

**Town of North Hempstead
Board of Ethics**

AGENDA

Date: March 18, 2022

Location: Town Attorney Law Library, Town Hall (220 Plandome Road, Manhasset, NY)

Attendance

Mr. Joseph Sciame, Chairman.....	Present
Rabbi Dr. Robert S. Widom	Absent
Justice Richard S. Kestenbaum, Esq.	Present
Mrs. Betty Leong.....	Present
Dr. Isma Chaudhry.....	Present

- I. Review Minutes of April 27, 2021 meeting
- II. Interview of Jennifer S. DeSena at 2:05pm - Town Supervisor
- III. Interview of Joseph Scalera at 2:20pm - Deputy Town Supervisor
- IV. Interview of Dennis Walsh at 2:35pm - Councilperson District
- V. Interview of David Adhami at 2:50pm - Councilperson District
- VI. Interview of Ragini Srivastava at 3:05pm - Town Clerk
- VII. Interview of Charles McQuair at 3:20pm – Special Council Supervisor’s Office
- VIII. Interview of Paul Wood at 3:35pm- Director of Finance
- IX. Interview of Brian Devine at 3:50pm – Public Information Officer
- X. Interview of John B. Chiara at 4:00pm – Town Attorney
- XI. Interview of Margaret M. Malito at 4:20pm – 1st Deputy Clerk
- XII. Interview of Rhatna Bhalla at 4:35pm – Deputy Clerk
- XIII. Interview of Brandon Gimpelman at 4:50pm – Aide to Councilperson Zuckerman
- XIV. Decide on next meeting date
- XV. Adjourn

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Meeting Minutes for March 18, 2022

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Quorum Status: Attained

Audio Recording: Retained

Agenda:

- I. Board members interview of Jennifer S. DeSena, Town Supervisor. Board members reviewed data information sheet and resume. Ms. DeSena spoke about her role with the Town her educational background and her work history. She also made it clear she has no conflicts of interest.
 - Justice Richard S. Kestenbaum - Motion
 - Mrs. Betty Leong - Second
 - Unanimously Approved

II. Board members interview of Joseph Scalero, Deputy Supervisor/Chief of Staff. Board members reviewed data information sheet. Mr. Scalero spoke about his role with the Town and his previous appointments. He made it clear that he has no conflicts of interest.

- Dr. Isma Chaudry- Motion
- Justice Richard S. Kestenbaum - Second
- Unanimously Approved

III. Board members interview of Dennis Walsh, Councilman, District 3. Board members reviewed data information sheet and resume. Mr. Walsh spoke about his role with The Town and his past experience as both a police officer and a painter. He did not bring a resume and said he did not read the Code of Ethics. He was given a copy of the Code of Ethics and said that he would read it he was also asked to send us a resume.

- Mrs. Betty Leong - Motion
- Dr. Isma Chaudry - Second
- Unanimously Approved

IV. Board members interview of David Ahdami, Councilman, District 5. Mr. Ahdami did not bring any paperwork and filled out our Board of Ethics Data Sheet after the meeting. Board members spoke with Mr. Ahdami about his past employment as an attorney and his new role with the Town of North Hempstead. He does not have any conflicts of interest. He was directed to Read the Code of Ethics, which was given to him and to return the Board of Ethics Data Sheet to the Town Attorney's Office.

- Justice Richard S. Kestenbaum - Motion
- Dr. Isma Chaudry - Second
- Unanimously Approved

V. Board members interviewed Brandon Gimpelman, Aide to Councilman, Peter Zuckerman. Board members reviewed data information sheet and resume. Mr. Gimpelman spoke about his work experience, and his new role with the Town of North Hempstead.

- Justice Richard S. Kestenbaum – Motion
- Dr. Isma Chaudry - Second
- Unanimously Approved

VI. Refer to Minutes of April 27, 2021, Board of Ethics Meeting.

Board members reviewed and adopted minutes of April 27, 2021, meeting.

- Justice Richard S. Kestenbaum – Motion

- Mrs. Betty Leong – Second
- Unanimously Adopted

VII. Board members interviewed Paul Wood, Director of Finance of the Supervisor’s Office. Board members reviewed data information sheet and resume. Mr. Wood spoke about his work experience and his transition to governmental work, and his new role with the Town of North Hempstead.

- Dr. Isma Chaudry - Motion
- Justice Richard S. Kestenbaum - Second
- Unanimously Approved

VIII. Board members interviewed John Chiara, Town Attorney of the Town of North Hempstead. Board members reviewed data information sheet and resume. Mr. Chiara spoke about his work experience and his transition from County to Town work, and his new role with the Town of North Hempstead. He also spoke of his experience with the Board of Ethics on a County level. The Board had some questions for him as well regarding The Town of North Hempstead Board of Ethics.

- Mrs. Betty Leong - Motion
- Dr. Isma Chaudry - Second
- Unanimously Approved

IX. Board members interviewed Margaret “Maggie” Malito, First Deputy Clerk of the Town of North Hempstead. Board members reviewed data information sheet and resume. Ms. Malito spoke about her extensive work experience and her new role with the Town of North Hempstead. She also spoke of her experience with not-for-profit organizations.

- Justice Richard S. Kestenbaum - Motion
- Dr. Isma Chaudry - Second
- Unanimously Approved

X. Board members interviewed Ratna Bhalla, Deputy Clerk of the Town of North Hempstead. Board members reviewed data information sheet and resume. Ms. Bhalla spoke about her extensive work experience, education, and her new role with the Town of North Hempstead.

- Justice Richard S. Kestenbaum - Motion
- Dr. Isma Chaudry - Second
- Unanimously Approved

Meeting Adjourned, next meeting date will be Friday, March 25, 2022, at 2:30 PM.

- Justice Richard S. Kestenbaum - Motion
- Dr. Isma Chaudry - Second
- Unanimously Approved