

**LAW, RULES & ETHICS COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes – Pending Approval**  
November 7, 2019  
Board Office, 5676 Riverdale Avenue, Suite 100

Attendance: Martin Wolpoff, Chair, Sylvia Alexander, I. William Stone  
Absent: Jyll Townes, Dan Padernacht  
On Leave: Carlos Wilcox

Meeting called to order at 7:10 PM

1. Introduction of Attendees
2. Approval of September minutes  
Approved: (3) Martin Wolpoff, Sylvia Alexander, I. William Stone  
Against: (0)  
Abstentions: (0)
3. Review of by-laws amendment process  
Amendment will be coming up for second approval at Nov. 12 Board Meeting.
4. Review of City Council calendar  
On previous date, chairman sent out to Board office and all LRE members the latest spreadsheet of intros offered at the New York City Council. Data was sorted by committees and color-coded for sponsorship by each of the three council members who represent CB 8. Chairman requested the Board office forward spreadsheet to all chairs.
5. Review of Conflicts Of Interest Board Settlements  
Committee reviewed the September and October COIB settlements. Bill Stone asked if Settlements which may have reference toward a specific Board committee were forwarded. Chairman indicated that the answer was no, but it was worth consideration.
6. Review of Ethical Guidance Handbook  
Although he requested committee members prepare for the meeting by reviewing the EGM, Chairman reported that he was distressed to find that the most recent update of the EGM was not posted on the Board's website. Thus, he brought the latest copy to the meeting. At this session, committee focused on amending the section that requires update to include the creation of ad hoc Disciplinary committees consistent with by-laws amendment currently being considered by the Board. In addition, the committee focused attention on the current phrase in the EGM that states, "The committee is obligated to inform the Board of official reports, decisions and advice provided for guidance of Community Boards." The question is should the Disciplinary committee be required to publicize its findings and actions? Committee members were asked to ponder this question in anticipation of the December meeting. Chair stated he would also bring the issue to the Executive committee.
9. Adjournment 8:20 PM – Next Meeting – December 9

Respectfully Submitted  
Martin Wolpoff