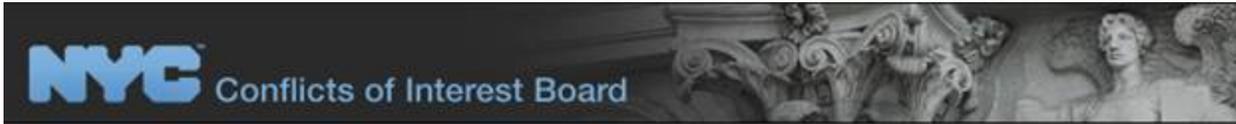


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The New York City Conflicts of Interest Board (the “Board”) announces three settlements:

Misuse of City Resources. A New York City Department of Environmental Protection (“DEP”) Electrical Engineer admitted that he violated the conflicts of interest law and DEP rules 19 times by using a DEP vehicle without authorization to run personal errands and commute between his home and DEP. DEP determined that the appropriate penalty for the Electrical Engineer’s infractions was resignation. In a three-way settlement, the Board accepted resignation as a sufficient penalty for the Electrical Engineer’s Chapter 68 violations and imposed no additional penalty. The disposition is attached as “COIB Disposition (DEP).”

Misuse of City Resources. A Sanitation Worker photocopied an official New York City Department of Sanitation (“DSNY”) placard that he was no longer permitted to use and placed the fraudulent copy of the parking placard in his personal vehicle’s windshield in order to park in a DSNY garage without authorization. In a joint settlement with the Board and DSNY, the Sanitation Worker accepted a three-workday suspension, valued at approximately \$486, for this unauthorized use of a City resource. The disposition is attached as “COIB Disposition (DSNY).”

Misuse of City Time & Resources. A Department of Education (“DOE”) Principal Administrative Associate was issued a public warning letter for conducting her private business as a notary during DOE work hours and on DOE premises. On at least ten occasions she accepted small payments from parents seeking someone to notarize DOE enrollment paperwork for them. (The Administrative Associate’s official DOE duties do not include notarizing documents.) Although the Administrative Associate used only a small amount of City time and resources for her notary business, in issuing this public warning letter, the Board seeks to make clear to all public servants that *any* use of City time or resources for private enterprises is strictly prohibited. The public warning letter is attached as “COIB Public Warning Letter (DOE).”

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