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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS AND ETHICS

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September 10, 2019

Start: 10:14 a.m.

Recess: 11:28

HELD AT: 250 Broadway - Committee Room
14th Fl.

B E F O R E: STEVEN MATTEO
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS: MARGARET S. CHIN
VANESSA GIBSON
KAREN KOSLOWITZ
STEPHEN T. LEVIN

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

[sound check] [pause] [gavel]

CHAIRPERSON MATTEO: Good morning everyone. I am Steve Matteo. I am Chair of the Standards and Ethics Committee. I'm joined by my colleagues, Karen Koslowitz, and Margaret Chin as well as our Legal Counsel Ben Smith. The Committee on Standards and Ethics is meeting today regarding a potential violation of Section 10:80 of the Council Rules. Because it is necessary for the committee to discuss confidential personnel issues, I am making a motion for the committee to move into Executive Session pursuant to Article 7 of the Public Officers Law. Do I have a second.

COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Second.

CHAIRPERSON MATTEO: A motion has been made and seconded by Karen Koslowitz that the Committee move into executive session. All those in favor of that motion say aye. Aye.

COUNCIL MEMBERS: [in unison] Aye.

CHAIRPERSON MATTEO: Noting that the ayes have it, I am now going to close this portion of the meeting and reopen in Executive Session. Before we proceed into Executive Session, I will note for the public that the committee may vote on certain items

of business during the session, and as a result there may be an additional open session of the committee later today. Thank you. [gavel] [Committee in Executive Session] [Committee out of Executive Session]

CHAIRPERSON MATTEO: Good morning everyone. Again Steve Matteo, Chair of the Committee on Standards and Ethics. I'm joined by my colleagues Steven Levin, Vanessa Gibson, Margaret Chin and Karen Koslowitz, and Ben Smith our Legal Counsel. Today the Committee on Standards and Ethics opened the meeting earlier pursuant to Section 10.80 of the Council Rules to review and discuss a potential violation of Council Rules and the Conflicts of Interest Laws of the City by Council by a City Council member. Because it was necessary for the committee to discuss confidential personnel issues in conjunction with a pending disciplinary matter, the Committee voted to move into Executive Session pursuant to Article 7 of the Public Officers Law. We are now returning to open session to make public the outcome of today's vote. After reviewing the results of initial inquiry completed of the Office of the General Council, the committee found that a further

investigation into these potential violations was warranted. As such, the Committee voted today to open the matter, and also as further investigation of the potential violations. As with all committee matters that are under a preliminary investigation, this matter will remain confidential and the identity of the Council Member will not be revealed at this time. Should the potential violations be found to be substantiated, the Committee will consider issuing charges at which time the Council Member's identity may be made public. This concludes our summary of the committee's vote during today's meeting and the meeting is now adjourned. Thank you. [gavel]

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. 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 September 15, 2019