

# CITY OF COHOES

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## BOARD OF ETHICS

### **DECISION: COMPLAINT NO. 21-1**

#### **BACKGROUND**

PRIOR TO THE NOVEMBER 29, 2021 MEETING OF THE COHOES BOARD OF ETHICS (THE "BOARD"), COMPLAINT NO. 21-1 WAS RECEIVED AND DISSEMINATED TO ITS MEMBERS. THE BOARD REVIEWED THE COMPLAINT AND INVITED THE COMPLAINANT TO APPEAR AT THE NOVEMBER 29, 2021 MEETING. ON NOVEMBER 29, 2021 THE BOARD CONVENED A MEETING TO HEAR THE TESTIMONY OF THE COMPLAINANT. THE COMPLAINANT AND A WITNESS WERE GIVEN AS MUCH TIME AS NEEDED TO MAKE A PRESENTATION.

PRIOR TO THE JANUARY 10, 2022 MEETING OF THE BOARD, THE BOARD INVITED THE SUBJECT OF THE COMPLAINT TO APPEAR AT THE JANUARY 10, 2022 MEETING OF THE BOARD TO TESTIFY. WHILE THE SUBJECT SENT A TEXT TO THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD DENYING THE ALLEGATION IN THE COMPLAINT, HE DID NOT APPEAR AT THE MEETING.

PRIOR TO THE JANUARY 31, 2022 MEETING OF THE COHOES BOARD OF ETHICS, THE SUBJECT WAS URGED TO APPEAR BUT THE SUBJECT DID NOT DO SO.

#### **ALLEGATION**

THE COMPLAINANT ALLEGES THAT THE SUBJECT OF THE COMPLAINT DID NOT TREAT THE COMPLAINT IN A PROFESSIONAL MANNER IN VIOLATION OF SECTION 36-6 OF THE COHOES CODE OF ETHICS.

#### **DISCUSSION**

THE BOARD REVIEWED THE DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED BY THE COMPLAINANT AND CONSIDERED THE TESTIMONY PRESENTED BY THE COMPLAINANT AND THE WITNESS.

**CONCLUSION**

AFTER A THOROUGH REVIEW OF COMPLAINT NO. 21-1, AS WELL AS THE TESTIMONY PRESENTED TO THE BOARD, THE BOARD COULD NOT FIND EVIDENCE TO CONFIRM OR DENY THE ALLEGATIONS.

**CONCUR**

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JANUARY 31, 2022