

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

Date: August 24, 2023

Present:

Board Members: Chair Milton L. Williams Jr. and Members Fernando A. Bohorquez Jr., Wayne G. Hawley, and Georgia M. Pestana (Board Member Ifeoma Ike not present)

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

Guests: None

The open meeting was called to order by the Chair at approximately 9:37 a.m.

Staff introduced proposed amendments to Board Rules § 1-02, regarding the definition of “substantial policy discretion” as used in City Charter §§ 2604(b)(12) and 2604(b)(15) and City Administrative Code § 12-110, and further proposed the repeal of Board Rules § 4-03. After a brief introduction, Staff asked for any questions or comments from the Board.

Board Rules § 1-02

The following was discussed among Board and Staff:

- § 1-02(a)(3): Board requested Staff obtain the organizational charts for the three agencies that would be affected by this provision to assess which public servants would be designated as policymakers. Given the limit placed on First Amendment rights by City Charter § 2604(b)(12), want to ensure that it is not overly inclusive.
- § 1-02(b)(1): Consider whether there should be a mechanism for public servants to challenge their designation as a policymaker.

After this discussion, a motion was made by the Chair and seconded by Board Member Hawley to continue discussion at a future open meeting. The motion was passed by a vote of 4-0.

The open meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Katherine J. Miller
Recording Secretary