

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

**Date:** January 29, 2018

**Location:** NYC Conflicts of Interest Board, 2 Lafayette Street, Suite 1010, New York, New York

**Present:**

Board Members: Chair Richard Briffault and Members Fernando A. Bohorquez, Jr., Anthony Crowell, Jeffrey D. Friedlander, and Erika Thomas

Board Staff: Evan Berkow, Varuni Bhagwant, Ethan Carrier, Rob Casimir, Grace Cho, Veronica Martinez Garcia, Joanne Giura, Chad Gholizadeh, Amber Gonzalez, Chris Hammer, Holli Hellman, Gavin Kendall, Alex Kipp, Roy Koshy, Julia Lee, Jasmine Mack, Carolyn Miller, Katherine Miller, Hannah Reisinger, Isaiah Tanenbaum, Michele Weinstat, Clare Wiseman, and Derick Yu.

Guests: None

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The meeting was called to order by the Chair at approximately 10:12 a.m. The Chair stated that the meeting was being conducted pursuant to the New York State Open Meetings Law and designated the undersigned as the Recording Secretary for purposes of the meeting.

The Chair stated that the meeting was called to consider Staff's proposed amendments to the Conflicts of Interest Board Rules § 1-11 and Title 53 of the Rules of the City of New York.

The Chair then asked for any comments by the Board or Staff concerning the proposed amendment to Rule § 1-11. There were no comments.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously approved Staff's proposed amendment to Conflicts of Interest Board Rules § 1-11 as the final rule.

The Chair then asked for any comments concerning the proposed amendments to Title 53 of the Rules of the City of New York. The Board and Staff agreed on the following changed language in the Commentary:

- Board Rules § 3-03 Subdivisions (a) and (b): "In reviewing subdivision (a), the Board will consider the relationship between a former employee or political consultant of an elected official and that official to be more likely to constitute control by the elected official the more recently the relationship ended."
- Board Rules § 3-03 Subdivision (e): "In determining whether a person is an agent of an elected official, the Board will look to whether the individual's relationship to the elected official encompasses that person's actions with respect to the organization."

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously voted to adopt the proposed amendments incorporating the changes to the commentary language as discussed as the final rule.

Finally, because the City Council intended the amendments to Title 53 of the Rules of the City of New York to take effect beginning on January 1, 2018, the Board unanimously voted to request a waiver of the 30-day waiting period pursuant to Charter Section 1043(f)(1).

The open meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julia H. Lee  
Recording Secretary