

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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February 12, 2018
Start: 10:03 a.m.
Recess: 3:12 p.m.

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

1 COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS AND ETHICS 3

2 [sound check, pause] [gavel] [background
3 comments] [pause]

4 CHAIRPERSON MATTEO: Good morning. I'm
5 Steve Matteo. I'm the Chair of the Committee on
6 Standards and Ethics. Welcome everyone. I'm joined
7 by members of the committee Karen Koslowitz and
8 Vanessa Gibson. The other members will be with us as
9 the proceedings move forward. We're also joined by
10 Committee Staff, Chuck Davis and Sarina Longley. The
11 Committee on Standards and Ethics is meeting today
12 regarding an open matter involving alleged violation
13 of Section 10.80 of the Council Rules by Council
14 Member Andy King. It is necessary for the members to
15 review and discuss confidential personal issues in
16 relation to this matter. Therefore, I believe the
17 committee should move into Executive Session to
18 proceed. With that said, I am making a motion to
19 move into Executive Session pursuant to Article 7 of
20 the Public Officers Law, and I ask for section.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: [off mic] I
22 second it.

23 CHAIRPERSON MATTEO: It has been seconded
24 by Council Member Koslowitz that we move into
25 Executive session. All those in favor say aye.

2 COUNCIL MEMBERS: [in unison] Aye.

3 CHAIRPERSON MATTEO: Aye. The ayes have
4 it, and we are going to close this portion, and I ask
5 the members of the Committee to follow me to a
6 private room for deliberations, and we'll return to
7 this committee before we reopen the meeting, and
8 we've also been joined by Council Member Chin.

9 [pause] Thank you everybody. Welcome back. I'm
10 going to now read for the record a summary of the
11 Executive Session. The Executive Session of the
12 Committee continues review on an open matter
13 regarding the alleged violation of Council Rule 10.80
14 by Council Member Andy King. Upon reviewing the
15 report and after hearing testimony today from Council
16 Member King, the committee deliberated and determined
17 by a preponderance of the—of the evidence that the
18 allegation described publicly at our last meeting on
19 February 7, 2018 were substantiated and concluded
20 that Council Member King violated the Council's Anti-
21 Harassment and Discrimination Policy. The committee
22 voted in favor of requiring Council Member King to
23 completed sensitivity training within 30 days of
24 approval of training program by the Chair, and
25 complete ethics training within the Council's Office

2 of the General Counsel within 30 days of the
3 imposition—imposition of the sanction by the City
4 Council. Council Member King has informed the
5 committee that while he denies violating Council
6 policy, he agrees to voluntarily complete the
7 Council's mandated training and a workplace
8 sensitivity training program within 30 days of the
9 program being approved by the chair, and complete the
10 prescribed ethics training within 30 days of today.
11 In light of this agreement, the committee will now
12 vote on holding this matter in abeyance pending
13 Council Member King's completion of the agreed upon
14 training. In close, the committee takes allegation
15 of misconduct extremely seriously, and is committee
16 to ensuring appropriate consequences when matters are
17 substantiated, as was the case before this committee.
18 With that, I'm going to make a motion to hold this
19 matter abeyance pending Council Member King's
20 completion of the agreed upon training and I ask for
21 a second.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Second.

23 CHAIRPERSON MATTEO: Second by Council
24 Member and all in favor say aye.

25 COUNCIL MEMBERS: [in unison] Aye.

2 CHAIRPERSON MATTEO: All opposed say nay.
3 They ayes have it. It's 50 for the ayes, and with
4 that I'm going to adjourn the meeting. Thank you.

5 [gavel]

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Date February 16, 2018