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5	MINUTES OF
6	THE CITY OF YONKERS
7	BOARD OF ETHICS MEETING
8	June 20, 2024 - 5:40 p.m.
9	AT
10	YONKERS CITY HALL
11	40 South Broadway
12	Yonkers, New York 10701
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14	MEMBERS:
15	LOUIS MOSIELLO - CHAIR
16	DENNIS GALLEGO - MEMBER
17	KATHLEEN ENNIS - MEMBER
18	MARIA FRAGOSO - MEMBER
19	PRESENT:
20	HELEN AGGREY, ESQ DEPUTY CORPORATION
	COUNSEL
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	MATTHEW GALLAGHER, ESQ CORPORATION
22	COUNSEL
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1	PROCEEDINGS
2	CHAIR MOSIELLO: The time is
3	twenty minutes of six, in other words,
4	5:40 p.m. and we have a quorum and we
5	call this meeting of the ethics board
6	for June 20th, 2024 to order.
7	We're going to start by calling
8	the roll.
9	I'll start with myself, I am
10	Louis Mosiello, Designated Chairman.
11	MR. GALLEGO: Dennis Gallego,
12	member.
13	MS. FRAGOSO: Maria Fragoso,
14	member.
15	MS. ENNIS: Kathleen Ennis,
16	member.
17	CHAIR MOSIELLO: Do you want to
18	put your names on the record?
19	MS. AGGREY: Helen Aggrey,
20	deputy corporation counsel.
21	MR. GALLAGHER: Matthew
22	Gallagher, corporation counsel.
23	CHAIR MOSIELLO: Okay, we have
24	the minutes of last meeting, of
25	March 20th, '24. Has everybody had

1	PROCEEDINGS
2	the opportunity to read and does
3	anybody wish to correct or move
4	MS. ENNIS: Very small
5	corrections.
6	CHAIR MOSIELLO: Please, go
7	forward.
8	MS. ENNIS: On page 15, line 15,
9	Mr. Borelli was saying continuing a
10	little bit about starting the
11	business, you know, to produce myself
12	to different clients, I think that
13	word was probably "introduced".
14	CHAIR MOSIELLO: Okay, that's
15	reasonable.
16	MS. ENNIS: And on page 65,
17	line 9, Mr. Donnelly, they have him
18	saying "I'm honestly just familiar
19	with it at all." I think he was
20	saying "I'm just not familiar with it
21	at all".
22	CHAIR MOSIELLO: Okay.
23	MS. ENNIS: Because he was
24	looking for an explanation
25	CHAIR MOSIELLO: Yes.

little discussion.

MR. GALLAGHER: Yeah, just a

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PROCEEDINGS

So pursuant to Ethics Rules

C1A-31, entitled Hearings

Administrative Enforcement:

A, the ethics board shall adopt rules governing the conduct of hearings. Such rules shall contain appropriate due process procedural mechanisms, as well as take into account any applicable provision flaw and collective bargaining agreement.

The ethics board shall conduct and complete each hearing with reasonable promptness.

Pursuant to that rule, I took a look at Westchester County Board of Ethics Rules with respect to conducting hearings, and I'm just circulating it to everybody in the room.

I think we could get away
with -- if we turn to page two of the
rules, these are very straight
forward, due process requirements.

We have the notice of hearing

1	PROCEEDINGS
2	section and the on the next page,
3	the hearing procedure section.
4	And, finally, we have the rules
5	of evidence and record of hearing
6	section. And, finally, actually,
7	decision.
8	There's no reason to reinvent
9	the wheel, we can take what we need
10	out of this. I believe we can put
11	something together for you, for the
12	next meeting, for you to adopt.
13	CHAIR MOSIELLO: That sounds
14	like a good idea. I think we give
15	everybody a chance to digest this and
16	we'll address it at the next meeting.
17	MR. GALLAGHER: That's
18	CHAIR MOSIELLO: That's fine.
19	MR. GALLAGHER: Perfect.
20	CHAIR MOSIELLO: Next, committee
21	reports.
22	The only committee I can think
23	of is Dennis, financial disclosures.
24	MR. GALLEGO: At this point,

we're missing two city employee

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1	PROCEEDINGS
2	personnel, one being Counselman
3	Merante and one person from the Board
4	of Building & Housing Department,
5	those are the only two city employees
6	that we're missing.
7	We're missing thirteen from the
8	Board of Ed, we just e-mailed them
9	again, today, to see if they can get
10	those processed.
11	And we're missing forty sorted
12	board members.
13	CHAIR MOSIELLO: Active board
14	members?
15	MS. FRAGOSO: You can authorize
16	my signature.
17	CHAIR MOSIELLO: Forty active
18	board members?
19	MR. GALLEGO: Forty active board
20	members.
21	So we're actively pursuing them,
22	I haunt them on a regular basis.
23	CHAIR MOSIELLO: Good. You're
24	doing a fine job, Dennis.
25	MR. GALLEGO: We try.

1 PROCEEDINGS

CHAIR MOSIELLO: Let's move on.

Review of all business -- I'm going to defer to matters to which ones you want to -- what order you want to take this?

MR. GALLAGHER: Let's start with Lee Ellman's resolution.

CHAIR MOSIELLO: Okay.

MR. GALLAGHER: You know, the board had the opportunity to meet with Mr. Ellman, I believe, two meetings ago and, you know, I don't see anything that would prohibit this board from considering this resolution.

So it's basically up to the board as to whether they would like to bring Mr. Ellman's waiver, which would only be good for six months because in a year, you know, it's over.

CHAIR MOSIELLO: Does anybody have anything they'd like to discuss relative to a waiver for Mr. Ellman, which would be -- so one-year waiver

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1	PROCEEDINGS
2	but six months have already passed.
3	In that case, can I hear a
4	motion?
5	MR. GALLEGO: So moved.
6	CHAIR MOSIELLO: Motion by
7	Dennis. Can I hear a second?
8	MS. ENNIS: So moved.
9	MR. MOSIELLO: Second by
10	Kathleen.
11	All those in favor indicate by
12	saying "aye".
13	[a chorus of ayes]
14	CHAIR MOSIELLO: Aye. Are there
15	any negative votes?
16	None being heard. That
17	resolution is passed.
18	There you go. Done.
19	MR. GALLAGHER: Moving right
20	along.
21	CHAIR MOSIELLO: Moving right
22	along. Do you want to take Sam
23	Borelli next?
24	MR. GALLAHER: Sam Borelli's not
25	here, right now.

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CHAIR MOSIELLO: You want to

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MR. GALLAGHER: Yes, he will be

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CHAIR MOSIELLO: Okay.

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MR. GALLAGHER:

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has been requested, she had a subpoena, that's also indicated, that's also part of the record, on page six.

She has not appeared. Her counsel appears to be here, today. What he intends to offer to the board, I do not know, we're not in the

1	PROCEEDINGS
2	investigation stage, we're not in the
3	hearing stage, we're in the
4	investigation stage, so she was
5	invited in to be interviewed.
6	If you would like to take any
7	action with respect to Mr. Murtagh and
8	hear what he has to say, that's up to
9	the board.
10	CHAIR MOSIELLO: Well, should we
11	do that in order or should we skip
12	around and then pull them in? How do
13	you think we should
14	MR. GALLAGHER: Well, I mean, I
15	haven't I can ask him if
16	is here and he can just come, let us
17	know. And if she's not here, there's
18	really no discussion. I mean, why
19	would we have a discussion with her
20	attorney.
21	CHAIR MOSIELLO: Let's do that.
22	Do you want me to check?
23	MS. AGGREY: Should we go into
24	executive session?
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1	PROCEEDINGS
2	MS. AGGREY: Should we go in
3	executive session?
4	CHAIR MOSIELLO: Oh, well, let's
5	see do we have to go into executive
6	session? She's not here and he's not
7	going to address us, he may not be in
8	need.
9	MR. GALLAGHER: I don't
10	remember.
11	Bruce just called me. Let me
12	let him know that we don't need him.
13	[Mr. Gallagher made a phone
14	call.]
15	CHAIR MOSIELLO: Do you want to
16	wrap this? Tie this in a bow or
17	MR. GALLAGHER: Well, let's see
18	what he has to say and if she's
19	coming.
20	I mean, if he just wants to make
21	a statement, he can do that, it's up
22	to the board as to how they'd like to
23	proceed.
24	CHAIR MOSIELLO: John Murtagh?
25	MR. GALLAGHER: Yeah, John

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1	PROCEEDINGS
2	Murtagh.
3	CHAIR MOSIELLO: John. John.
4	[John Murtagh entered the
5	conference room.]
6	MR. GALLAGHER: Good afternoon,
7	John, do you want to put your name on
8	the record, if you're going to speak?
9	MR. MURTAGH: Sure. John
10	Murtagh, Murtagh, Cossu, Venditti,
11	Castro-Blanco on behalf of
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13	May I?
14	CHAIR MOSIELLO: Please do.
15	MR. GALLAGHER: Please.
16	MS. AGGREY: Make a motion
17	MR. GALLAGHER: Yes, motion to
18	be going to executive session.
19	CHAIR MOSIELLO: Okay.
20	MR. MURTAGH: May I?
21	MR. GALLAGHER: Please.
22	CHAIR MOSIELLO: Yes, just sit
23	down. And, please the chair will
24	accept a motion for executive session.
25	MS. ENNIS: Motion.

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2	MR MOSIELLO: Kathleen.
3	MS. FRAGOSO: Second.
4	CHAIR MOSIELLO: Maria. All in
5	favor say "aye".
6	[a chorus of ayes]
7	CHAIR MOSIELLO: Aye.
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9	61, line 2, were executive session and
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thing would be the resolution for Sam

1	PROCEEDINGS
2	Borelli's waiver. No?
3	MR. GALLAGHER: My advice would
4	be to, you know, keep it open.
5	CHAIR MOSIELLO: Okay. So we're
6	going to hold that over.
7	MR. GALLAGHER: Hold it over.
8	CHAIR MOSIELLO: The next would
9	be the letter from the letter from
10	MR. GALLAGHER: That's
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12	CHAIR MOSIELLO:
13	And did we need to do anything now, in
14	regular session?
15	MR. GALLAGHER: Other than hold
16	it over?
17	CHAIR MOSIELLO: We're going to
18	hold that over also.
19	MR. GALLAGHER: And just for the
20	record, I did respond to all of the
21	assertions, the legal claims that
22	Mr. Murtagh made with respect to not
23	being provided with adequate due
24	process, with respect to procedures

set forth in the ethics code, which is

PROCEEDINGS 1 2 one of the reasons why if we needed to move forward I wanted us to discuss 3 the rules of procedure for conducting hearings in case we need it in the 6 future. 7 CHAIR MOSIELLO: Okay. We'll move onto letters from Sam Dahdal --9 MR. GALLAGHER: Yes. 10 CHAIR MOSIELLO: -- dated 11 October 2nd, 2023. 12 MR. GALLAGHER: So, again, the 13 question before this honorable board 14 is whether he violated C1A6, which is whether he took official action or 15 16 failed to take official action in a manner which he knows or has reason to 17 know may result in a financial benefit 18 for himself, a member of his household 19 20 or his relatives. 21 So we have the two items, 22 1060 Nepperhan Avenue and the carpet

mill.

CHAIR MOSIELLO: Based on the information that I heard in executive

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1	PROCEEDINGS
2	session, both from Mr. Borelli and
3	from corporation counsel, I don't
4	see I don't see a problem,
5	personally.
6	Does anybody else see something?
7	Kathleen? Dennis?
8	So how do we take care of this?
9	MR. GALLAGHER: The same way we
10	took care
11	CHAIR MOSIELLO: We didn't do
12	that yet.
13	MR. GALLAGHER: Yes, we didn't.
14	Okay, so under the ethics code,
15	Section C1A-30, complaints and
16	investigations, and we're in the
17	investigation stage, G, upon
18	completion of its investigation the
19	ethics board shall take one or more of
20	the following actions.
21	So the issue is first issue
22	is whether this investigation is
23	complete.
24	CHAIR MOSIELLO: Do we deem this
25	investigation complete?

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1	PROCEEDINGS
2	MS. FRAGOSO: I believe so.
3	MS. MOSIELLO: Do we all agree?
4	MR. GALLEGO: Yes.
5	CHAIR MOSIELLO: Do we need a
6	vote?
7	MR. GALLAGHER: Please.
8	CHAIR MOSIELLO: No? Yes?
9	MR. GALLAGHER: Why not?
10	CHAIR MOSIELLO: Okay.
11	MR. GALLEGO: Make a motion to
12	dismiss?
13	MR. GALLAGHER: First motion to
14	close the investigation.
15	MR. GALLEGO: Motion to close
16	the investigation.
17	CHAIR MOSIELLO: Dennis. Is
18	there a second?
19	MS. FRAGOSO: Second.
20	CHAIR MOSIELLO: Maria.
21	All in favor?
22	[a chorus of ayes.]
23	CHAIR MOSIELLO: Aye.
24	Unanimous.
25	Next.
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1	PROCEEDINGS
2	MR. GALLAGHER: And now what to
3	do with it, now that you've closed it,
4	you have a motion to do whatever you
5	want to do now that the motion is
6	MR. GALLEGO: motion to
7	dismiss.
8	CHAIR MOSIELLO: Dennis makes a
9	motion to dismiss the investigation.
10	Was there second?
11	MS. FRAGOSO: (Indicating).
12	MR. MOSIELLO: Maria again. All
13	in favor, please, indicate by saying
14	"aye".
15	[a chorus of ayes]
16	MR. MOSIELLO: Any extensions or
17	negative votes?
18	MR. GALLEGO: No.
19	CHAIR MOSIELLO: Okay, we're
20	moving onto Frank Jereis and the other
21	counsel person.
22	MR. GALLAGHER: Okay, we heard
23	from Mr. Jereis, we have documents in
24	the records concerning the complaint
25	and statement and response from

1	PROCEEDINGS
2	Mr. Jereis, which also matches three
3	exhibits.
4	Mr. Jereis appeared with counsel
5	and we have the same question before
6	for this honorable board as to what to
7	do with the investigation at this
8	stage.
9	MR. GALLEGO: Motion to close.
10	CHAIR MOSIELLO: Motion to close
11	the investigation?
12	MS. ENNIS: Yes.
13	CHAIR MOSIELLO: Second by
14	Ms. Ennis.
15	All in favor indicate by saying
16	aye.
17	[a chorus of ayes]
18	CHAIR MOSIELLO: Aye, that's
19	unanimous.
20	MR. GALLEGO: Motion to dismiss.
21	CHAIR MOSIELLO: By Mr. Gallego.
22	Second?
23	MS. FRAGOSO: (Indicating).
24	CHAIR MOSIELLO: By Maria
25	Fragoso.

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1	PROCEEDINGS
2	MS. AGGREY: include the
3	reason draft it, it's incoherent.
4	CHAIR MOSIELLO: The reason for
5	us dropping the investigation, because
6	the
7	MR. GALLAGHER: Which
8	investigation are we talking about
9	right now?
10	So we didn't do it for
11	Mr. Jereis, at first.
12	MS. AGGREY: One was just
13	MR. GALLAGHER: Okay.
14	MS. AGGREY: For
15	MR. GALLEGO: Jereis.
16	MR. GALLAGHER: I'm sorry
17	MS. AGGREY: And for Sam Dahdal,
18	you did mention based on the
19	CHAIR MOSIELLO: Right.
20	MR. AGGREY: For Mr. Jereis who
21	didn't say anything at all.
22	MR. GALLAGHER: Okay.
23	CHAIR MOSIELLO: Okay.
24	MR. GALLAGHER: Let me fix that
25	for the record.

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With respect to the complaint against Frankie Jereis, the issue before this honorable board is pursuant to C1A-13 Interest in Contracts with the city, the issue is specifically B, whether any city officer or employee who has, will have or later acquires an interest in any actual potential contract with the city shall publicly disclose the nature and extend an interest in accordance with 803 of General Municipal Law.

Any -- C, any officer or employee who willfully and knowingly violates the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor to the extent provided by Section 805 of the General Municipal Law.

So the issue for this honorable board is whether, based on the record and the interview with Mr. Jereis he acted willfully.

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1	PROCEEDINGS
2	CHAIR MOSIELLO: So can we adopt
3	the position that we, in our
4	investigation, do not believe that the
5	person was acting willfully and what's
6	the other word?
7	MR. GALLAGHER: Willfully.
8	CHAIR MOSIELLO: Willfully.
9	Okay, would that do?
10	MS. AGGREY: Yes.
11	CHAIR MOSIELLO: That satisfies
12	everything?
13	MS. AGGREY: Yes.
14	MR. GALLAGHER: So on that
15	basis, that is why you voted to close
16	the investigation and dismiss.
17	CHAIR MOSIELLO: That's right.
18	MR. GALLAGHER: Okay.
19	CHAIR MOSIELLO: Okay, so now we
20	got that.
21	Can we move on? Thank, God.
22	Review of new business,
23	correspondence letter from Sam Dahdal.
24	Another letter from Sam Dahdal?
25	MR. GALLAGHER: That concerns

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Mr. Dahdal's -- I mean, Mr. Borelli's request for a waiver, which has been held over, so there's no reason to address it.

CHAIR MOSIELLO: Correspondence, contract disclosure for Vincent Camp --

MR. GALLAGHER: -- Campisi, that's on page 236.

At the very end, yes, there it is.

Okay, I can read it into the record:

To whom it may concern, I,

Vincent Campisi, being a full-time
employee of the City of Yonkers will
enter into a contract with the City as
a, quote, unquote, entertainer to
provide DJ services at Murray's

Skating Rink for three hours per night
on Fridays in the months of June, July
and August.

This by no way is conflict of interest with my full-time job with

1	PROCEEDINGS
2	the city, as I don't deal with any
3	contracts or money as a network
4	engineer, thank you very much, Vincent
5	Campisi.
6	CHAIR MOSIELLO: Does he need us
7	to sign off on something like this?
8	MR. GALLAGHER: He just needs to
9	notify you.
10	CHAIR MOSIELLO: Oh. So we're
11	notified. Do we have to say anything?
12	Do we have to do anything?
13	MR. GALLAGHER: No.
14	MS. FRAGOSO: Asdsadsa/TPRAEU no
15	conjecture.
16	CHAIR MOSIELLO: So he let us
17	know and we don't see any problem with
18	it.
19	MR. GALLAGHER: This ties into
20	what wasn't done in the other case.
21	CHAIR MOSIELLO: Got it.
22	MS. FRAGOSO: So he was doing
23	the right thing.
24	MR. GALLAGHER: Yes.
25	MS. FRAGOSO: Before he breaks

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2	any if he does any asdsad/TPRAOULSZ
3	he just informed the board.
4	MR. GALLAGHER: This is what the
5	other gentleman was accused of not
6	doing.
7	MS. FRAGOSO: Yes.
8	CHAIR MOSIELLO: Are there any
9	complaints to review, other than what
10	we just did?
11	MS. FRAGOSO: No.
12	CHAIR MOSIELLO: Next meeting,
13	okay, I'm going to throw my dates out
14	and then you guys can work on that.
15	I always like to go December,
16	beginning of December, and that would
17	be our fourth meeting of the year.
18	MR. GALLAGHER: We really need
19	to meet before that, probably in
20	September.
21	CHAIR MOSIELLO: September?
22	MR. GALLAGHER: Yeah, and it
23	says at least four meetings, it
24	doesn't say
25	CHAIR MOSIELLO: It only says

1 **PROCEEDINGS** 2 four. 3 No, I'm only kidding. MR. GALLAGHER: We've addressed everything that's before this 6 honorable board. The only remaining 7 complaint is we have -- what remains is the complaint and we 9 have the issue with respect to 10 Mr. Borelli's waiver. 11 So it shouldn't be too 12 complicated a meeting. 13 There is litigation with respect , which may interfere 14 to 15 with this, it may make me decide that, 16 you know, we should move forward on 17 that right now, but we're not there 18 yet, we're at the very beginning 19 stages of litigation. CHAIR MOSIELLO: So what are we 20 21 -- this is June. 22 Oh, I'm sorry, I didn't mean December. Usually, it's every three 23 months, September. 24

No, I'm sorry.

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1	PROCEEDINGS
2	MR. GALLAGHER: Summer's over?
3	CHAIR MOSIELLO: I'm sorry.
4	Yeah, usually, it's September
5	and then December, that's where we
6	September is fine.
7	Everybody wants to meet the
8	second week? Third week? When?
9	That'll be the third meeting,
10	right, March 3rd.
11	MS. FRAGOSO: The third week in
12	September.
13	CHAIR MOSIELLO: Right, March,
14	June.
15	MS. ENNIS: We used to do
16	Wednesday, right?
17	CHAIR MOSIELLO: Yes.
18	MS. ENNIS: Do you prefer
19	Wednesday?
20	CHAIR MOSIELLO: It doesn't
21	matter. This is fine.
22	MS. ENNIS: That would be
23	September
24	CHAIR MOSIELLO: That sounds
25	good. 9/18.

CERTIFICATION

I, Helen Wandzilak, a Notary Public for and within the State of New York, do hereby certify:

That the witness whose testimony as herein set forth, was duly sworn by me; and that the within transcript is a true record of the testimony given by said witness.

I further certify that I am not related to any of the parties to this action by blood or marriage, and that I am in no way interested in the outcome of this matter.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 23rd day of July, 2024.

HELEN WANDZILAK

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