

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC SESSION  
OF THE FEBRUARY 28, 2024  
MEETING OF THE COMMISSION ON ETHICS  
AND LOBBYING IN GOVERNMENT**

**25 BEAVER STREET, 5<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR  
NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10004**

**540 BROADWAY  
ALBANY, NEW YORK 12207**

**13 POND VIEW DRIVE  
JERICHO, NEW YORK 11752**

**Chair:** Frederick A. Davie (NYC)

**Vice-Chair:** Leonard B. Austin (WebEx)

**Members:** Ava Ayers (ABSENT)  
Dolly Caraballo (NYC)  
Michael A. Cardozo (NYC)  
Claudia L. Edwards (NYC)  
Nancy G. Groenwegen (ALB)  
Seymour W. James, Jr. (NYC)

**Staff:** Sanford N. Berland, Executive Director (NYC)  
Martha Rivera, Executive Assistant (NYC)

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Davie called the February 28, 2024 meeting to order. Executive Director Sanford Berland announced this meeting was being held pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the state's Open Meetings Law, Article 7 of the Public Officers Law, and Section 94 of the Executive Law. The conference room being used at the Commission's offices in Albany at 540 Broadway, a conference room at 25 Beaver Street in Manhattan, as well as a facility located at 13 Pond View

Drive, Jericho, New York, are open to the public during public session. The public session is also being live streamed, and the link can be found on the Commission's website at [www.ethics.ny.gov](http://www.ethics.ny.gov). Executive Director Berland confirmed that a quorum was present.

**MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO PUBLIC OFFICERS LAW § 105 AND EXECUTIVE LAW § 94(11) TO ADDRESS MATTERS CONCERNING EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONNEL, PENDING LITIGATION, AND INVESTIGATIVE AND ENFORCEMENT MATTERS THAT ARE CONFIDENTIAL PURSUANT TO SECTION 94 OF THE EXECUTIVE LAW**

Chair Davie asked for a motion to go into Executive Session and noted that the Commission would not be coming back to a Public Session after the Executive Session deliberation.

Commissioner Cardozo made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Edwards, to enter into Executive Session pursuant to Public Officers Law § 105 and Executive Law § 94(11) to address matters concerning employment of personnel, pending litigation, and investigative and enforcement matters that are confidential pursuant to § 94 of the Executive Law. The motion carried unanimously.

Chair Davie announced that the Commission would not be returning to Public Session and that the meeting would conclude at the close of Executive Session.