



February 11, 2022

Ethan Carrier  
General Counsel  
New York City Conflicts of Interest Board  
2 Lafayette Street – No. 17  
New York, New York 10007

**RE: COIB Rule 1-13(e)(1): Designation of NYC Emergency Management Employee to Serve on Not-for-Profit Entity’s Board of Directors**

Dear Mr. Carrier:

Pursuant to Rule 1-13(e)(1) of the Rules of the Conflicts of Interest Board, as First Deputy Commissioner of New York City Emergency Management (“NYCEM”), I have designated Joseph Pupello to serve as a board member of the National CERT Association (“NCA”) on behalf of NYCEM.

NCA is a nonprofit organization with a mission “[t]o empower individuals with the knowledge necessary to promote resiliency in their community through preparedness, response, and recovery.” NCA board positions are unpaid. The board members are voting members of NCA’s leadership. Joseph was nominated to fill one of the two board positions allocated to FEMA Region II.

Joseph Pupello works at NYCEM as Director of Volunteer Programs. In that role, he manages over 1,200 volunteers in New York City’s Community Emergency Response Team (“CERT”) volunteer program. As an NCA board member, Joseph will help develop policies and trainings to support CERT programs around the country.

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Based on the information presented to me, I have determined that there is a demonstrated nexus between the work Joseph proposes to do with the NCA board, Joseph's role managing the NYC CERT program, and NYCEM's mission, and that such activity furthers NYCEM's mission and is not undertaken primarily for the benefit or interest of NCA.

Sincerely,

Christina Farrell  
First Deputy Commissioner

cc: Sonja Orgias, Acting Deputy Chief Counsel



October 20, 2022

Via email only

Ethan Carrier  
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New York City Conflicts of Interest Board  
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New York, NY 10007

Re: COIB Rule 1-13(e)(1): Designation of NYC Emergency Management Employee to Serve On New York State Bar Association Committee for Mass Disaster Response

Dear Mr. Carrier:

Pursuant to Rule 1-13(e)(1) of the Rules of the Conflicts of Interest Board, I, as New York City Emergency Management ("NYCEM") Commissioner Zach Iscol, designate Chief Counsel Sonja Orgias to join the New York State Bar Association ("NYSBA") Committee on Mass Disaster Response for the 2022-2023 Association year effective June 1, 2022.

The NYSBA is a 501(c)(6) organization whose mission is to shape the development of law, educate and inform the public, and respond to the demands of our diverse and ever-changing legal profession. In addition, the organization advocates for state and federal legislation and works tirelessly to promote equal access to justice for all. To satisfy its mission, the NYSBA created committees whose members utilize their knowledge and experience in the field of the law to promote the public good. The NYSBA Committee on Mass Disaster Response seeks to assist survivors impacted by a disaster in need of legal advice and guidance as part of their recovery from the event.

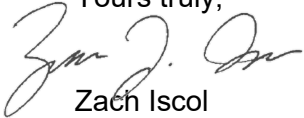
Chief Counsel Orgias oversees the NYCEM Office of the Chief Counsel comprised of the Legal Affairs, Disability Access and Functional Needs ("DAFN") Legal, and Records Management units; drafts procurement contracts and agreements; and coordinates the handling of legal issues with other local, state, and federal government officials during man-made and natural emergency incidents and events. She also provides legal advice to NYCEM executives and staff. As the chief counsel of the City's coordinating agency, the existing relationship between NYCEM and the NYSBA has proved useful to members of the public in need of legal guidance at a family assistance center ("FAC") or disaster assistance services center ("DASC") following an emergency event. During mass disasters or catastrophic events, the NYSBA Committee on Mass Disaster Response members contact local volunteer attorneys to staff the FAC or DASC to assist impacted individuals who are vulnerable and in need of immediate help. The Committee also seeks to protect members of the public from attorneys who aim to solicit their business at a disaster site in violation of ethics rules.

As a member of the NYSBA Committee on Mass Disaster Response, Chief Counsel Orgias can provide legal and operational experience gained working in the City Emergency Operations Center and as legal counsel during emergency incidents and events.



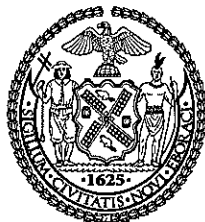
Based upon the information presented to me, I have determined that there is a demonstrated nexus between Chief Counsel Orgias' responsibilities at NYCEM, the NYCEM mission and the goals of the NYSBA Committee on Mass Disaster Response, and that such activity furthers NYCEM's mission and is not undertaken primarily for the benefit or interest of the NYSBA Committee on Mass Disaster Response.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Zach Iscol".

Zach Iscol  
Commissioner

cc: Sonja Orgias, NYCEM Chief Counsel



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
THE CITY OF NEW YORK

PHILIP BANKS III  
DEPUTY MAYOR FOR PUBLIC SAFETY

December 2, 2022

Via email

Ethan Carrier  
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Not-for-Profit Entity's Board of Directors

Dear Mr. Carrier:

Pursuant to Rule 1-13(e)(1) of the Rules of the Conflicts of Interest Board, I, as Deputy Mayor of Public Safety, have designated New York City Emergency Management ("NYCEM") Commissioner Zach Iscol to serve as an ex-officio member of the American Red Cross, Greater New York region ("ARC - GNY") Board of Directors.

ARC-GNY is a 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors. Further, ARC-GNY volunteers and staff work to deliver vital services – from providing relief and support to those impacted in crises and emergencies, and teaching emergency preparedness.


Commissioner Iscol leads the agency in the coordination of the city's response to emergency conditions and incidents which require a multi-agency response, and its planning and preparedness for the City, its residents, and visitors. As the commissioner of the City's coordinating agency, it is vital that Commissioner Iscol develop and maintain relationships with fellow agency heads, local, state, federal and regional leaders, and partners in the non-profit and private sectors.

As a non-voting member of the ARC-GNY Board of Directors, Commissioner Iscol can provide guidance and experience based upon his current role with regard to past emergency and events to improve planning and response with a vital City partner, in addition to, his knowledge base gained as a military

officer, non-profit executive and his leadership of the Javits Center field hospital during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Based upon the information presented to me, I have determined that there is a demonstrated nexus between Commissioner's Iscol responsibilities at NYCEM, the NYCEM mission and his activity with ARC - GNY, and that such activity furthers NYCEM's mission and is not undertaken primarily for the benefit or interest of ARC - GNY.

Yours truly,



Deputy Mayor of Public Safety

cc: Brendan Maguire, Counsel to the Mayor and City Hall;  
Sonja Orgias, NYCEM Chief Counsel