



BOARD OF ETHICS

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Monday, December 1, 2025

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kitley Covill - Chair
Stuart Cotton
Doug French
Jerold Ruderman
Brett Summers
Louis Vetrone

ABSENT FROM MEETING

Jeff Cohen

WESTCHESTER COUNTY LAW DEPARTMENT

Associate County Attorney, Jennifer Bumgarner

SPECIAL COUNSEL:

C. Luke Brussel
Steven G. Leventhal (appeared remotely)

HUMAN RESOURCES:

Michael Ciarmella

PUBLIC MEETING:

A quorum was established and Stuart Cotton called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

A motion was made by Stuart Cotton to adopt today's Agenda with a minor change. The motion was seconded by Brett Summers and it carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Brett Summers to adopt the Minutes of May 29, 2025. The motion was seconded by Doug French and it carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Brett Summers to adopt the Minutes of September 25, 2025, with a minor change. The motion was seconded by Jerold Ruderman and it carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Brett Summers to adopt the Minutes of October 23, 2025. The motion was seconded by Doug French and it carried unanimously.

Charles "Luke" Brussel, Esq. who is the new Special Counsel to the Board was introduced by Stuart Cotton. Luke spoke of his professional background.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Leventhal spoke about the candidate disclosure forms. There is one individual who warrants further discussion in Executive Session at his actions may require disciplinary action.

There is follow-up required on some of the forms as questions were omitted.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 9:53 a.m. a motion was made by Stuart Cotton to go into Executive Session to discuss a request for advice which was received by the Board and to discuss possible disciplinary action against a party for continued failure to answer the candidate disclosure form properly. The motion was seconded by Doug French and the motion carried.

At 10:39 a.m. a motion was made by Jerold Ruderman to return to the public session and seconded by Stuart Cotton and the motion carried.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

The Board will meet again on January 26, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Kitley Covill to adjourn the public meeting and seconded by Stuart Cotton at 10:40 a.m.

Submitted by:
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