

CITY OF COHOES

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BOARD OF ETHICS

DECISION: COMPLAINT NO. 15-3

BACKGROUND:

IN AUGUST 2015 THE COHOES BOARD OF ETHICS (THE "BOARD") RECEIVED A COMPLAINT NO. 15-3. SOON AFTER THE BOARD RECEIVED THE COMPLAINT, THE COPIES OF COMPLAINT NO. 15-3 WERE DISTRIBUTED AMONG THE FOUR BOARD MEMBERS. ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2015 THE COMPLAINANT MET WITH THE BOARD AND DISCUSSED THE MATTER. ON SEPTEMBER 28, 2015 THE DEPARTMENT HEAD ASSOCIATED WITH THE COMPLAINT MET WITH THE BOARD TO DISCUSS THE MATTER, AS WELL. AFTER THE DEPARTMENT HEAD LEFT THE MEETING, EACH MEMBER INDIVIDUALLY REVIEWED COMPLAINT NO. 15-3 AND EACH SUBSEQUENTLY DISCUSSED HIS OR HER UNDERSTANDING OF THE FACTS AS PRESENTED IN THE COMPLAINT.

CONCLUSION:

BASED ON THE FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES ALLEGED IN COMPLAINT NO. 15-3, THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY CONCLUDED THAT THE ALLEGATIONS CONTAINED THEREIN DID NOT RISE TO THE LEVEL OF A VIOLATION OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ETHICS.

IN ADDITION, THE BOARD BELIEVED THAT THE FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES ALLEGED IN THE COMPLAINT ARE MATTERS OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT AND BETTER ADDRESSED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE MAYOR OR THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS. THIS DECISION SHALL CONSTITUTE A FINAL DETERMINATION BY THE BOARD.

CONCUR:

**CHARLES VALENTI, CHAIRPERSON
DEBORAH GILCHRIST, MEMBER
DAVID EMANATIAN, MEMBER**

PRESENT:

LAURA ANGLIN, ALTERNATE MEMBER

SEPTEMBER 28, 2015