



PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS

Roderick Cassidy, *Chair*
Paul Eldridge, *Secretary*
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ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE AND COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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

The Ethics Board currently consists of three members. Two additional members resigned during 2021: Jane Geoghean in May, and Kathleen Delamere in June.

During 2022, the Board of Ethics met in person twice. An additional remote executive session meeting was held due to a time sensitive matter regarding a County Employee and potential conflict of interest. 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).

- A County employee requested an advisory opinion regarding their involvement in a grant situation through their department and a personal religious organization.
- The Board investigated a complaint regarding a potential conflict of interest.
- A County employee requested an opinion on a possible conflict of interest regarding their spouse. There was a concern with their involvement in any issues that may arise which could possibly affect their spouse as outlined in the charter.

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 Board Members, 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 proven to be 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.

210 Financial Disclosure Forms were reviewed and accepted during 2022.

21 Board Members/County Employees did not file at all; they are listed on the attachment.

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Respectfully,
Roderick Cassidy, Chair
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Attachment

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