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CITY OF NEW YORK

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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)

2 [sound check, pause, background comments]

3 CHAIRPERSON MAISEL: Okay. Good

4 afternoon. I am Council Member Alan Maisel, Chair of  
5 the Committee on Standards and Ethics. I am joined  
6 by my colleagues Minority Leader Council Member Steve  
7 Matteo of Staten Island, Council Member Julissa  
8 Ferreras-Copeland of Queens and Council Member Brad  
9 Lander of Brooklyn. We are meeting today pursuant to  
10 Section 10.80 of the Council Member Rules on a matter  
11 regarding Ruben Wills. The first and only item on  
12 today's agenda is to close this matter. On May 14,  
13 2014, the Committee met and opened a matter in light  
14 of the State's investigation and indictment of Ruben  
15 Wills and held the matter in abeyance until the  
16 completion of the State's prosecution against Ruben  
17 Wills. On February 26, 2015, this committee met on  
18 the certain open matter regarding Ruben Wills in  
19 light of a second indictment against Ruben Wills and  
20 continued to hold the matter in abeyance. On July  
21 20, 2017 Ruben Wills was convicted of a-of numerous  
22 felony charges. By operation of state law, Wills'  
23 seat became vacant upon his conviction. Since Mr.  
24 Will is no longer a member of this body, I move that  
25 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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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 August 15, 2017