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

Date: March 16, 2021

Present:

<u>Board Members</u>: Chair Jeffrey D. Friedlander and Members Fernando A. Bohorquez, Jr., Anthony W. Crowell, Wayne G. Hawley, and Nisha Agarwal

<u>Board Staff</u>: Ethan Carrier, Chad Gholizadeh, Ana Gross, Christopher Hammer, Gavin Kendall, 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 9:41 a.m.

The Chair stated that the meeting was being conducted to discuss a petition for rulemaking submitted by New York City Council Minority Leader Steven Matteo pursuant to § 1043(g) of the City Administrative Procedure Act. The petition requests that the Board initiate rulemaking to amend Board Rules § 1-07(b)(1) regarding the date of termination of a public servant's City service.

After a brief introduction by the Chair and discussion among the Board and Staff, the following actions were proposed:

- The Board grant the petition for rulemaking.
- Staff draft a response to Leader Matteo that would express the Board's intention to initiate rulemaking no later than the end of May and state that the Board would not enforce Board Rules § 1-07(b)(1) to the extent it extends the date of termination of City service beyond the date a former public servant has ceased performing official City duties.
- Staff consult with the Law Department regarding how other City agencies have implemented the requirement of § 1043(g) of the Administrative Procedure Act that an agency adopt procedural rules for the disposition of petitions submitted pursuant to § 1043(g) so that the Board may follow those procedures..

The Board adopted this proposal by a 4-0 vote, with Board Member Agarwal not voting.

The open meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:01 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Christopher M. Hammer Recording Secretary