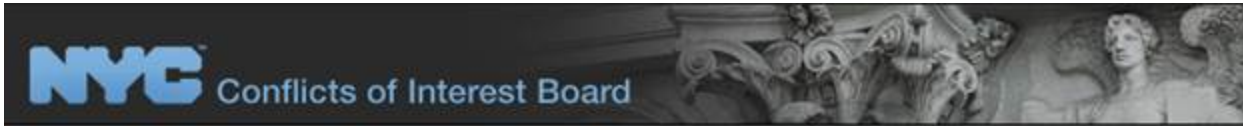


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The New York City Conflicts of Interest Board (the “Board”) announces five settlements with public servants who violated the City’s conflicts of interest law.

Misuse of City Position; Misuse of City Resources. In a three-way settlement with the Board and the New York City Administration for Children’s Services (“ACS”), a Juvenile Counselor admitted that she misused her ACS position and ACS resources when, following an automobile accident, she identified herself to the other driver as an ACS employee, pointed to her official ACS uniform, and displayed her ACS-issued badge/identification card, while asking the other driver not to call the police. For this misconduct, ACS imposed a suspension of 15 calendar days without pay, valued at approximately \$2,019. The Board accepted the suspension as sufficient penalty for the Chapter 68 violations committed. The disposition is attached to this email as “COIB Disposition (ACS-1).”

Misuse of City Position; Misuse of City Time & Resources. In a three-way settlement with the Board and the New York City Administration for Children’s Services (“ACS”), a Child Protective Specialist Supervisor admitted that she:

- 1) misused her ACS email and computer to conduct work for the private business she owns;
- 2) misused ACS time by conducting work for the private business at times when she was required to work for ACS; and
- 3) misused her ACS position by attempting to sell event tickets and products such as makeup and jewelry to her subordinates.

For this misconduct and other disciplinary charges unrelated to Chapter 68, ACS levied an eight-workday suspension, valued at approximately \$2,466. The Board accepted the suspension as sufficient penalty for the Chapter 68 violations committed. The disposition is attached to this email as “COIB Disposition (ACS-2).”

Misuse of City Position; Superior/Subordinate Financial Relationship. The Board and the New York City Department of Sanitation (“DSNY”) concluded three-way settlements with two DSNY employees who admitted they misused their City positions by receiving loans from a subordinate DSNY Clerical Associate. The respondents also admitted that, in creating the loan arrangement, they had both entered into prohibited financial relationships with the subordinate. (All loans were repaid.)

- The Director of DSNY’s Work Experience Program forfeited five days of annual leave to DSNY, valued at approximately \$1,963, and paid a \$250 fine to the Board for receiving two loans totaling \$3,000.

- The Assistant Director of DSNY’s Work Experience Program forfeited five days of annual leave to DSNY, valued at approximately \$1,371, and paid a \$250 fine to the Board, for receiving \$2,500 in loans.

The dispositions are attached as “COIB Disposition (DSNY-1)” and “COIB Disposition (DSNY-2).”

Misuse of City Position. A School Aide of the New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) admitted that, on multiple occasions, over the course of several years, she misused her DOE position to solicit and receive loans of \$20 or less from the parent of a student she supervised. The Board, after balancing a number of factors, including penalties imposed in similar cases, the School Aide’s limited position of authority within the DOE, and that she eventually repaid the loans, determined the appropriate penalty to be a fine of \$50. The disposition is attached to this email as “COIB Disposition (DOE).”

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