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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS AND ETHICS

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July 30, 2018  
Start: 10:12 a.m.  
Recess: 6:05 p.m.

HELD AT: Committee Room - City Hall

B E F O R E: STEVEN MATTEO  
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Margaret S. Chin  
Vanessa A. 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'm Steve Matteo. I'm the Chair of the Standards and Ethics Committee. We're joined today by Vanessa Gibson, Karen Koslowitz, and Margaret Chin. The Committee on Standards and Ethics is meeting today regarding an alleged violation of Section 10.80 of the Council Rules, and it is necessary for the Committee to discuss confidential personnel issues. Therefore, I'm making a motion to the committee to move into Executive Session pursuant to Article 7 of the Public Officer's Law. Do I have a second?

COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Second.

CHAIRPERSON MATTEO: I recognize Karen Koslowitz as a second. A motion has been made. All those in favor to moving into Executive Session say 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 re-open in Executive Session. Thank you.

[Council Members meeting in Executive Session]

[gavel]

CHAIRPERSON MATTEO: Okay, we're reconvening this morning's hearing. We're joined by Council Member Chin, Koslowitz and Gibson. Steven Levin was with us all day. On July 16, 2018 after receiving allegations that Council Member Ruben Diaz, Sr. violated the Council's Anti-Harassment Discrimination Policy and Chapter 68 of the New York City Charter, this committee voted unanimously to open the matter. After the—after conducting an inquiry, hearing from Council Member Diaz, Sr. and deliberating, the Committee found that Council Member Diaz, Sr. did use Council resources inappropriately. The committee has directed staff to draft a resolution to send to the City Council as a body. The committee will reconvene in the near future to deliberate on that draft resolution, and with that, I'm closing today's meeting. [gavel] Thank you everyone.

COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Thank you.

COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Thank you.

C E R T I F I C A T E

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Date August 1, 2018