

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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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)

2 [sound check] [pause] [gavel]

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

15 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Second.

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

20 COUNCIL MEMBERS: [in unison] Aye.

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

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

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

2 investigation into these potential violations was
3 warranted. As such, the Committee voted today to
4 open the matter, and also as further investigation of
5 the potential violations. As with all committee
6 matters that are under a preliminary investigation,
7 this matter will remain confidential and the identity
8 of the Council Member will not be revealed at this
9 time. Should the potential violations be found to be
10 substantiated, the Committee will consider issuing
11 charges at which time the Council Member's identify
12 may be made public. This concludes our summary of
13 the committee's vote during today's meeting and the
14 meeting is now adjourned. Thank you. [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 September 15, 2019