



Board of Ethics

Gina L. Merlo, Chairperson

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Date: January 28, 2026

Time: 4:30 p.m.

Location: Cambria Town Hall

1. Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 4:30 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. Approval Meeting minutes dated January 5, 2026

- A motion was made by Gina Merlo to approve the Town of Cambria Board of Ethics meeting minutes from January 5, 2026, Linda Hardt seconded the motion.
- Action Taken: Motion approved.
- Roll Call: Linda Hardt voting AYE, Gina Merlo voting AYE, and Ruth Pattison voting AYE.

4. Concerns of the Citizens

- No citizens' attendance: no concerns raised.

5. Old business

a. Review of 2025-1 complaint

- Discussion regarding form of opinion.
- Linda Hardt made a motion to approve the written advisory recommendation. The recommendation will be delivered to the Cambria Town Board by Chairperson on March 12, 2026, and mailed to the complainant



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on March 13, 2026, by the Secretary. The motion was seconded by Ruth Pattison.

- Action Taken: Motion approved.
- Roll Call: Linda Hardt voting AYE, Gina Merlo voting AYE, and Ruth Pattison voting AYE.

b. Review of 2025-2 complaint

- Discussion regarding form of opinion.
- Gina Merlo made a motion to approve the written advisory recommendation. The recommendation will be delivered to the Cambria Town Board by the Chairperson on March 12, 2026, and mailed to the complainant on March 13, 2026, by the Secretary. The motion was seconded by Linda Hardt.
- Action Taken: Motion approved.
- Roll Call: Linda Hardt voting AYE, Gina Merlo voting AYE, and Ruth Pattison voting AYE.

6. New Business

a. Revision Chapter 10 of Ethic Codes to set a limit of no more than 90 days for complaint.

- Discussion was held regarding the form of the opinion and recommendation for the Cambria Town Board to revise Chapter 10 of the Town of Cambria Board of Ethics Internal Rules and Regulations. The proposed revision would set a time limit of no more than 90 days for filing a complaint. The 90-day limit is intended to ensure timely resolution of complaints and to promote efficiency in the Board's proceedings.
- Gina Merlo made a motion to approve the written advisory recommendation. The recommendation will be delivered to the Cambria Town Board by the Chairperson on March 12, 2026. The motion was seconded by Ruth Pattison.
- Action Taken: Motion approved.
- Roll Call: Linda Hardt voting AYE, Gina Merlo voting AYE, and Ruth Pattison voting AYE.



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7. Announcements

- Gina Merlo suggested scheduling the next Board of Ethics meeting for September 16, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., unless a complaint is received. If a complaint does come up, committee members will be notified of a new meeting date. 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.

8. Adjournment

- At 5:20 p.m., Gina Merlo made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Linda Hardt.
 - Action Taken: Motion approved.
 - Roll Call: 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



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