



Board of Ethics

Date: December 11, 2025

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Location: Cambria Town Hall

1. Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Gina Merlo.

2. Roll Call / Attendance

- Members present: Linda Hardt, Gina Merlo, and Ruth Pattison
- Also in attendance Abraham J. Platt, Esq. Town of Cambria Attorney

3. General discussion was held concerning the provisions of the Town of Cambria Code of Ethics and Article 18 of the N.Y. General Municipal Law as they relate to the jurisdiction and objectives of the Board of Ethics.

4. New Business

Discussion was held concerning proposed model internal rules and regulations of the Board of Ethics.

5. Motions and Votes

- Motion to appoint Gina Merlo as Board of Ethics Chairperson was made by Linda Hardt and seconded by Ruth Pattison.
 - Action Taken: Motion approved
 - Roll Call: Linda Hardt voting AYE, Gina Merlo voting AYE, and Ruth Pattison voting AYE
- A motion was made by Linda Hardt to appoint Ruth Pattison as the Secretary for the Board of Ethics and was seconded by Gina Merlo.
 - Action Taken: Motion approved
 - Roll Call: Linda Hardt voting AYE, Gina Merlo voting AYE, and Ruth Pattison voting AYE.

- Gina Merlo suggested standardizing the use of the term “Board of Ethics” at each and every instance where the proposed rules refer to the Board of Ethics and suggested replacing the word “promulgated” within the proposed model rules and particularly at Section XI. Investigation of Complaints, i. Protocol, subsection a., substituting the word “designated.”
 - A motion was made by Linda Hardt to adopt the proposed Internal Rules and Regulations, incorporating the above changes. Gina Merlo seconded the motion.
 - Action Taken: Motion approved
 - Roll Call: Linda Hardt voting AYE, Gina Merlo voting AYE, and Ruth Pattison voting AYE

6. Next Meeting

- Gina Merlo proposed that the next Board of Ethics meeting be held on January 5, 2026, at 4:30 p.m. Linda Hardt seconded the motion.
 - Action Taken: Motion approved
 - Roll Call: Roll Call: Linda Hardt voting AYE, Gina Merlo voting AYE, and Ruth Pattison voting AYE

7. Adjournment

- At 6:15 p.m., Gina Merlo made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Linda Hardt.
 - Action Taken: Motion approved
 - Roll Call: Linda Hardt voting AYE, Gina Merlo voting AYE, and Ruth Pattison voting AYE

Respectively submitted for the record,

Ruth Pattison
Town of Cambria Board of Ethics Secretary