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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS AND ETHICS

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December 15, 2017

Start: 1:10 p.m.

Recess: 2:19 p.m.

HELD AT: 250 Broadway - Committee Rm.  
16th 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)

1 COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS AND ETHICS

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2 [sound check, pause]

3 CHAIRPERSON MAISEL: Good afternoon. I  
4 am Alan Maisel, Chair of the Committee on Standards  
5 and Ethics. I am joined by my colleagues Julissa  
6 Ferreras-Copeland of Queens, Carlos Menchaca of  
7 Brooklyn, Minority Leader Steven Matteo of Staten  
8 Island and Brad Lander of Brooklyn. Today's  
9 Sergeant-at-Arms is Rafael Perez. The Committee on  
10 Standards and Ethics is meeting today regarding an  
11 alleged violation of Section 10.80 of the Council  
12 Rules. It is necessary for the committee to discuss  
13 confidential personnel issues to determine whether to  
14 formally open a matter in connection with the  
15 allegations. Therefore, I believe the Committee  
16 should move into Executive Session to proceed. So,  
17 I'd like to have a motion to move into Executive  
18 Session pursuant to Article 7 of the Public Officer's  
19 Law. Seconded, Mr. Lander. A motion has been made  
20 and seconded that we move into Executive Session.  
21 All those in favor say aye.

22 CHAIRPERSON MAISEL: Aye.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER MEMBERS: [in unison]

24 Aye.

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2 CHAIRPERSON MAISEL: Noting that the ayes  
3 have it, I am now going to close this portion of the  
4 meeting and reopen in Executive Session. After  
5 Executive Session, we'll be reconvening the meeting.  
6 So, I ask that member of the public, any Council  
7 Members who are not on the committee and Council  
8 staff except committee clear the room. I will also  
9 as that the sergeant-at-arms turn off all microphones  
10 and recording devices and to restrict access to this  
11 room until advised otherwise by committee staff.

12 [pause] [sound check, pause]

13 CHAIRPERSON MAISEL: Okay, good afternoon  
14 again. In Executive Session, the Committee moved to  
15 open the matter regarding an alleged violation of  
16 Council Rule 10.80. So, I'm inviting a motion.  
17 Before we adjourn, I hereby move that with respect to  
18 the matter opened today, that all considerations,  
19 deliberations, files and records of the Council  
20 Committee on Standards and Ethics be confidential,  
21 and that no member or staff of the committee may  
22 review any factor item of information relevant to the  
23 deliberation of the committee except pursuant to  
24 either majority vote of the entire committee or the  
25 concurrence of the chair and the ranking minority

2 member, and that a breach of confidentiality with  
3 respect to this matter be considered on ethical  
4 conduct. Do we have a second? Mr. Matteo. All in  
5 favor say aye.

6 COUNCIL MEMBERS: [in unison] Aye.

7 CHAIRPERSON MAISEL: Aye. The motion has  
8 carried. And again, just point out that members of  
9 this committee now have a legal obligation not to  
10 comment about this matter any further until the next  
11 opportunity. So, thank you very much for your  
12 attendance, and we now will let the General Counsel  
13 do its work. Thank you.

14 MALE SPEAKER: [off mic] Mr. Chair, why  
15 are you not able to disclose the subject to me that's  
16 being--

17 CHAIRPERSON MAISEL: Well. [gavel] This  
18 is closed. We now have officially closed.

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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 January 7, 2017