

**PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS
OFFICIAL MINUTES**

Meeting of September 21, 2018

Members Present: Bob Bickford, Rod Cassidy, Paul Eldridge, Greg Amato
Absent: Kathleen Delamere
Staff: Jan Miller

The meeting began at 9:15 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 June 22, 2018 meeting and accepted them as amended.

Old Business:

- Paul Eldridge indicated that he has also signed a Confidentiality Agreement.

New Business:

- Paul Eldridge reported to the Board regarding the 7/17 Rules Committee meeting at which the non-filing of a required Financial Disclosure by any County Board official was discussed. The Rules Committee came to the decision that the Legislature will not approve the reappointment of any board member who does not comply with the required Disclosure Statement in a timely manner. They further advised the Board to issue warnings to all non-compliant officers of this policy prior to the end of the reporting year. A letter of acknowledgment to the Chairman of the Rules Committee will be sent by Chairman Bickford.
- The Board reviewed and discussed an inquiry from the County Historian. It was concluded that her acceptance of an appointment as a trustee of a local Historical Society presents no conflict of interest with her duties as County Historian. Note that Rod Cassidy recused himself from this discussion for personal reasons. A letter regarding such decision will be sent to the County Historian.
- Chairman Bickford noted that both his term, as well as Paul Eldridge's, on the Board will expire on December 31, 2018. The Chairman will not seek reappointment. He requested that all Board members come to the next meeting with potential candidates to present to the County Executive for consideration.

The Board moved to executive session at 9:40 am to review the 23 Financial Disclosure forms awaiting acceptance. Nineteen forms were accepted and 4 were returned for correction.

Next Meeting: November 30, 2018 at 9:15 am.

At 11:10 am Bob Bickford moved for adjournment, Rod Cassidy gave the second, and all concurred.

Respectfully Submitted,
Paul Eldridge, Secretary