

Minutes of the Open Meeting of the New York City Conflicts of Interest Board

March 19, 2014

At the Offices of Schulte Roth & Zabel, 919 Third Avenue, 24th Floor, New York, New York.

Present were:

Board Members: Anthony Crowell, Burt Lehman, Erika Thomas-Yuille, and the Acting Chair, Andrew Irving.

Board staff: Mark Davies, Wayne Hawley, Julia Davis, Carolyn Miller, Bre Injeski, Jessie Beller, Ethan Carrier, Amber Gonzalez, and Jeff Tremblay.

Guest: Richard Briffault (incoming Board Chair).

The meeting was called to order by the Acting Chair at approximately 9:23 a.m. The Acting Chair stated that the meeting was being conducted pursuant to the New York State Open Meetings Law.

The Acting Chair designated the undersigned as the Recording Secretary for purposes of the meeting.

The Acting Chair stated that the meeting was called to consider Staff's proposed addition to the proposed amendments to section 2602 of Chapter 68 of the New York City Charter the Board had approved in 2009. The Acting Chair then asked for any comments by the Board or Board Staff concerning the proposed changes. The Board then discussed the following:

Mark Davies, the Board's Executive Director, noted that some have suggested that the amendments be placed in section 2604 instead of 2602. Mr. Davies deferred to the Law Department on the placement of the proposed amendments in 2602 or 2604 but reminded the Board to insure that placement of the amendment raise no unintended consequences. While he did not see any such consequences from putting the changes in section 2604, he noted that such placement would make a violation subject to the penalties of 2606. He concluded that he had no objection to that consequence.

In response to Mr. Lehman's question why the amendments included federal elections, Mr. Davies noted that such a prohibition protects an ethics board from appearing partisan.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously approved Staff's proposed addition to the previously approved proposed amendments to Section 2602 of Chapter 68 of the New York City Charter.

The open meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julia Davis  
Recording Secretary