

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS AND ETHICS

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August 21, 2019
Start: 10:40 a.m.
Recess: 12:40 p.m.

HELD AT: 250 Broadway - Committee Rm, 14th
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B E F O R E: Steven Matteo,
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
Margaret S. Chin
Vanessa L. Gibson
Karen Koslowitz
Stephen T. Levin

1 COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS AND ETHICS

2 CHAIRPERSON MATTEO: [Gavel] Good morning

3 everyone. I am Steve Matteo; I am Chair of the

4 Committee on Standards and Ethics. I have been

5 joined by my colleagues Karen Koslowitz and Venessa

6 Gibson, also Serena Longley, our Counsel to the

7 Committee. The Committee on Standard and Ethics is

8 meetings today regarding a pending disciplinary

9 matter open pursuant to Section 10.80 of the Council

10 Rules, concerning Council Member Andy King. Because

11 it is necessary for the Committee to discuss

12 confidential personnel issues, I am making motion for

13 the Committee to move into Executive Session pursuant

14 to Article 7 of the public officers law. Do I Have a

15 second?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: I second it.

17 CHAIRPERSON MATTEO: Recognizing Karen Koslowitz

18 for a second, a motion has been made and second in

19 the Committee moves into Executive Session. For all

20 of those in favor of that motion say Aye.

21 MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL: Aye.

22 CHAIRPERSON MATTEO: Noting of the Aye's have it,

23 I am now going to close this portion of the meeting

24 and reopen executive session. Before we proceed into

25 executive session, I will note for the public that

2 the Committee may vote on certain items of business
3 during this session and as a result, there maybe an
4 additional open session of the Committee later today,
5 Thank you. [GAVEL]

6 INTERMISSION [1:55-3:12]

7 CHAIRPERSON MATTEO: Good afternoon everyone.
8 Again, I am Steven Matteo; I am Chair of the
9 Committee on Standards and Ethics. Thank you for
10 being here and for your patience. I am joined by my
11 colleague Stephen Levin, Vanessa Gibson, Karen
12 Koslowitz and Margaret Chin, and by Committee Counsel
13 Serena Longley.

14 As you know, the Committee on Standards and
15 Ethics opened a meeting earlier today regarding a
16 pending disciplinary matter initiated pursuant to
17 Section 10.80 of the Council rules concerning Council
18 Member Andy King.

19 Because it was necessary for the Committee to
20 discuss confidential personnel issues in conjunction
21 with the pending disciplinary matter, the Committee
22 voted to move into executive session pursuant to
23 Article 7 of the public officers law.

24 We are now returning to open session to make
25 public the outcome of today's vote regarding the

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2 pending disciplinary matter. Based upon a wide range
3 investigation conducted by both the Council's office
4 of the General Counsel and the Special Counsel
5 retained by the Committee to prosecute this
6 disciplinary proceeding, the Committee voted today to
7 issue four charges against Council Member King.

8 In sum, the charges state between 2015 and 2019,
9 Council Member King either engaged in, encouraged,
10 permitted, condoned or failed to prevent conduct that
11 violated certain laws of the city, as well as the
12 rules and policies of the Council.

13 More specifically, the charges are retaliation,
14 disorderly conduct, conflict of interest violations
15 and harassment.

16 Based on the findings of our investigation and
17 pursuant to the rules of the council, this Committee
18 will now hold a disciplinary hearing on these charges
19 on September 10, 2019 beginning at 10:00 a.m. The
20 hearing will be held in Executive Session and Council
21 Member King has a right to be represented by Counsel
22 at the hearing. The Council has hired Carrie Cohen
23 to serve as special Counsel and present the case
24 against Council Member King to the Committee.
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2 While the proceedings are confidential, after the
3 Committee deliberates on the charges, the findings
4 and recommendations of the Committee will be made
5 public.

6 This concludes our summary of the Committee's
7 votes during today's meeting and at this point I am
8 adjourning the meeting. Thank you all for being
9 here. [GAVEL]

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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 April 1, 2018