

Minutes
Law, Rules and Ethics Committee
October 12, 2023
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- I. Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm
Present (6): Martin Wolpoff, Chair, Steve Froot, Vice-Chair, Sylvia Alexander, Jillian Baez, Rosemary Ginty, Jessica Sosa
Absent (3): David Gellman, Charles Moerdler, Omar Murray
Guests (1): Julie Reyes, CB 8 Board Chair
2. Vote to approve September 2023 minutes – approved unanimously
3. Chair's report
 - A. Welcomed all committee members.
 - B. Updated committee on the two SAPO applications (Girls Prep Bronx Elementary and "Summer Splish Splash - End of summer block party") that the committee voted on last month. Neither event occurred.
 - C. Jillian Baez and Jessica Sosa volunteered to alternate as LRE secretaries.
4. Primer update
 - A. The Chair presented an updated primer memo. The revised primer was approved unanimously with two amendments suggested by Rosemary Ginty:
 - i. The New York City Administrative Code should be inserted immediately below the City Charter in section 1, Governing Documents.
 - ii. In Section 4(E), Committees, note that there is another category of committee that should be added: the Board, upon recommendation of a committee, or a committee, by resolution, can establish a Subcommittee. (See Article 6, section 5 of the by-laws.)
 - B. A discussion ensued about whether to put into effect a policy to question abstentions. This decision was tabled to the November or December meeting.
 - C. The Chair announced upcoming training regarding Parliamentary procedures.
 - D. The Chair also announced that he will be a guest speaker at the upcoming new board members meeting.
5. CB 8 Code of Conduct – The committee reviewed current language in the Ethical Guidance Manual and agreed that the language is sufficient for the time being. "Beyond adherence to the formal rules, members are expected to treat with dignity and respect all the members of the Board and members of the public whom we serve." How to best distribute this information will be revisited in later meetings.
6. COIB – The Chair noted the continuing notices of COIB Dispositions.
7. City Council Spreadsheet – The Chair asked members if he should keep sharing the spreadsheet with committee chairs. Committee members agreed that the Chair should keep sharing the spreadsheet.
8. Review of implementation of videoconferencing – Steve Froot agreed to do a survey on hybrid exceptions. A short discussion ensued about current rules to permit people with disabilities to participate via a hybrid process.
9. Next Meeting – Scheduled for November 13, but date may need to be postponed or canceled because Chair cannot attend. Vice-Chair Froot may chair the meeting instead of the Chair.
10. The meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jillian Baez,