

**PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS
OFFICIAL MINUTES**

Meeting of September 18, 2015

Members Present: Bob Bickford, Al Lotrecchiano, Paul Eldridge, Nancy Dill

Absent: Kathleen Delamere

Staff: Jan Miller

The meeting began at 10:03 am in the conference room of the County Personnel Department. Roll call was taken. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes:

The Board reviewed the minutes of the July 17, 2015 meeting and approved them as corrected to include the Board's website address. The corrected version will be sent to all members.

Old Business:

- The Chair reviewed his meeting with the Rules Committee regarding the proposed revisions of §55-7 and §55-2C of the Code of Ethics and the penalty recommendation. The Rules Committee passed the §55-7 and §55-2C revisions on to the full Legislature. As for the monetary penalty provisions of the Code, the sense of the Committee was that County officers and employees who persist in failing to file annual financial disclosure reports, after due warning, should be removed from their County positions without monetary penalty.
- The Board discussed the webpage content and placement on the County's website. The current site address [www.putnamcountyny.com/boardofethics/] was distributed to all members for their use. Paul is to discuss with the IT department to gain a more visible placement for the site.
- The Board also discussed the potential to reinstitute a former "in-person" training program on ethics for all County employees and officers. Paul and staff will resurrect the materials used in the past and present them for review by the Board.

New Business:

- Paul updated the Board members regarding a F.O.I.L. request, received after the last Board meeting, from a reporter of The Journal News. The request sought the most recent disclosure filings by members of the Putnam Legislature. All nine (9) records were redacted where appropriate and reviewed by the Law Department prior to release.

The Board moved to executive session at 10:15 am to discuss an inquiry received this week, and to review 2015 financial disclosure forms that were recently submitted. The Board reviewed 13 forms; all 13 were accepted. The Board asked the Chairman to respond to the inquiry.

At 10:55 am the Board resumed the public session, set the next meeting for November 20, 2015, and adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Eldridge, Secretary