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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS
AND ETHICS

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May 14, 2014
Start: 11:50 a.m.
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HELD AT: Committee Room
 City Hall

B E F O R E: ALAN N. MAISEL
 Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

JULISSA FERRERAS
BRAD S. LANDER
CARLOS MENCHACA
VINCENT M. IGNIZIO

1 COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS AND ETHICS 2

2 CHAIRPERSON MAISEL: Good morning. I
3 am Alan Maisel, Chair of the Committee on Standards
4 and Ethics. I am joined, this morning, by my
5 colleagues, our minority leader, Councilman Vincent
6 Ignizio of Staten Island, the Brooklyn Delegation
7 Chair has not shown up yet, he should be here.
8 Council Member, Julissa Ferreras of Queens, Council
9 Member, Brad Lander of Brooklyn. I am also joined
10 by Brad Reed, Counsel to the Committee, the Ethics
11 Committee... and, uh, I just mentioned your name.

12 We are joined by Council Member, Carlos
13 Menchaca, who is the Co-Chair of the Brooklyn
14 Delegation. Deputy Chief of Sergeant of Arms is
15 Isreal Martinez. Our Committee Attorney is Jason
16 Natonyo(sp?)[phonetic]. The Committee on Standards
17 and Ethics is meeting today, pursuant to Section
18 10.80 of the Council Rules on open matter regarding
19 the investigation and subsequent Grand Jury
20 Indictment of Council Member, Ruben Wills. Council
21 Member, Ferreras?

22 MS. FERRERAS: Pursuant to Article 7
23 of the Public Officer's Law, I move that we go into
24 Executive Session to discuss this matter.

25 (unidentified speaker): I second.

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CHAIRPERSON MAISEL: Uh, you did it,
before I even had a chance to call on you.

(laugh)...okay, he jumped the gun. A
Motion has been made and seconded that we move into
Executive Session. All those in favor, say aye.

(group response)

I didn't say aye. Aye. Noting that
the ayes have it. I am now going to close this
portion of the meeting and reopen it in Executive
Session. I ask members of the public and council
staff, except Committee staff to clear the room. I
will also ask the Sargent of Arms to stop taping
this portion of the meeting.

In Executive Session the Committee... Oh.

(recording paused)

CHAIRPERSON MAISEL: Thank you for
coming back. We thought we lost you. Let me read
a closing statement. In Executive Session, the
Committee reviewed the matter regarding the
investigation and subsequent Indictment of Council
Member, Ruben Wills. The Committee voted to hold
the matter in advance until the completion of the

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State's prosecution against Council Member Wills.
Thank you.

Do I hear a motion to adjourn?

(pause)

First did... then seconded...

(unidentified speaker): Second.

so, we... all in favor?

(group response)

CHAIRPERSON MAISEL: So, we are
adjourned. Thank you very much.

C E R T I F I C A T E

World Wide Dictation certifies that the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceedings. I further certify that I am not related to any of the parties to this action by blood or marriage, and that I am in no way interested in the outcome of this matter.



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