

## CITY OF COHOES

Charles Valenti, Chairperson  
David Emanatian, Member  
Deborah Gilchrist, Member  
Erin Roditis, Alternate



97 MOHAWK STREET  
COHOES, NEW YORK 12047  
ETHICS-BOARD@CI.COHOES.NY.US

## BOARD OF ETHICS

### DECISION: COMPLAINT NO. 22-2

#### **BACKGROUND:**

ON JUNE 22, 2022 THE COHOES BOARD OF ETHICS (THE “BOARD”) RECEIVED COMPLAINT NO. 22-2 AND IT WAS DISSEMINATED TO ITS MEMBERS. THE BOARD REVIEWED THE COMPLAINT AND INVITED THE COMPLAINANT TO APPEAR AT THE JULY 25, 2022 MEETING TO DISCUSS THE COMPLAINT WITH THE BOARD. ON JULY 25, 2022 THE COMPLAINANT PRESENTED TESTIMONY ON HIS BEHALF AT THE MEETING.

AFTER THE MEETING, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF ETHICS INTERVIEWED THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF COHOES, THE SUBJECT OF THE COMPLAINT, CONCERNING THE MATTER ON AUGUST 2, 2022.

ON AUGUST 22, 2022 THE BOARD CONVENED A MEETING TO RENDER A DECISION ON COMPLAINT No. 22-2.

#### **ALLEGATION:**

THE COMPLAINANT ALLEGED THAT THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF COHOES DID NOT TREAT THE COMPLAINANT IN A PROFESSIONAL MANNER PURSUANT TO SECTION 36-6 OF THE CODE OF ETHICS OF THE CITY OF COHOES.

**DISCUSSIONS:**

THE BOARD REVIEWED THE DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED BY THE COMPLAINANT AND CONSIDERED THE INFORMATION DERIVED FROM THE INTERVIEW WITH THE MAYOR CONCERNING THE ALLEGED MISTREATMENT.

**CONCLUSION:**

AFTER REVIEWING ALL THE DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED BY THE COMPLAINANT AND CONSIDERING THE INFORMATION DERIVED FROM THE INTERVIEW WITH THE MAYOR, THE BOARD DETERMINED THAT THE MAYOR DID NOT VIOLATE SECTION 36-6 OF THE CODE OF ETHICS OF THE CITY OF COHOES. MOREOVER THE BOARD DETERMINED THAT THE MAYOR ACTED APPROPRIATELY AND RESPONSIBLY. THEREFORE, THE BOARD DETERMINED THAT COMPLAINANT No. 22+2 WAS NOT SUBSTANTIATED.

**CONCUR:**

CHARLES VALENTI, CHAIRPERSON  
DAVID EMANATIAN, MEMBER.  
ERIN RODITIS, ALTERNATE MEMBER

MEMBER EXCUSED:  
DEBORAH GILCHRIST, MEMBER

AUGUST 22, 2022

