## EQUAL EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES COMMISSION CITY OF NEW YORK

**RESOLUTION** #2015/004: Final Determination pursuant to the Audit: Review, Evaluation and Monitoring of the Campaign Finance Board's Employment Practices and Procedures from January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2014.

Whereas, pursuant to Chapter 36, Section 831(d)(2) and (5) of the New York City Charter, the Equal Employment Practices Commission is authorized to audit and evaluate the employment practices, programs, policies, and procedures of city agencies and their efforts to ensure fair and effective equal employment opportunity for minority group members and women, and to make recommendations to city agencies to insure equal employment opportunity for minority group members and women; and

Whereas, pursuant to Chapter 36, Section 831(d)(2), this Commission has adopted *Uniform Standards for EEPC Audits* and *Minimum Equal Employment Opportunity Standards for Community Boards* to assess agencies' EEO programs and policies for compliance with federal, state and local laws, regulations, policies and procedures which are designed to increase equality of opportunity for women, minorities, and other employees and job applicants identified for protection from discrimination in employment within municipal government; and

Whereas, pursuant to its audit of the Campaign Finance Board's EEO Program, the Equal Employment Practices Commission (EEPC) issued a Preliminary Determination letter, dated August 12, 2015, setting forth findings and the following required corrective actions:

- 1. Ensure that the principal EEO Professional, HR Professional and General Counsel review the agency's employment practices, policies and programs on an annual basis to identify whether there are barriers to equal opportunity within the agency and determine what, if any, corrective actions are required in order to correct deficiencies (e.g. underutilization or adverse impact). If necessary, consult with the Law Department, Division of Citywide Diversity and EEO, or another resource for guidance.
- 2. Assess the manner in which candidates are selected for employment, to determine whether there is any adverse impact upon any particular racial, ethnic, disability, or gender group. To the extent that adverse impact is discovered, determine whether the selection criteria being utilized are job-related. Discontinue using criteria that are not job-related, and adopt methods which diminish adverse impact.
- 3. If women, minorities, or other protected groups are underrepresented in titles where there is discretion in hiring, advertise in minority- or female-oriented publications; contact organizations serving women, minorities, and other protected groups; participate in career fairs/open houses; or use internships to attract interested persons and to develop and hire interested and qualified candidates.
- 4. If women, minorities, or other protected groups are underrepresented in civil service (list) titles, review the competencies, skills and abilities required (as presented in job vacancy notices and notices of examination) for available positions to ensure that these standards are updated, job-related and required by business necessity. (This includes working with DCAS or the Civil Service Commission if applicable). Then advertise in minority- or female-oriented publications, contact organizations serving women, minorities, and other protected groups; participate in career fairs

or open houses; or use internships to attract interested persons and to develop and hire interested and qualified candidates.

- 5. Ensure that human resources professionals, managers, supervisors, and other personnel involved in the recruitment and hiring process are trained in EEO and interviewing, selection, and hiring skills to enable such individuals to correctly identify the most capable candidates (i.e. structured interview training or guide).
- 6. Ensure that the process of avoids the appearance of bias by delegating the responsibility for recording and maintaining an applicant/candidate information to an individual other than the hiring manager.
- 7. Designate a professional (may be referred to as the Career Counselor) with appropriate training, knowledge and familiarity with career opportunities in City government to provide career counseling to employees upon request. Notify employees of the identity/type of guidance available from the Career Counselor at least once each year.
- 8. Ensure that the principal EEO Professional is kept abreast of the number of 55-program participants and efforts the agency has made to employ, promote or accommodate qualified individuals with disabilities.
- 9. Ensure that the managerial performance evaluation form contains a rating for EEO (which covers responsibilities and processes for assuring their ability to make employment decisions based on merit and equal consideration, or treat others in an equitable and impartial manner).
- 10. Submit to the EEPC an Annual Plan of measures and programs to provide equal employment opportunity, and quarterly reports (up to 30 days following each quarter) on efforts to implement the plan.

Whereas, the agency submitted its response to the EEPC's Preliminary Determination letter, on September 10, 2015; and

Whereas, in accordance with Chapter 36, Section 832(c) of the New York City Charter, the EEPC considered the agency's response and issued a Final Determination on September 18, 2015, which indicated that corrective actions Nos. 1 – 10 require compliance monitoring; and

Whereas, in accordance with Chapter 36, Section 832 (c) of the City Charter, the EEPC is required to monitor the agency for a period not to exceed six months, from October 2015 through March 2016, to determine whether it implemented remaining required corrective actions; and

Whereas, in accordance with Chapter 36, Section 832 (c) of the City Charter, the agency is required to respond in 30 days and make monthly reports thereafter to the Commission on the progress of implementation of such corrective actions; and

Whereas, all of the EEPC's corrective actions are required by, or are consistent with, federal, state and local laws, regulations, policies and procedures which are designed to increase equality of opportunity for women, minorities, and other employees and job applicants identified for protection from discrimination in employment within municipal government; Now Therefore,

Be It Resolved, that the Commission adopts this Final Determination regarding the Campaign Finance Board.

Approved unanimously on September 21, 2015.

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Elaine S. Reiss, Esq. Commissioner

## EQUAL EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES COMMISSION CITY OF NEW YORK

**RESOLUTION #2016/136C-05** Determination of **Compliance** (Monitoring Period Required) by the Campaign Finance Board with the Equal Employment Practices Commission's required corrective actions pursuant to the Review, Evaluation and Monitoring of the Employment Practices and Procedures from January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2014.

Whereas, pursuant to Chapter 36, Section 831(d)(2) and (5) of the New York City Charter, the Equal Employment Practices Commission is authorized to audit and evaluate the employment practices, programs, policies, and procedures of city agencies and their efforts to ensure fair and effective equal employment opportunity for minority group members and women, and to make recommendations to city agencies to insure equal employment opportunity for minority group members and women; and

Whereas, pursuant to Chapter 36, Section 831(d)(2), this Commission has adopted *Uniform Standards for EEPC Audits* and *Minimum Equal Employment Opportunity Standards for Community Boards* to assess agencies' EEO programs and policies for compliance with federal, state and local laws, regulations, policies and procedures which are designed to increase equality of opportunity for women, minorities, and other employees and job applicants identified for protection from discrimination in employment within municipal government; and

Whereas, pursuant to its audit and analysis of the Campaign Finance Board (CFB) EEO Program, the Equal Employment Practices Commission (EEPC) issued a Preliminary Determination letter, dated August 12, 2015, setting forth findings and the following required corrective actions:

- Ensure that the principal EEO Professional, HR Professional and General Counsel review the
  agency's employment practices, policies and programs on an annual basis to identify
  whether there are barriers to equal opportunity within the agency and determine what, if
  any, corrective actions are required in order to correct deficiencies (e.g. underutilization or
  adverse impact). If necessary, consult with the Law Department, Division of Citywide
  Diversity and EEO, or another resource for guidance.
- Assess the manner in which candidates are selected for employment, to determine whether
  there is any adverse impact upon any particular racial, ethnic, disability, or gender group. To
  the extent that adverse impact is discovered, determine whether the selection criteria being
  utilized are job related. Discontinue using criteria that are not job-related, and adopt
  methods which diminish adverse impact.
- 3. If women, minorities, or other protected groups are underrepresented in titles where there is discretion in hiring, advertise in minority- or female-oriented publications; contact organizations serving women, minorities, and other protected groups; participate in career fairs/open houses; or use internships to attract interested persons and to develop and hire interested and qualified candidates.
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Whereas, all of the EEPC's corrective actions are required by, or are consistent with, federal, state and local laws, regulations, policies and procedures which are designed to increase equality of opportunity for women, minorities, and other employees and job applicants identified for protection from discrimination in employment within municipal government; Now Therefore,

**Be It Resolved,** that the Campaign Finance Board has implemented the required corrective actions deemed necessary to ensure compliance with the equal employment opportunity standards of this Commission and requirements of Chapters 35 and 36 of the City Charter.

**Be It Resolved**, that the Commission will forward this Final Determination to Executive Director Amy Loprest, of the New York City Campaign Finance Board.

Approved unanimously on March 24, 2016.

Angela Cabrera Commissioner

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Elaine S. Reiss, Esq.

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TO: Campaign Finance Board Staff

FROM: Amy M. Loprest

DATE: February 9, 2016

SUBJECT: Commitment to Diversity, Inclusion, and Equal Employment Opportunity

The Campaign Finance Board (CFB) is deeply committed to creating a workplace where employment decisions are made on the basis of merit and equality of opportunity. It is my strong belief that everyone deserves to work in an atmosphere free of prohibited discrimination and harassment. As you are aware, the agency had recently undergone an audit with the Equal Employment Practices Commission (EEPC). As we conclude the compliance phase of this audit, I would like to inform you of some changes we are planning to implement as a result of this audit:

In an effort to have a more fair and inclusive hiring process, we are taking steps to standardize the recruitment and hiring process. We are currently creating trainings and structured guides to aid all hiring personnel in identifying the most capable candidates. As part of this change, we have updated the Equal Employment Opportunity hiring logs. Receptionists will maintain and record applicant/candidate information on the log, and hiring managers will fill in the fields for reasons a candidate was or was not selected after all interviews have been conducted.

We will also expand our career counseling resources on the agency Intranet. In addition to posting notices of upcoming civil service examinations, we will continue to notify staff of events pertaining to continuing education and professional development, along with relevant news articles.

In addition to information regarding career development, the CFB Intranet has links to information about the 55-a Program which permits municipalities to employ persons, who have been certified as physically or mentally disabled, in civil service positions on a non-competitive basis. Anyone with questions about this Program or eligibility can meet with the Disability Rights Coordinator, Corey Schaffer.

We will continue to review and improve our annual performance review process. One of the changes in the upcoming year will include the addition of an EEO rating for each manager in their performance evaluations.

Finally, as part of my commitment to maintaining an inclusive, equitable, collaborative, and sustainable workforce, the CFB will submit quarterly reports to the EEPC. The CFB will also submit a timely annual plan each year to the EEPC, outlining our strategy for ensuring equal employment opportunity and implementing best diversity and inclusion practices.

Thank you for sharing my commitment to creating a respectful, professional environment that encourages and appreciates diversity. If you have any suggestions for how we can make the CFB an even better place to work, I hope you'll share them with me.

Sincerely,

Amy M. Loprest

**Executive Director**