

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

Date: November 9, 2021

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 M. Hammer, Gavin Kendall, Carolyn Lisa Miller, Katherine J. Miller, Yasong Niu, Jeffrey Tremblay, and Clare Wiseman

Guests: Ken Brower

The Board and Staff participated by videoconference pursuant to 2021 Sess. Law News of N.Y. Ch. 417 (S. 50001). The meeting was called to order by the Chair at approximately 9:35 a.m.

Board Rules § 1-11

After a brief introduction by the Chair, the proposed amendment was approved without any changes. The proposed amendment will be sent to the New York City Law Department and New York City Mayor's Office of Operations for review.

Board Rules §§ 1-01(a), (b), and (c)

After a brief introduction by Staff and discussion among the Board and Staff, the following changes were agreed to by the Board and Staff:

- § 1-01(a)(1): Remove “including a lender’s decision to postpone collection of a debt that has become due unless pursuant to an established debt forbearance policy available to the general public” and related discussion from Statement of Basis and Purpose.
- § 1-01(a)(2)(iv): Revise the restriction on the exception to be similar to that for City-related travel, found in § 1-01(h)(1), including the terms “reasonable” and “necessary.” Remove requirement of agency head approval. Revise related discussion in Statement of Basis and Purpose.
- § 1-01(a)(2)(i): Revise to clarify that it is permissible to accept unsolicited discounts that are available to government employees.
- § 1-01(b)(1)(i): Add “domestic partner.”
- § 1-01(b)(1)(ii): Remove the first “domestic partner.”

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

The open meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Katherine J. Miller
Recording Secretary