

# CITY OF COHOES



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## DECISION: COMPLAINT #13-2

### Background

On September 25, 2013, the city of Cohoes Board of Ethics (the "Board") received a complaint (#13-2) via email. On September 30, 2013, copies of Complaint 13-2 were distributed amongst the four members at the Board's regularly scheduled meeting. Each member of the Board individually reviewed Complaint 13-2, and each subsequently discussed his or her understanding of the facts as presented in the Complaint.

### Discussion

Based on the facts and circumstances alleged in Complaint 13-2, 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 the facts and circumstances alleged in the Complaint is a matter of public administration and management, and therefore best addressed at the discretion of the Mayor and the Chief of Police, respectively. The Board will forward the matter to those individuals for further review and consideration.

### Conclusion

Therefore, after a thorough review of Complaint 13-2, the Board determined the matter did not constitute a violation of the city's Code of Ethics. This decision shall constitute a final determination by the Board.

### CONCUR:

William T. Keeler, Member  
Deborah Usmanu, Member  
Charles G. Valenti, Member

### PRESENT:

David Emanatian, Alternate Member  
September 30, 2013