Advisory Opinion No. 92-24

A public servant has asked the Conflicts of Interest Board (the "Board") for an opinion as to whether, consistent with the conflicts of interest provisions of Chapter 68 of the City Charter, he may serve without compensation as a trustee of a religious institution which has business dealings with the City. Each member of the Board of Trustees serves in an advisory role to this organization.

Pursuant to Charter Section 2604(c)(6), a public servant may act as an officer, director or consultant for any not-for-profit corporation interested in business dealings with the City, provided that the public servant takes no part in such business dealings; such not-for-profit entity has no direct or indirect interest in any business dealings with the City agency where the public servant is employed, except where it is determined by the agency head that such activity is in furtherance of the purposes and interests of the City; all such activities by such public servant are performed at times during which the public servant is not required to perform services for the City; and such
public servant receives no compensation in connection with such activities.

It is the opinion of the Board that it would not be a violation of Chapter 68 for the public servant to serve as a trustee of this not-for-profit organization under the particular circumstances here described.

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Dated: September 28, 1992