*  
Michael Decker  
Charlotte Adamis

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### **ETHICS BOARD MINUTES** **November 9, 2023** **City Hall Conference Room 2**

The meeting of the City of Kingston Ethics Board was called to order by Chairman Allen Nace at 4:12 p.m.

**Roll Call: Present:** Chairman Allen Nace, Charlotte Adamis, Michael Decker

Also present were Ethics Board Clerk Ameer Peterson, Corp Counsel Matt Jankowski, Ellen DiFalco, Joe DiFalco

**Minutes:** The minutes from the September 19, 2023, meeting were received and reviewed by the board members. Motion to approve the minutes: Charlotte Adamis; seconded by Michael Decker. Minutes were approved unanimously.

#### **Agenda:**

##### **Old Business:**

Financial Disclosures – reviewed submissions and outstanding.

Goal not to censure – get people in compliance

##### **New business:**

Three complaints:

Complaint #20231024-02– will go to Corp Counsel – against the Ethics Board – and therefore cannot hear.

Complaint #20231024-01 and Complaint #20231024-03 are allegations against specific employees or officials and will have to be addressed in Exec Session

Motion to go into Executive Session Michael Decker, Seconded by Charlotte Adamis

Carried unanimously

##### **Executive Session:**

The executive session was completed and the public meeting resumed at 5:33 pm.

##### **Public Meeting**

Ellen DiFalco Point of order – agenda of today’s meeting – not posted  
Make records available to the public 24 hours prior to the meeting

Minutes not provided on website for August or September

Matt Jankowski: minutes filed with the City, but Exec Session not available to the public

Ellen DiFalco: Local Law #6 – August 6<sup>th</sup> – singled out Planning, Zoning, and Ethics Boards – apply consistent standards. Should be every board and commission for the City.

Matt Jankowski: Possibly because those boards make final decisions but the others are predominantly recommendations.

Ellen DiFalco: What was the rule under why you went into Exec Session?

Matt Jankowski: Confidentiality about personnel issues

Ellen DiFalco: wasn't clear why

Chairman Nace announces the determinations:

Complaint #20231024-01 – there were no findings of an ethical violation under Section 49

Complaint #20231024-03 – there were no findings of an ethical violation under Subsections J and O

**Motion to Adjourn Meeting:** A motion to close the meeting was made by Charlotte Adamis; Seconded by Michael Decker. Motion passed 3 – 0.

**The Meeting adjourned at 5:46 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Amea Peterson