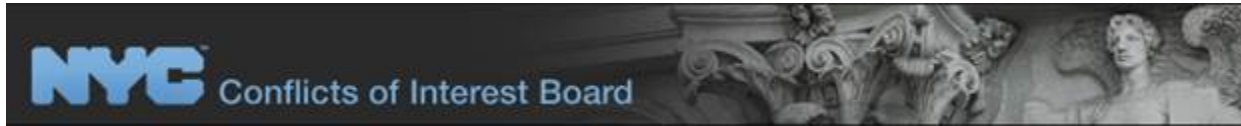


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The New York City Conflicts of Interest Board (the “Board”) announces four settlements with public servants who violated New York City’s conflicts of interest law.

Misuse of City Resources. In a three-way settlement with the Board and the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (“DOHMH”), a Supervising Exterminator agreed to serve a 40-day suspension without pay, valued at approximately \$4,867, for driving a DOHMH vehicle while off duty to a bar. After leaving the bar approximately seven hours later, and now impaired, he resumed driving the vehicle and caused a multi-car accident. The DOHMH vehicle was rendered inoperable and irreparable. The disposition is attached to this email as “COIB Disposition (DOHMH).”

Misuse of City Time; Misuse of City Resources. The Board fined a New York City Health + Hospitals (“H+H”) Supervisor of Stock Workers \$2,500 for misusing an H+H computer, email account, and printers during his H+H work hours to:

1. design campaign flyers for his wife’s campaign for a New Jersey county committee position; and
2. print approximately five to ten copies of those flyers in an H+H print shop; and
3. on at least ten occasions since 2010, design and print material such as fundraiser flyers and event tickets for the not-for-profit organization that his wife served as President; and
4. create and edit a flyer for the political campaign of another individual.

The disposition is attached to this email as “COIB Disposition (H+H).”

Prohibited Appearances. In a three-way settlement with the Board and DOHMH – Office of Chief Medical Examiner (“OCME”), a Forensic Mortuary Technician agreed to pay a \$2,000 fine – \$1,500 to DOHMH-OCME and \$500 to the Board – for appearing before DOHMH-OCME on

three occasions to remove bodies from OCME morgues in her private capacity as a funeral director. The disposition is attached to this email as “COIB Disposition (DOHMH – OCME).”

Misuse of City Resources. In a three-way settlement with the Board and New York City Department of Sanitation (“DSNY”), a Sanitation Supervisor agreed to serve a five-workday suspension, valued at approximately \$1,906, for misusing his assigned DSNY vehicle on approximately ten occasions to transport produce to a restaurant in Brooklyn as a favor to the restaurant owner. In determining the penalty, the Board took into consideration that there was no evidence that the Supervisor profited personally from these violations. The disposition is attached to this email as “COIB Disposition (DSNY).”

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