

February 12, 2024

By Email (carrier@coib.nyc.gov)

Ethan Carrier, General Counsel
New York City Conflicts of Interest Board
2 Lafayette Street, Suite 1010
New York, NY 10007

Re: COIB Rule 1-13(e)(1) Designation of Dr. Rohit Aggarwala, DEP Commissioner and City Chief Climate Officer, to Perform Work at Not-For-Profit Entity

Dear Mr. Carrier:

Pursuant to Rule 1-13(e)(1) of the Rules of the Conflicts of Interest Board, I, as Deputy Mayor, have designated Dr. Rohit Aggarwala, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (“DEP”) and City Chief Climate Officer (“CCCO”), to perform work in his official City/DEP capacity for the Government of Singapore as a member of the Knowledge Council for the World Cities Summit (“WCS”).

WCS is an exclusive conference and platform for government leaders and industry experts to address livable and sustainable city challenges, share integrated urban solutions and forge new partnerships to address urban challenges. WCS is a bi-annual event hosted by the Centre for Liveable Cities (“CLC”), an urban sustainability and development research center within Singapore’s Ministry of National Development. The next such summit will take place in Singapore during the period of June 2-4, 2024 (“WCS 2024”).

CLC has invited Dr. Aggarwala to attend WCS 2024 and to participate as a member of the WCS Knowledge Council. The WCS Knowledge Council is a platform intended to bring together international thought leaders in urban planning and governance to generate solution-building approaches that foster liveability, resiliency, and sustainability in cities across the world. Knowledge Council members are responsible for providing thought leadership on future global urban trends, contributing to CLC’s research, participating in WCS, and informing the agenda for future World Cities Summits. Knowledge Council members will take part in four substantive meetings (one in person at WCS 2024, and three virtual meetings through 2026). The City purpose of Dr. Aggarwala’s participation on the Knowledge Council is to facilitate the exchange of ideas with international leaders in the fields of urban planning, sustainability, technology, and resiliency. Given the WCS Knowledge Council’s focus on urban resiliency and sustainability as well as WCS’s thematic focus on improving quality of life in cities,

participation in the WCS Knowledge Council presents several key opportunities to enhance both DEP's operations as well as citywide climate policy.

Dr. Aggarwala's membership in the WCS Knowledge Council presents a unique opportunity to work collaboratively with global thought leaders and co-generate solutions to shared urban issues – other participants in the 2024-2026 WCS Knowledge Council include Lily Kong (President, Singapore Management University), Barbara Norman (Emeritus Professor of Urban and Regional Planning, University of Canberra, University of Canberra), Cristina Gamboa (CEO, World Green Building Council), and other sustainability experts in the private, public, and not-for-profit sectors.

Programming at 2024 WCS this June will be organized around five thematic tracks: Cities for People, Resilient & Regenerative Cities, Smart Cities, Sustainable Financing of Cities, and Future Cities. Especially relevant for New York City and DEP will be the programming focusing on “Resilient & Regenerative Cities,” which will provide an opportunity to deepen our ideas exchange with Singapore's Public Utilities Board (“PUB”) regarding coastal resilience best practices. DEP has been engaging PUB for the last several months as DEP has created the new Bureau of Coastal Resilience, and PUB has proved to be a helpful source of knowledge regarding integrated planning for coastal resilience and flood mitigation. Singapore's experience is highly relevant to New York City given that they are both coastal cities with comparable land areas.¹ Additionally, the programming in the “Resilient & Regenerative Cities” theme will speak to areas such as carbon neutrality and circularity – critical areas of focus for New York City as we seek to decarbonize our built environment and infrastructure.


WCS's programming related to “Smart Cities” will also prove useful insights as DEP works to modernize its facilities and deploy advanced technologies to enhance service delivery and create new efficiencies. Dr. Aggarwala's participation in these programs will help better inform DEP's approach to executing the projects generated through our Environmental Tech Lab, expanding digital twin efforts for our sewer system and Wastewater Resource Recovery Facilities, and deploying automation technologies at DEP's facilities. WCS's focus on “Sustainable Financing of Cities” will provide critical insights as New York City explores long-term funding mechanisms for large capital needs including stormwater management and coastal resilience.

There are no known business dealings between the City/DEP and CLC/Singapore. Dr. Aggarwala will not take part in any business dealings between them for the duration of his service on the WCS Knowledge Council absent further application to the COIB.

¹ Singapore's land area is 270 square miles. New York City's land area is 300 square miles.

Based on the foregoing, I have determined that there is a demonstrated nexus between Dr. Aggarwala's proposed service on the WCS Knowledge Council, his positions as DEP Commissioner and CCCO and the missions of DEP and the office of the CCCO, and that his proposed service furthers those missions and is not undertaken primarily for the benefit or interests of CLC or the government of Singapore.

Sincerely,



Meera Joshi
Deputy Mayor

c: Rohit Aggarwala, DEP Commissioner/City Chief Climate Officer
Anna Ponting, DEP Chief of Staff
Elissa Stein Cushman, DEP General Counsel/Deputy Commissioner
PJ Sagar, DEP Senior Counsel
Ty Rogers, DEP Assistant Counsel



March 22, 2024

By Email (carrier@coib.nyc.gov)

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Rohit T. Aggarwala
Commissioner

Re: COIB Rule 1-13(e)(1) Designation of DEP Employee
to Perform Work at Not-For-Profit Entity

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Dear Mr. Carrier:

Pursuant to Rule 1-13(e)(1) of the Rules of the Conflicts of Interest Board, I, as Commissioner of the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (“DEP”), have designated **Alan Cohn** (the “Designated Employee”) to perform work in his official DEP capacity for the **National Blue Ribbon Commission for Onsite Non-potable Water Systems** (“NBRC”), a not-for-profit organization, as set forth in Exhibit A hereto. Based on information presented to me, I have determined that there is a demonstrated nexus between the Designated Employee’s City job, the mission of DEP and the work or activity of the Designated Employee at NBRC, and that such work or activity furthers the mission of DEP and is not undertaken primarily for the benefit or interest of NBRC.

The Designated Employee will take no part in NBRC’s business dealings with the City either at NBRC or at DEP in the absence of COIB approval.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rohit T. Aggarwala'.

Rohit T. Aggarwala

Attachment

- c: Elissa Stein Cushman, DEP General Counsel/BLA Deputy Commissioner
- PJ Sagar, DEP BLA Senior Counsel
- Ty Rogers, DEP BLA Assistant Counsel
- Angela Licata-Misiak, DEP Sustainability Deputy Commissioner
- Alan Cohn, DEP Sustainability Senior Policy & Science Advisor

Exhibit A - Designation of DEP Employees to Perform Work at Not-For-Profit Entities (3/22/24)

Last Name	First Name	Bureau	Position @ DEP	NFP Name	Position @ NFP
Cohn	Alan	Sustainability	Senior Policy & Science Advisor	National Blue Ribbon Commission for Onsite Non-potable Water Systems	Commissioner (Member of Commission)



April 25, 2024

By Email (carrier@coib.nyc.gov)

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Dear Mr. Carrier:

Pursuant to Rule 1-13(e)(1) of the Rules of the Conflicts of Interest Board, I, as Commissioner of the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (“DEP”), have designated **Alan Cohn** (the “Designated Employee”) to perform work in his official DEP capacity for the **Water Utility Climate Alliance** (“WUCA”), a not-for-profit organization, as set forth in Exhibit A hereto. Based on information presented to me, I have determined that there is a demonstrated nexus between the Designated Employee’s City job, the mission of DEP and the work or activity of the Designated Employee at WUCA, and that such work or activity furthers the mission of DEP and is not undertaken primarily for the benefit or interest of WUCA.

The Designated Employee will take no part in WUCA’s business dealings with the City either at WUCA or at DEP in the absence of COIB approval.

Sincerely,

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Rohit T. Aggarwala

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- PJ Sagar, DEP BLA Senior Counsel
- Ty Rogers, DEP BLA Assistant Counsel
- Angela Licata-Misiak, DEP Sustainability Deputy Commissioner
- Alan Cohn, DEP Sustainability Senior Policy & Science Advisor

Exhibit A - Designation of DEP Employees to Perform Work at Not-For-Profit Entities (4/24/24)

Last Name	First Name	Bureau	Position @ DEP	NFP Name	Position @ NFP
Cohn	Alan	Sustainability	Senior Policy & Science Advisor	Water Utility Climate Alliance	Staff Chair



April 25, 2024

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Dear Mr. Carrier:

Pursuant to Rule 1-13(e)(1) of the Rules of the Conflicts of Interest Board, I, as Commissioner of the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (“DEP”), have designated **Angela Licata-Misiak** (the “Designated Employee”) to perform work in her official DEP capacity for the **Water Utility Climate Alliance** (“WUCA”), a not-for-profit organization, as set forth in Exhibit A hereto. Based on information presented to me, I have determined that there is a demonstrated nexus between the Designated Employee’s City job, the mission of DEP and the work or activity of the Designated Employee at WUCA, and that such work or activity furthers the mission of DEP and is not undertaken primarily for the benefit or interest of WUCA.

The Designated Employee will take no part in WUCA’s business dealings with the City either at WUCA or at DEP in the absence of COIB approval.

Sincerely,

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Rohit T. Aggarwala

Attachment

- c: Elissa Stein Cushman, DEP General Counsel/BLA Deputy Commissioner
- PJ Sagar, DEP BLA Senior Counsel
- Ty Rogers, DEP BLA Assistant Counsel
- Angela Licata-Misiak, DEP Sustainability Deputy Commissioner

Exhibit A - Designation of DEP Employees to Perform Work at Not-For-Profit Entities (4/24/24)

Last Name	First Name	Bureau	Position @ DEP	NFP Name	Position @ NFP
Licata-Misiak	Angela	Sustainability	Senior Policy & Science Advisor	Water Utility Climate Alliance	Executive Chair



May 6, 2024

By Email (carrier@coib.nyc.gov)

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New York City Conflicts of Interest Board
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Dear Mr. Carrier:

Pursuant to Rule 1-13(e)(1) of the Rules of the Conflicts of Interest Board, I, as Commissioner of the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (“DEP”), have designated **Elisia Langdon** (the “Designated Employee”) to perform work in her official DEP capacity for the **Water Utility Climate Alliance** (“WUCA”), a not-for-profit organization, as set forth in Exhibit A hereto. Based on information presented to me, I have determined that there is a demonstrated nexus between the Designated Employee’s City job, the mission of DEP and the work or activity of the Designated Employee at WUCA, and that such work or activity furthers the mission of DEP and is not undertaken primarily for the benefit or interest of WUCA.

The Designated Employee will take no part in WUCA’s business dealings with the City either at WUCA or at DEP in the absence of COIB approval.

Sincerely,

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Rohit T. Aggarwala

Attachment

- c: Elissa Stein Cushman, DEP General Counsel/BLA Deputy Commissioner
- PJ Sagar, DEP BLA Senior Counsel
- Ty Rogers, DEP BLA Assistant Counsel
- Angela Licata-Misiak, DEP Sustainability Deputy Commissioner
- Elisia Langdon, DEP Sustainability Resiliency Project Manager

Exhibit A - Designation of DEP Employees to Perform Work at Not-For-Profit Entities (5/2/24)

Last Name	First Name	Bureau	Position @ DEP	NFP Name	Position @ NFP
Langdon	Elisia	Sustainability	Resiliency Project Manager	Water Utility Climate Alliance	Equity Committee Co-Project Manager



July 31, 2024

By Email (carrier@coib.nyc.gov)

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Rohit T. Aggarwala
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Dear Mr. Carrier:

Pursuant to Rule 1-13(e)(1) of the Rules of the Conflicts of Interest Board, I, as Commissioner of the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (“DEP”), have designated **Kelly Cahalan, Jennifer Farmwald, Chantal Gamson, Julie Herzner, Crystal Houck, Vivian Jensen, Michael Labare, Nicholas Prokopowicz and Michael Sapienza** (the “Designated Employees”) to perform work in their official DEP capacity for **Water Research Foundation** (“WRF”), a not-for-profit corporation, as set forth in Exhibit A hereto. Based on information presented to me, I have determined that there is a demonstrated nexus between the Designated Employees’ City jobs, the mission of DEP and the work or activity of the Designated Employees at WRF, and that such work or activity furthers the mission of DEP and is not undertaken primarily for the benefit or interest of WRF.

The Designated Employees will take no part in WRF’s business dealings with the City either at WRF or at DEP in the absence of COIB approval.

Sincerely,

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Rohit T. Aggarwala

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- c: Elissa Stein Cushman, DEP General Counsel/BLA Deputy Commissioner
- PJ Sagar, DEP BLA Senior Counsel
- Ty Rogers, DEP BLA Assistant Counsel
- Paul Rush, DEP BWS Deputy Commissioner
- Kaitlyn Richter, DEP BWS Chief of Staff
- Kelly Cahalan, DEP BWS Section Chief, Data and Reporting
- Jennifer Farmwald, DEP BWS Section Chief, Research Coordination
- Chantal Gamson, DEP BWS Scientist Water Ecology II
- Julie Herzner, DEP BWS Deputy Chief, Distribution Water Quality
- Crystal Houck, DEP BWS Scientist Water Ecology III
- Vivian Jensen, DEP BWS Scientist Water Ecology II
- Michael Labare, DEP BWS Scientist Water Ecology II
- Nicholas Prokopowicz, DEP BWS Chief, Process Compliance and QA
- Michael Sapienza, DEP BWS Scientist Water Ecology II