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

Date: November 24, 2020
Present:
Board Members: Chair Jeffrey D. Friedlander and Members Fernando A. Bohorquez, Jr., Anthony W. Crowell, Wayne G. Hawley, and Nisha Agarwal

Board Staff: Ethan Carrier, Chad Gholizadeh, Ana Gross, Christopher Hammer, Gavin Kendall, Julia Lee, Carolyn Miller, Katherine Miller, Ari Mulgay, Yasong Niu, Jeffrey Tremblay, Clare Wiseman, and Juliya Ziskina.

Guests: None

The Board and Staff participated by videoconference pursuant to Executive Order No. 202 issued on March 7, 2020. The meeting was called to order by the Chair at approximately 9:35 a.m. The Chair stated that the meeting was being conducted pursuant to the New York State Open Meetings Law to discuss proposed amendments to Board Rules §§ 1-04, 1-01(i)-(m), and 1-01(e).

Board Rules § 1-04

After a brief introduction by Staff and discussion with the Board, the following change was agreed to by the Board and Staff:

- § 1-04(c)(1): replace "(d)(2)" with "(c)(2)"

The Board unanimously agreed to adopt the proposed amendments as the final rule to be submitted to the Law Department and the Mayor's Office of Operations for review.

Board Rules §§ 1-01(i), (j), (k), (l) and (m)

After a brief introduction by Staff and discussion with the Board, the following change was agreed to by the Board and Staff:

- § 1-01(k): revise to list permissive gifts from superiors to subordinates and between peers first.

The Board agreed to continue discussions at a future open meeting.

Board Rules § 1-01(e)

After a brief introduction by Staff and discussions with the Board, the following change was agreed to by the Board and Staff:

- § 1-01(e)(1): add "otherwise prohibited as a valuable gift"

The Board unanimously agreed to approve the proposed amendments as the final rule to be submitted to the Law Department and the Mayor's Office of Operations.

The open meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:26 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Julia H. Lee
Recording Secretary