

**EQUAL EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES COMMISSION
CITY OF NEW YORK**

RESOLUTION # 2015/019: Final Determination pursuant to the Audit: Review, Evaluation and Monitoring of the Office of Management & Budget'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 Office of Management & Budget's Employment Practices and Procedures, the Equal Employment Practices Commission (EEPC) issued a Preliminary Determination letter, dated August 31, 2015, setting forth findings and the following required corrective actions:

1. Issue a general EEO Policy statement or memo reiterating commitment to EEO, declaring the agency's position against discrimination on any protected basis, advising employees of the names and contact information of EEO professionals, and attaching, or providing employees pertinent electronic links to, an EEO Policy/Handbook.
2. Implement the EEO training plan for new and existing employees to ensure that all individuals who work within the agency, including managers and supervisors, receive training on unlawful discriminatory practices under local, state and federal EEO laws; EEO rights and/or responsibilities; discrimination complaint and investigation procedures; prevention of sexual harassment; and reasonable accommodation procedures.
3. Assess recruitment efforts to determine whether such efforts adversely impact any particular group. To the extent that adverse impact is discovered, at a minimum, identify relevant professional and community organizations serving women, minorities, and other protected groups throughout the City, review and update listings of recruitment outreach sources, and contact these organizations when provisional positions become available or where the agency may otherwise use discretion in hiring.

4. Ensure that the principal EEO Professional, HR Professional and General Counsel, review the agency's statistical information (i.e. workforce, hires, promotions, and separations by race/ethnicity and gender), the annual number of EEO complaints, and 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 Division of Citywide Diversity and EEO, or another resource for guidance.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. Ensure that the process avoids the appearance of bias by delegating the responsibility for recording and maintaining this information to an individual other than the hiring manager.
9. Maintain appropriate documentation of meetings and other communications between the agency head (or a direct report other than the General Counsel) and the principal EEO Professional regarding decisions that impact the administration and operation of the EEO program.
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 14, 2015 with documentation of its actions to rectify required corrective actions Nos. 1 and 10; 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 agreed and accepted documentation for implementation of the corrective action No. 1, and indicated that corrective actions Nos. 2 - 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 Office of Management & Budget.


Approved unanimously on September 21, 2015.



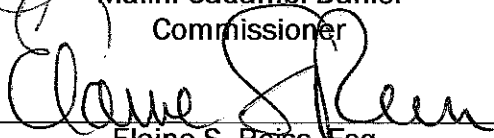
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Whereas, pursuant to its audit and analysis of the Office of Management & Budget (OMB) Employment Practices and Procedures, the Equal Employment Practices Commission (EEPC) issued a Preliminary Determination letter, dated August 31, 2015, setting forth findings and the following required corrective actions:

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Whereas, the OMB submitted its response to the EEPC's Preliminary Determination letter, on September 14, 2015, with documentation of its actions to rectify required corrective action(s) No. 1; 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 November 18, 2016, which agreed and accepted documentation for implementation of the aforementioned corrective actions, with corrective actions Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10, remaining;

Whereas, the OMB submitted its response to the EEPC's final determination letter, on October 19, 2015; and

Whereas, in accordance with Chapter 36, Section 832(c) of the New York City Charter, the EEPC monitored the agency's implementation of the remaining corrective actions from October 2015 to March 2016 with no extension of the monitoring period;

Whereas, at the EEPC's request pursuant to Section 815.a.(15) of the New York City Charter, the OMB submitted a copy of the agency head's memorandum to staff dated March 23, 2016, which outlined the corrective actions implemented in response to the EEPC's audit and reiterated his commitment to the agency's EEO Program; 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 Office of Management & Budget 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 NY City Charter.

Be It Resolved, that the Commission will forward this Final Determination to Director Dean Fuleihan, the Office of Management & Budget.


Approved unanimously on March 24, 2016.



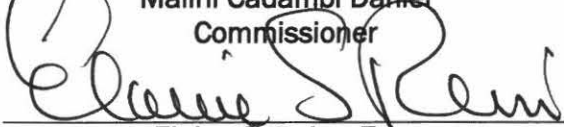
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To: Staff

From: Diane D'Alessandro

Date: June 11, 2013

Re: Equal Employment Practices Commission Audit

The Equal Employment Practices Commission (EEOC) conducts audits of the Equal Employment Offices of all city agencies. The audit specifically addressed a 24-month audit period from January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2011.

In cooperation with the EEOC, we have implemented the Commission's recommended enhancements and updates:

1. The Human Resources Office re-distributed the identity and contact information of the Disability Rights Coordinator, Sari Goldmeier Rella, to ensure that all employees are aware of the person responsible for handling reasonable accommodation requests and ensuring compliance with all federal, state and local laws, as well as City and agency policies, pertaining to persons with disabilities.
2. Felita Ramsami, the Director of Human Resources, was formally appointed the Career Counselor. The staff will be reminded once each year of Ms. Ramsami's appointment, her contact information and the type of guidance available.
3. All managers and supervisors were directed to emphasize their commitment to the EEO policies and affirm the right of each employee to file a discrimination complaint with the EEO office at least once a year during staff meetings. These meetings must be documented and submitted to the NYCERS' EEO Officers.
4. The agency's managerial performance evaluation form now contains a rating for EEO, which covers responsibilities and processes for assuring that people are appropriately employed, effectively and efficiently utilized, and dealt with in a fair and equitable manner.
5. The organizational chart has been amended to show that the co-EEO Officers report directly to the agency head.

As the Executive Director of NYCERS, I reaffirm this agency's strong and continuing commitment to maintaining fair employment practices for all employees and job applicants. NYCERS is committed to preventing discrimination by ensuring that all employees are aware of their rights and obligations under this policy and encouraging a work environment that respects and values the diversity of our workforce.