

Minutes
LAW, RULES & ETHICS COMMITTEE
November 14, 2016
Board Office

Attendance

Present: Martin Wolpoff, Chair, Sylvia Alexander, Noah Friedman, Philip Friedman, Rosemary Ginty, Irving Ladimer, Herb Young

Absent: Charles Moerdler, Diego Santiago

Meeting called to order at 7:05

1. Approval of Minutes – Approved Unanimously
2. Items from COIB
Chairman provided a COIB settlement document referring to five current and former DOE employees who abused DOE procurement credit cards (“P-cards”) by making purchases for personal, non-City purposes in contravention of DOE policy.
3. Legislative Review
Rosemary Ginty distributed her updated legislative review. The committee reviewed the most recent entries.
4. Ethical Guidance Manual
The manual has been presented twice to the full board. It will be voted on at the December board meeting. Three issues were discussed at the November board meeting:
 - a. Gifts of Admission to Sporting Entertainment Events
 - b. Board Office Staff. (Advisory Opinion No. 2004-3)
 - c. Honoraria.After discussion, it was felt that the presented language should remain.
5. Community Board 8 Bylaws
 - a. Chairman reached out to the Borough President’s office and received the go-ahead for use of the title “Chief Financial Officer” concerning the job description of the Board’s elected treasurer.
 - b. Gallery Sessions – At the request of a board member, the bylaws section on gallery sessions was reviewed. Persons wishing to be placed on the speakers list need to be screened by the office when they call. Potential speakers can be advised to bring their issue to the appropriate committee, told to consult with other speakers who have previously called and who plan to speak on the same topic, or advised that the speakers’ list is full. At the gallery session, the chair may rule the presentation out of order and directed to the appropriate committee.
6. Old Business
The chairman met with Ms. Gonzalez of the Kingsbridge Library to discuss the possibility of an LRE civics presentation.
7. New Business
8. Meeting adjourned at 8:03PM.

Marty Wolpoff, Chair
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