

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON RULES, PRIVILEGES AND ELECTIONS

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FEBRUARY 25, 2021

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HELD AT: REMOTE HEARING
VIRTUAL HEARING ROOM 1

B E F O R E: CHAIR KAREN KOSLOWITZ

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Adrienne Adams
Margaret Chin
Corey Johnson
Steve Matteo
Keith Powers
Debi Rose
Mark Treyger
Paul Vallone

A P P E A R A N C E S (CONTINUED)

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2 TECHNICIAN 1: Recordings, please.

3 TECHNICIAN 2: PC recording has started.

4 CHAIR KOSLOWITZ: Okay. Good morning.

5 TECHNICIAN 2: Back up is rolling. One second
6 please. Good morning and welcome to today's remote
7 New York City Council vote of the Committee on
8 Rules, Privileges and Elections. At this time would
9 all panelists please turn on their video and to
10 minimize disruption please silence your electronic
11 devices. Thank you. We are ready to begin.

12 CHAIR KOSLOWITZ: Good morning and welcome to the
13 Committee on Rules, Privileges and Elections. My
14 name is Karen Koslowitz, and I am Chair of this
15 committee. Before we begin this hearing I would
16 like to introduce the Council Members of this
17 committee who have joined us today. Minority Leader
18 Steve Matteo, Council Member Margaret Chin, Council
19 Member Keith Powers and Council Member Vallone and
20 Council Member Mark Treyger. I would also like to
21 acknowledge Rules Committee Counsel Lance Polivy and
22 the staff members of the Council's Investigative
23 Unit Chuck Davis, Chief Compliance Officer and
24 Investigators Andre Johnson-Brown, Alicia Vassell
25 and Ramsey Buton. Today the Rules Committee will

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2 consider certain changes to the membership of the
3 standing committees of the Council. Pursuant to Rule
4 10.20 of the Rules of the City Council the Committee
5 on Rules, Privileges and Elections can recommend an
6 amendment to any rule of the Council with a later
7 vote of the majority of all Council members. Today
8 we are hearing a preconsidered resolution that would
9 amend Rule 7.00-A by changing the membership of
10 certain standing committees of the Council. (coughs)
11 This rule change requires the majority vote of all
12 members of the Committee of Rules, Privileges and
13 Elections pursuant to Rule 7.00-A, 7.70-A, and a
14 majority vote of all Council Members pursuant to
15 Rules 7.00-A and 10.20. (coughs) The changes
16 proposed in this preconsidered resolution are:
17 Cultural Affairs, Libraries and International
18 Intergroup Relations, James Gennaro. Contracts James
19 Gennaro, Education James Gennaro, Environmental
20 Protection, James Gennaro, Fire and Emergency
21 Management James Gennaro (coughs) James Gennaro,
22 Mental Health, Disabilities and Addition Diana
23 Ayala, Parks and Recreation James Gennaro,
24 Resiliency and Waterfronts James Gennaro, Sanitation
25 and Solid Waste Management, James Gennaro, and women

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2 and gender equity (coughs) Diana Ayala is coming off

3 and James Gennaro is going on. (coughs) Excuse me.

4 My allergies are killing me. We will now call upon

5 the clerk. Is the Speaker going to be joining us?

6 (pause) Lance?

7 LANCE: The Speaker will be joining us in

8 just a minute.

9 CHAIR KOSLOWITZ: Okay.

10 LANCE: You can open the vote.

11 CHAIR KOSLOWITZ: Okay. I will now call upon

12 the Clerk to take the vote on all items from

13 today's hearing.

14 CLERK: Good morning, William Martin

15 Committee Clerk, rollcall vote Committee on Rules,

16 Privileges and Elections for Preconsidered

17 Resolution. Council Member... Chair Koslowitz.

18 Excuse me

19 CHAIR KOSLOWITZ: I vote aye.

20 CLERK: Thank you. Chin.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: I vote aye.

22 CLERK: Treyger.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Aye.

24 CLERK: Vallone.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: I vote aye on all.

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2 CLERK: Powers.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Aye.

4 CLERK: Matteo.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: Yes.

6 CLERK: By a vote of 6 in the affirmative and
7 zero in the negative and no abstentions, the
8 Preconsidered Resolution has been adopted by the
9 Committee, and the vote will be held open by the
10 request of the chair.

11 CHAIR KOSLOWITZ: Yes. (coughs) (pause) Yes,
12 Lance?

13 LANCE: Council Member Rose is now here.
14 Would you ask the clerk to take her vote?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Yes. Council
16 Member Rose, would you like to vote?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Yes I would. Um, thank
18 you so much. Hi. I vote aye.

19 CLERK: Thank you Council Member Rose. Vote
20 now stands at 7 in the affirmative, 0 in the
21 negative and no abstentions. The roll is still
22 open.

23 TECHNICIAN 1: Speaker's is on the floor.

24 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Hello.

25 CLERK: Yes, good morning Mr. Speaker.

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2 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Morning.

3 CLERK: Yes, committee on Rules,
4 Preconsidered resolution.

5 SPEAKER JOHNSON: I vote aye.

6 CLERK: Thank you. Final vote now on
7 preconsidered resolution is now adopted 8 in the
8 affirmative, 0 in the negative and no
9 abstentions. Thank You.

10 TECHNICIAN 1: I'm sorry Chair Koslowitz,
11 you're on mute.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: (pause)

13 TECHNICIAN 2: Still muted. (coughs)

14 CHAIR KOSLOWITZ: This meeting is now
15 adjourned. Did you get it?

16 TECHNICIAN 2: Got it.

17 CHAIR KOSLOWITZ: Okay.

18 MODERATOR: Thank you Chair Koslowitz.

19 CHAIR KOSLOWITZ: Thank you.

20 MODERATOR: Of course.

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