



**The City of New York  
BUSINESS INTEGRITY COMMISSION**

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**Declaration of the New York City Business Integrity Commission Concerning Remote Meetings**

WHEREAS, on April 9, 2022, New York State Governor Hochul signed Chapter 56 of the Laws of 2022 relating to the New York State budget for the 2022-2023 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, included in Chapter 56 is an amendment to the New York Open Meetings Law (“OML”) adding a new Section 103-a that adds provisions regarding public bodies such as the New York City Business Integrity Commission (the “Commission”) holding remote meetings; and

WHEREAS, Paragraph 3 of section 2 of Part WW of Chapter 56 of the Laws of 2022, codified at N.Y. Pub. Off. Law § 103-a(3), empowers the Commission to meet entirely remotely, notwithstanding the OML in-person meeting requirement if, during a state disaster emergency declared by the Governor or a local state of emergency declared by the chief executive of a city, the Commission determines that the circumstances necessitating the emergency declaration affect or impair its ability to hold in-person meetings; and

WHEREAS, a state disaster emergency has been declared by Governor Hochul pursuant to section 28 of Article 2-B of the New York Executive Law by Executive Order No. 20 dated July 29, 2022 and most recently extended by Executive Order No. 20.1 dated August 28, 2022,

WHEREAS, in Executive Order 20, Governor Hochul stated that “due to the ongoing spread of the monkeypox virus and the significant risk that this virus poses to human health, the monkeypox virus has been declared an Imminent Threat to Public Health by the New York State Commissioner of Health as of July 28, 2022”; and

WHEREAS, a local state of emergency has also been proclaimed by New York City Mayor Adams pursuant to section 24 of the Executive Law, by Emergency Executive Order No. 158, due to the monkeypox virus; and

WHEREAS, a state disaster emergency has also been declared by Governor Hochul pursuant to section 28 of Article 2-B of the New York Executive Law by Executive Order No. 21, dated September 9, 2022, due to the poliovirus; and

WHEREAS, the Commission hereby determines, in accordance with N.Y. Pub. Off. Law § 103-a(3), that the circumstances necessitating the referenced emergency declarations would affect or impair the ability of the Commission to hold in-person meetings;

NOW, THEREFORE, Commission meetings and hearings will be conducted remotely as authorized during a declared state of emergency by either the Governor or the Mayor where the circumstances of the emergency affect or impair the ability of the Commission to hold in-person meetings.