



PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS

Roderick Cassidy, *Chair*
Paul Eldridge, *Secretary*
Jackie Boissonault, *Member*

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE AND COUNTY EXECUTIVE (Reporting Year 2019)

Pursuant to §55-22 of the Putnam County Code of Ethics and Financial Disclosure Law

Please accept our apologies for the lateness of this report. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the reporting for 2019 was overlooked as restrictions were put into place March 2020 and all our daily lives changed dramatically.

The Board consisted of five members: Bob Bickford as Chair, Kathleen Delamere as Vice Chair, Paul Eldridge as Secretary, Greg Amato & Rod Cassidy as members. Kathleen Delamere was reappointed to a three-year term via Resolution #121 of 2018, such term to expire December 31, 2020. The Board re-elected Robert Bickford as Chair and elected Kathleen Delamere as Vice Chair and Paul Eldridge as Secretary. Both Greg Amato and Bob Bickford resigned August. Jane Geoghean was appointed to a three-year term via Resolution #271 of 2019, such term to expire December 31, 2021.

During 2019, the Board of Ethics met four times. All meetings of the Board are open to the public (except for executive sessions to review annual disclosure statements and consider complaints and requests for advisory opinions).

- In May the Board was advised that the Legislature will not reappoint or confirm any County Board member who fails to timely file a required Financial Disclosure statement. The Board subsequently included this information in all reminder notices to officers who had yet to file their disclosure statements and in all subsequent notices

Annual Financial Disclosure Statements

Under the Code of Ethics, one of the Board's primary responsibilities is to review the annual financial disclosure statements filed by County officers and employees. The review is to assure that the filed forms are complete and responsive on their face to the requirements of the law. The Board's review is done in executive session.

The electronic submission of these statements has been a major improvement for most filers. It is a faster process, eliminates a lot of paper, and provides the filer with an immediate copy of their submission.

The following is the record of Financial Disclosure Forms reviewed and accepted during 2019:

The Donald B. Smith County Government Campus
110 Old Route 6, Building 3
Carmel, New York 10512
Tel (845) 808-1650 x 46105 ~ Fax (845) 808-1924

January	Accepted	27 forms
February	Accepted	44 forms
April	Accepted	56 forms
May	Accepted	61 forms

Thirty-five other forms were submitted and returned to sender for correction or more information, but not responded to by the end of the year.

Dated: April 8, 2022



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