

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

Date: December 12, 2019

Location: Conflicts of Interest Board, 2 Lafayette Street, Suite 1010, New York, New York

Present:

Board Members: Chair Richard Briffault and Members Fernando A. Bohorquez, Jr., Anthony Crowell, Jeffrey D. Friedlander, and Erika Thomas.

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

Guests: None

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at approximately 10:02 a.m. The Chair stated that the meeting was being conducted pursuant to the New York State Open Meetings Law and designated the undersigned as the Recording Secretary for purposes of the meeting.

The Chair stated that the meeting was called to discuss proposed amendments to Board Rules § 1-01(h). After a brief introduction, the Chair asked for any comments by the Board or Staff.

The following comments constitute the changes as agreed upon by the Board:

In the Statement of Basis and Purpose:

- page 2, line 15: insert additional sentence that the proposed rule codifies 11 advisory opinions and add elsewhere (in text or footnote) a list of the 11 advisory opinions
- page 5, line 10: insert the word “informal” so that it reads “longstanding informal advice”
- page 5, first paragraph: add language from page 6 of AO 2016-01 to explain breakdown of payments from a third party in § 1-01(h)(2)

In the text of Board Rules § 1-01(h) as revised in the version attached to the December 10, 2019 memorandum:

- page 7, lines 4 and 5: revise to state “travel before or after a trip taken for a City purpose provided that:”
- page 7, lines 22 and 23: remove commas
- page 6, line 12: remove “who is not an elected official” and amend “receives” to “received”
- add section (h)(7) to define “agency head approval” for agency heads and elected officials similar to § 1-13(e)(3)

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously voted to continue discussions at the next open meeting.

The open meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:22 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julia H. Lee
Recording Secretary