



Council on Ethics

NYSDA Headquarters

Albany, NY

September 29, 2023

Minutes

The Council on Ethics met on Friday, September 29, 2023, at the NYSDA headquarters in Albany. Present were Drs. Paul W. Teplitsky, Chair; County; Yaela E. Faitlowicz-Gayer, Second District; Loren C. Baim, Fourth District; Matthew L. Valerio, Seventh District; Joseph L. Rumfola, Eighth District; Robert B. Amsterdam, Ninth District; Elyse Patrella, Nassau County; Kirti Tewari, Bronx County; Lauren Heisinger, New Dentist Representative; and Mr. Robert Stern, Lay Observer. Dr. Richard B. Serchuk, ADA Representative, gave a report by telephone. Also present were Mr. Lance R. Plunkett, General Counsel; and Ms. Patricia J. Marcucia, Administrator. Absent from the meeting were Drs. Julie A. Connolly, New York; Christopher S. Arena, Third District; Mark A. Tardugo, Fifth District; Pamela Bouton, Sixth District; Deepak K. Bhagat, Queens County; John E. Lagner, Suffolk County; and Mr. Shivam Jauhar, ASDA Representative.

Dr. Teplitsky called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. The first order of business was the self-introduction of Council members and staff.

Dr. Teplitsky called for a motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting held on June 16, 2023. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Chairperson's Report

Dr. Teplitsky gave a brief report. He quickly reviewed the agenda and reminded the Council that they will be taking a deep dive into revising the Code of Ethics. He encouraged the Council members to write in their local Journals and Bulletins about ethics to bring awareness to the Council and what they do.

ADA Report

Dr. Serchuk updated the Council on the actions taken at the most recent ADA CEBJA meeting. A copy of his report is attached to these minutes.

Ethics Hearings

Two cases were heard under the ethics hearing process, in accordance with the NYSDA Constitution and Bylaws.

Component Reports

Council members reported on cases from their districts that they have resolved or are currently investigating and how they relate to specific sections of the Code of Ethics.

Code of Ethics Review

The Council discussed at great length, Section 1 of the NYSDA Code of Ethics. This will be an ongoing project until the Code is fully updated. Once completed, the Council will submit a resolution with the appropriate changes to the NYSDA House of Delegates for their approval.

New Business

The next two meetings of the Council on Ethics will be held virtually on Friday, December 15, 2023, and in person at the NYSDA headquarters on Friday, March 22, 2024.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 1:20 p.m.