

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 1, 2018

Start: 1:15 p.m.

Recess: 1:16 p.m.

HELD AT: Committee Room - City Hall

B E F O R E: STEVEN MATTEO
Chairperson

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

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

2 [sound check] [pause] [gavel]

3 CHAIRPERSON MATTEO: Good afternoon,
4 everyone. Thank you for your patience. I'm Steven
5 Matteo. I'm Chair of the Committee on Standards and
6 Ethics. I've been joined by my colleagues Vanessa
7 Gibson from the Bronx, Karen Koslowitz from Queens
8 and Steve Levin from Brooklyn. We're meeting again
9 this Committee on Standards and Ethics to—regarding
10 alleged violation of Section 10.80 of the Council
11 Rules by Council Member Ruben Diaz, Sr. As I said on
12 Monday, and just as a recap, on July 16, 2018 after
13 receiving allegations that Council Member Ruben Diaz,
14 Sr. violated the Council's various policies and
15 Chapter 68 of the New York City Charter, the
16 Committee voted unanimously to open the matter. In
17 light of Council Member Diaz, Sr.'s agreement not to
18 use Council resources for distribution of his *What*
19 *You Should Know* column, I am making a motion to close
20 this matter, and take no further action at this time,
21 and I ask for a second. Recognizing Karen Koslowitz
22 as a second, a motion has been made. All those in
23 favor say aye?

24 COUNCIL MEMBERS: [interposing] Aye.

2 CHAIRPERSON MATTEO: Noting that the ayes
3 have it, we're going to close this matter. I want to
4 thank my colleagues for their professionalism. I
5 want to thank General Counsel staff for their work
6 and professionalism, and specifically Serena Longley,
7 our-our Committee Counsel and Chuck Davis, and with
8 that, I am going to adjourn this meeting. Thank you.

9 [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 August 4, 2018