

**PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS
OFFICIAL MINUTES**

Meeting of April 17, 2015

Members Present: Bob Bickford, Al Lotrecchiano, Kathleen Delamere, Paul Eldridge

Absent: Nancy Dill

Staff: Jan Miller

The meeting began at 10:10am in the conference room of the County Personnel Department. Roll call was taken. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Meeting

A resident of the Town of Southeast attended the meeting to present a complaint against certain Town officials that he believed were acting unethically. The Board heard his concerns and advised him to first appear before the Ethics Board of the Town of Southeast and, if necessary, then have them refer the issue to the County Board. The resident agreed to do so, thanked the Board for hearing his concerns, and left the meeting.

Minutes:

The Board reviewed the minutes of the March 20, 2015 meeting and approved them as presented.

Old Business:

- The Chair reported on the April 14 meeting of the Rules Committee regarding the submitted revision of §55-7 of the Code. Although the Committee had no issue with the subsection F addressing the possible request for exclusion of financial disclosure information regarding a spouse or child, it was noted that subsection B(1) does not reflect the current electronic submission of the financial disclosure form. Therefore, the Chair agreed to withdraw the proposed revision and make the necessary corrections for resubmission at the next meeting.
- Regarding the status of the Spain vs. Sayegh complaint, the Chair attempted to contact Attorney Redding for an update. However, he has received no response. Mr. Eldridge offered to make a joint phone call to Attorney Redding after the meeting to obtain a response. (Said call was made and Attorney Redding promised to submit an update prior to the next meeting.)
- Staff reported that the reappointment of Kathleen Delamere was taken up at the April meeting of the full Legislature, and passed. Mrs. Delamere's reappointment term ends December 31, 2017.
- The Chair also reported on the Rules Committee's response to the Delinquent Filers report and recommendation for penalty. The Committee did not support taking any action against those listed in the report. They also questioned the necessity of requiring Advisory Board members to file a disclosure form; however no specific decision was made.

New Business:

- The Chair will review the Town of Southeast's Code of Ethics to determine if there is any allowance for that Board to refer a complaint directly to the County Board of Ethics. Other than the discussion with the Town of Southeast resident, there was no new business.

The Board moved to executive session at 10:46am to review 2015 financial disclosure forms and any delinquent forms from 2014 that were recently submitted. Two forms were reviewed for 2014 and all were accepted. The Board then reviewed 16 forms submitted for 2015; 15 were accepted and one will be returned for correction. At 11:07am the Board resumed the public session, set the next meeting for June 19, 2015, and adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Eldridge, Secretary