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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS AND ETHICS

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August 8, 2017  
Start: 12:39 p.m.  
Recess: 12:41 p.m.

HELD AT: 250 Broadway - Committee Rm.  
14<sup>th</sup> Fl.

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Julissa Ferreras-Copeland  
Brad S. Lander  
Carlos Menchaca  
Steven Matteo

## A P P E A R A N C E S (CONTINUED)

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CHAIRPERSON MAISEL: Okay. Good

afternoon. I am Council Member Alan Maisel, Chair of the Committee on Standards and Ethics. I am joined by my colleagues Minority Leader Council Member Steve Matteo of Staten Island, Council Member Julissa Ferreras-Copeland of Queens and Council Member Brad Lander of Brooklyn. We are meeting today pursuant to Section 10.80 of the Council Member Rules on a matter regarding Ruben Wills. The first and only item on today's agenda is to close this matter. On May 14, 2014, the Committee met and opened a matter in light of the State's investigation and indictment of Ruben Wills and held the matter in abeyance until the completion of the State's prosecution against Ruben Wills. On February 26, 2015, this committee met on the certain open matter regarding Ruben Wills in light of a second indictment against Ruben Wills and continued to hold the matter in abeyance. On July 20, 2017 Ruben Wills was convicted of a-of numerous felony charges. By operation of state law, Wills' seat became vacant upon his conviction. Since Mr. Will is no longer a member of this body, I move that we close the matter concerning Ruben Wills and take

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2 no further action. Do I have a second? Don't be  
3 shy. Mr. Matteo thank you. All those in favor say  
4 aye.

5 COUNCIL MEMBERS: [in unison] Aye.

6 CHAIRPERSON MAISEL: Aye. Any opposed.  
7 Nothing—noting that the ayes have it, the committee  
8 will close this matter. Anybody else wish to say  
9 anything? Other than that, have a wonderful rest of  
10 the summer. The meeting is adjourned.

11 CHAIRPERSON FERRERAS-COPELAND: Thank  
12 you. [background comments]

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World Wide Dictation certifies that the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceedings. We further certify that there is no relation to any of the parties to this action by blood or marriage, and that there is interest in the outcome of this matter.



Date August 15, 2017