

LAW, RULES & ETHICS COMMITTEE

November 13, 2017

Board Office

MINUTES – Pending committee approval

Attendance

Present: Martin Wolpoff, Chair, Herb Young, Vice Chair, Sylvia Alexander, Rosemary Ginty (Ex-officio)

Absent: Irving Ladimer, Charles Moerdler, Dan Padernacht, Diego Santiago, I.W. Stone, Mary Yamagata

Guest: Robert Press

Meeting called to order at 7:10 P.M.

1. Chairman distributed a packet that included the June minutes and September minutes, a spreadsheet updating actions of NYC Council, a synopsis on the NY Conflicts of Interest Law, October findings of the Conflicts of Interest Board, and wording for changes to the board's Ethical Guidance Manual.
2. Approval of June and September minutes – Minutes were distributed, but no vote was taken due to the lack of a quorum. Chairman plans to contact committee members who have missed both meetings this year.
3. Review of City Council activity spread sheet – Board Chair Rosemary Ginty presented and discussed her updated spreadsheet. As in the past, Ms. Ginty intends to forward the spreadsheet to the chairs of the board committees so that each chair can choose if there are items of interest for their specific committees.
4. Review of findings by Conflict of Interest Board (COIB) – Chair distributed copies of the August, 2017 edition of The Ethical Times. He also distributed copies of "New York Conflicts of Interest Law, Covering New York City Public Servants (*Plain Language Version*)" It was agreed that copies of this document would be distributed to all board members with various items highlighted at board meetings.
5. Changes to the Ethical Guidance Manual (EGM)
Based on the September committee discussions, the following will be presented to the full board for inclusion in the EGM.
 1. *Any incumbent who wishes to be considered for more than one officer or chair position, must announce the vacancy of their current position.*
 2. *Board Members who wish to be considered for the nominating committee need to be aware that they need to be available during the period when the committee will be meeting and deliberating.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Martin Wolpoff
Chair
Law, Rules and Ethics Committee