

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

**Date:** January 8, 2025

**Present:**

Board Members: Chair Milton L. Williams Jr. and Members Wayne G. Hawley, Ifeoma Ike, Amy E. Millard, and Georgia M. Pestana

Board Staff: Anita Armstrong, Ethan A. Carrier, Christopher M. Hammer, Carolyn Lisa Miller, Katherine J. Miller, Yasong Niu, Jeffrey Tremblay, Florence Watson, Katherine J. Weall, Maryann White, and Clare Wiseman

Guests: None

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The open meeting was called to order by the Chair at approximately 9:44 a.m.

Staff introduced a draft proposal to repeal and replace Board Rules § 4-04 regarding contract filers and opened the meeting to comments from the Board.

Board Member Hawley identified two edits to the wording of paragraph (b)(2):

- On p. 5, line 22, replace “the contract’s” with “a contract’s”
- On p. 5, line 23, replace “a contract” with “the contract”

Board Member Pestana expressed concern about removing duties related to micropurchases as triggering the requirement to file an annual disclosure report given recent allegations involving kickbacks on micropurchases. Board Members Hawley and Millard noted that annual disclosure reporting is not the mechanism for identifying criminal conduct such as kickbacks. The Board determined to proceed without changing the draft proposal.

Board Member Pestana stated that she thought the draft proposal should more clearly exclude public servants who recommend that a decisionmaker take action on a contract or other matter from the category of contract filer. The Board directed Staff to draft a revised proposal to address this issue.

The open meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:02 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Christopher M. Hammer  
Recording Secretary