§ 843. Code of ethics. 1. As used in this section, the term "authority employee" shall mean any board member, member, officer or employee of the authority.

2. The authority shall make available their code of ethics on their website, which is applicable to all authority employees.

3. No authority employee shall have any interest, financial or otherwise, direct or indirect, or engage in any business or transaction or professional activity or incur any obligation of any nature, which is in substantial conflict with the proper discharge of such employee's duties in the public interest.

4. (a) No authority employee shall accept other employment which will impair such employee's independence of judgment in the exercise of any official duties.

(b) No authority employee shall accept employment or engage in any business or professional activity which will require the employee to disclose confidential information which such employee has gained by reason of official position or authority.

(c) No authority employee shall disclose confidential information acquired by the employee in the course of official duties nor use such information to further personal interests.

(d) No authority employee shall use or attempt to use an official position to secure unwarranted privileges or exemptions for such employee or others.

(e) No authority employee shall engage in any transaction as representative or agent of the authority with any business entity in which such employee has a direct or indirect financial interest that might reasonably tend to conflict with the proper discharge of official duties.

(f) An authority employee shall not by conduct give reasonable basis for the impression that any person can improperly influence such employee or unduly enjoy favor in the performance of official duties, or that such employee is affected by the kinship, rank, position or influence of any party or person.

(g) An authority employee shall abstain from making personal

investments in enterprises which such employee has reason to believe may be directly involved in decisions to be made by the employee or which will otherwise create substantial conflict between duty in the public interest and such employee's private interest.

(h) An authority employee shall endeavor to pursue a course of conduct which will not raise suspicion among the public that such employee is likely to be engaged in acts that are in violation of trust.

(i) No authority employee employed on a full-time basis nor any firm or association of which such an employee is a member, where a substantial portion of the stock of which is owned or controlled directly or indirectly by such employee, shall sell goods or services to any person, firm, authority or association which is licensed or whose rates are fixed by the authority in which such employee serves or is employed.

(j) If any authority employee shall have a financial interest, direct or indirect, having a value of ten thousand dollars or more in any activity which is subject to the jurisdiction of a regulatory agency, such authority employee shall file with the secretary of state a written statement that such authority employee has such a financial interest in such activity which statement shall be open to public inspection.

5. In addition to any penalty contained in any other provision of law any such authority employee who shall knowingly and intentionally violate any of the provisions of this section may be fined, suspended or removed from office or employment.

6. The provisions of section seventy-three of the public officers law shall be applicable to all board members and employees of the authority.