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Report on the Fiscal Year 2015 Executive Budget for

Conflicts of Interest Board

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Executive Budget Highlights

- COIB's Fiscal 2015 Executive Budget totals \$2.1 million, which is \$84,000 or 4.1 percent higher than the Fiscal 2014 Adopted Budget.
- **Fiscal 2015 Executive Budget Changes**
 - An additional \$34,000 is added to Other Than Personal Services for telecommunications cost adjustments.
 - \$50,000 is added to Personal Services as a technical adjustment.
- COIB's total authorized headcount remains stable at 22.

COIB Overview

The Conflicts of Interest Board (COIB) implements and interprets the Conflicts of Interest Provisions of Chapter 68 of the New York City Charter. This is accomplished through the training and education of City employees regarding ethical standards and through the issuance of advisory opinions to prospective, current, and former City employees. The Board processes complaints concerning alleged violations of the provisions of Chapter 68, and receives and reviews financial disclosure statements.

This report provides an overview of the Conflicts of Interest Board's (COIB) Fiscal 2015 Budget and a review of the significant initiatives included in the Executive Budget for Fiscal 2015. Appendices 1 and 2 report the changes made to the Fiscal 2014 and Fiscal 2015 Budget since adoption of the Fiscal 2014 Budget.

COIB Financial Summary

<i>Dollars in Thousands</i>	FY12 Actual	FY13 Actual	FY14 Adopted	FY14 as of FY15 Exec. Budget	FY15 Exec. Budget	*Change FY14 - FY15
Personal Services	\$1,801	\$1,846	\$1,911	\$1,911	\$1,961	\$50
Other Than Personal Services	159	186	122	156	156	34
Total	\$1,960	\$2,032	\$2,033	\$2,067	\$2,117	\$84
Funding						
City Funds			\$2,033	\$2,067	\$2,117	\$84
Total	\$0	\$0	\$2,033	\$2,067	\$2,117	\$84
Budgeted Headcount						
Full-Time Positions - Civilian	20	22	22	22	22	-
Total	20	22	22	22	22	-

*Change from Fiscal 2014 Adopted to Fiscal 2015 Executive Budget.

COIB's Fiscal 2015 Executive Budget of \$2.1 million increases by \$84,000 or 4.1 percent from its Fiscal 2014 Adopted Budget. The increase is due to a technical adjustment of \$50,000 made in the Fiscal 2015 Executive Budget and a telecommunications cost adjustment of \$34,000 in the Preliminary budget.

COIB Budget Highlights

- **Budget Protection.** COIB continues to advocate for the enactment of a Charter amendment providing it with an independent budget. Such protection has been one of the Board's highest legislative priorities for many years. COIB has the power to sanction violations of the law by the very public officials who set its budget and could serve to undermine the Board's independence in the eyes of the public and of public servants. This could be rectified through a Charter amendment removing the Board's budget from the discretion of the public officials who are subject to the Board's jurisdiction.

Appendix 1: COIB Budget Actions since Fiscal 2014 Adoption

<i>Dollars in Thousands</i>	FY 2014			FY 2015		
	City	Non-City	Total	City	Non-City	Total
COIB Adopted Fiscal 2014 Budget	\$2,033	\$0	\$2,033	\$2,033	\$0	\$2,033
New Needs						
Telecommunications Budget Adjustment	\$34	\$0	\$34	\$34	\$0	\$34
Technical Adjustment	0	0	0	50	0	50
Subtotal New Needs	\$34	\$0	\$34	\$84	\$0	\$84
Total All Changes	\$34	\$0	\$34	\$84	\$0	\$84
COIB Executive Fiscal 2015 Budget	\$2,067	\$0	\$2,067	\$2,117	\$0	\$2,117