

The New York City Council

*City Hall
New York, NY 10007*



Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 3, 2024

12:00 PM

CHARTER MEETING

Council Chambers - City Hall

City Council

Adrienne E. Adams, Speaker

Members: Shaun Abreu, Joann Ariola, Alexa Avilés, Diana I. Ayala, Chris Banks, Joseph C. Borelli, Erik D. Bottcher, Justin L. Brannan, Gale A. Brewer, Selvena N. Brooks-Powers, Tiffany L. Cabán, David M. Carr, Carmen N. De La Rosa, Eric Dinowitz, Amanda C. Farias, Oswald J. Feliz, James F. Gennaro, Jennifer Gutiérrez, Shahana K. Hanif, Kamillah M. Hanks, Robert F. Holden, Crystal Hudson, Rita C. Joseph, Shekar Krishnan, Linda Lee, Farah N. Louis, Kristy Marmorato, Christopher Marte, Darlene Mealy, Julie Menin, Francisco P. Moya, Mercedes Narcisse, Sandy Nurse, Chi A. Ossé, Vickie Paladino, Keith Powers, Lincoln Restler, Kevin C. Riley, Carlina Rivera, Yusef Salaam, Rafael Salamanca, Jr., Pierina A. Sanchez, Lynn C. Schulman, Althea V. Stevens, Sandra Ung, Inna Vernikov, Nantasha M. Williams, Julie Won, Kalman Yeger and Susan Zhuang

1. The City Clerk will call the Charter Meeting to order pursuant to Section 42 of the Charter.

The City Clerk and Clerk of the Council (Mr. McSweeney) duly called this organizational Charter Meeting of Wednesday, January 3, 2024 to order pursuant to Section 42 of the Charter of the City of New York.

The City Clerk (Mr. McSweeney) served as the presiding officer for these proceedings.

Present: Speaker Adams, Ayala, Abreu, Ariola, Avilés, Banks, Borelli, Bottcher, Brannan, Brewer, Brooks-Powers, Cabán, Carr, De La Rosa, Dinowitz, Fariás, Feliz, Gennaro, Gutiérrez, Hanif, Hanks, Holden, Hudson, Joseph, Krishnan, Lee, Louis, Marmorato, Marte, Mealy, Menin, Moya, Narcisse, Nurse, Ossé, Paladino, Powers, Restler, Riley, Rivera, Salaam, Salamanca Jr., Sanchez, Schulman, Stevens, Vernikov, Williams, Won, Yeger and Zhuang

Absent: Ung

2. The City Clerk will perform the ceremony of the duly elected Council Members taking their oath of office.

The City Clerk (Mr. McSweeney) delivered the ceremonial oath of office to all duly elected Council Members assembled.

3. INVOCATION

The Invocation was delivered by Imam Shaykh Safraz Bacchus, Imam and Spiritual Leader, Masjid Alabidin located at 104-14 127 Street, Queens NY 11419.

Council Member Adams moved to spread the Invocation in full upon the Record.

4. **M 0001-2024** **Continuation of the 2022-2023 Rules of the Council, As Amended.**

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The City Clerk (Mr. McSweeney) called for a voice-vote on the motion.

Hearing no objections, the City Clerk (Mr. McSweeney) declared M-1 to be adopted.

Adopted unanimously by the Council by voice-vote.

A motion was made that this Communication be Approved, by Council approved by Voice Vote.

5. **M 0002-2024** **The City Clerk will open the floor for nominations for the office for Speaker of the Council of the City of New York pursuant to Section 44 of the New York City Charter for the term commencing January 1, 2024 and terminating December 31, 2025.**

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At this point, Council Member Ayala moved to nominate Council Member Adams as the next Speaker of the Council. Council Member Ayala's motion was seconded by Council Members Brooks-Powers, Brannan, Hudson, Farias, and Rivera.

50 Council Members voted to elect Council Member Adams.

The City Clerk and Clerk of the Council (Mr. McSweeney) declared Council Member Adams as the duly elected Speaker of the New York City Council for the 2024-2025 term.

A motion was made that this Communication be Approved, by Council approved by Roll Call.

Affirmative: 50 - Speaker Adams, Ayala, Abreu, Ariola, Avilés, Banks, Borelli, Bottcher, Brannan, Brewer, Brooks-Powers, Cabán, Carr, De La Rosa, Dinowitz, Fariás, Feliz, Gennaro, Gutiérrez, Hanif, Hanks, Holden, Hudson, Joseph, Krishnan, Lee, Louis, Marmorato, Marte, Mealy, Menin, Moya, Narcisse, Nurse, Ossé, Paladino, Powers, Restler, Riley, Rivera, Salaam, Salamanca Jr., Sanchez, Schulman, Stevens, Vernikov, Williams, Won, Yeger and Zhuang

Absent: 1 - Ung

6. COMMUNICATION FROM THE SPEAKER

7. MESSAGES & PAPERS FROM THE MAYOR

None

8. COMMUNICATION FROM CITY, COUNTY & BOROUGH OFFICES

None

9. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

M 0003-2024 **Nomination and Election of the Committee on Rules, Privileges and Elections**

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The Speaker (Council Member Adams) nominated the following Council Members to be on the organizational Committee on Rules, Privileges and Elections: Diana I. Ayala, Temporary Chair, Joseph C. Borelli, Justin Brannan, Gale A. Brewer, Selvena N. Brooks-Powers, Crystal Hudson, Keith Powers, Rafael Salamanca Jr. and Pierina A. Sanchez.

A motion was made that this Petition be Approved, by Council approved by Roll Call.

Affirmative: 50 - Speaker Adams, Ayala, Abreu, Ariola, Avilés, Banks, Borelli, Bottcher, Brannan, Brewer, Brooks-Powers, Cabán, Carr, De La Rosa, Dinowitz, Farías, Feliz, Gennaro, Gutiérrez, Hanif, Hanks, Holden, Hudson, Joseph, Krishnan, Lee, Louis, Marmorato, Marte, Mealy, Menin, Moya, Narcisse, Nurse, Ossé, Paladino, Powers, Restler, Riley, Rivera, Salaam, Salamanca Jr., Sanchez, Schulman, Stevens, Vernikov, Williams, Won, Yeger and Zhuang

Absent: 1 - Ung

M 0004-2024

Designate and appoint Diana I. Ayala as Deputy Speaker of the Council of the City of New York, for the term which commenced on January 1, 2024, effective January 3, 2024.

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The Speaker (Council Member Adams) nominated Council Member Ayala to be the Deputy Speaker of the City Council.

A motion was made that this Petition be Approved, by Council approved by Roll Call.

Affirmative: 50 - Speaker Adams, Ayala, Abreu, Ariola, Avilés, Banks, Borelli, Bottcher, Brannan, Brewer, Brooks-Powers, Cabán, Carr, De La Rosa, Dinowitz, Farías, Feliz, Gennaro, Gutiérrez, Hanif, Hanks, Holden, Hudson, Joseph, Krishnan, Lee, Louis, Marmorato, Marte, Mealy, Menin, Moya, Narcisse, Nurse, Ossé, Paladino, Powers, Restler, Riley, Rivera, Salaam, Salamanca Jr., Sanchez, Schulman, Stevens, Vernikov, Williams, Won, Yeger and Zhuang

Absent: 1 - Ung

M 0005-2024

Designate and appoint Amanda C. Farías as Majority Leader of the Council of the City of New York, for the term which commenced on January 1, 2024, effective January 3, 2024.

Attachments: January 3, 2024 - Charter Meeting Agenda, Hearing Transcript - Charter Meeting 1-3-24, Minutes of the Charter Meeting - January 3, 2024

This Petition was Rcvd, Ord, Prnt, Fld by Council

M 0006-2024

Designate and appoint Selvena N. Brooks-Powers as Majority Whip of the Council of the City of New York, for the term which commenced on January 1, 2024, effective January 3, 2024.

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This Petition was Rcvd, Ord, Prnt, Fld by Council

M 0007-2024

At a duly convened meeting, we, the undersigned members of the Minority (Republican) Delegation of the Council of the City of New York, hereby designate and appoint Joseph C. Borelli as Minority Leader of the Council of the City of New York, pursuant to Rule 4.10 of the Rules of the Council of the City of New York for the term which commenced on January 1, 2024.

Signed: Joann Ariola, Joseph C. Borelli, David Carr, Vickie Paladino, Inna Vernikov and Kristy Marmorato

Attachments: Minority Leader Appointment, Minority Delegation Bylaws, January 3, 2024
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This Petition was Rcvd, Ord, Prnt, Fld by Council

M 0008-2024

Pursuant to Rule 4.10 of the Council of the City of New York and Paragraph 5 of the Bylaws of the Minority Delegation of the same, I hereby designate and appoint Inna Vernikov as Minority Whip of the Council of the City of New York, for the term which commenced on January 1, 2024, effective January 3, 2024.

Signed: Joseph C. Borelli, Minority Leader

Attachments: Minority Whip Appointment, Minority Delegation Bylaws, January 3, 2024 -
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This Petition was Rcvd, Ord, Prnt, Fld by Council

10. ADJOURNED

Whereupon on motion of the Speaker (Council Member Adams), adjourned these Charter proceedings to meet again for the Stated Meeting of January 18, 2024.

*MICHAEL M. McSWEENEY, City Clerk
Clerk of the Council*