

COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND LABOR

1

CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF NEW YORK

----- X

TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND LABOR

----- X

October 29, 2025

Start: 10:10 a.m.

Recess: 10:14 a.m.

HELD AT: 250 BROADWAY - 8TH FLOOR - HEARING  
ROOM 2

B E F O R E: Carmen N. De La Rosa, Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Tiffany Cabán  
Erik D. Bottcher  
Eric Dinowitz  
Kamillah M. Hanks  
Julie Menin  
Frank Morano  
Francisco P. Moya  
Yusef Salaam

1 COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND LABOR

2

2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: This is a microphone  
3 check for the Committee on Civil Service and Labor  
4 recorded on October 29, 2025, located in Hearing Room  
5 2 by Nazly Paytuvi.

6 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Good morning, and  
7 welcome to today's New York City Council vote for the  
8 Committee on Civil Service and Labor.

9 At this time, please silence all  
10 electronic devices.

11 No one may approach the dais at any time.

12 Chair, we are ready to begin.

13 CHAIRPERSON DE LA ROSA: [GAVEL] Good  
14 morning. I am Council Member Carmen De La Rosa, Chair  
15 of the Committee on Civil Service and Labor. Thank  
16 you all for joining today's vote on Resolution 1015  
17 condemning Alden Global capital cuts and managerial  
18 hostility towards the unionized Daily News staff and  
19 calling on the hedge fund to reach a contract deal  
20 with the newspaper's union. The resolution sends a  
21 message that the City Council stands in support of  
22 journalists at the New York Daily News, a paper that  
23 has been a vital part of our city's fabric for more  
24 than a century. For generations, the Daily News has  
25 told stories of working New Yorkers, held those in

power accountable, and ensured that the voices of communities are heard. At our hearing on this resolution, we heard poignant stories from Daily News journalists who are doing everything they can to keep the paper running, often under impossible conditions. Despite shrinking staff and limited resources, they remain deeply committed to their readers and to the mission of serving this city with honesty and integrity. But the mission is being undermined. Since Alden Global Capital acquired the Daily News in 2021, we've seen steep staff cuts, the shuttering of operations, and the refusal to reach a fair contract with the paper's unionized employees. These journalists are simply asking for fair wages, reasonable benefits, and job protections, the basic standards that allow them to do their work and serve the public. Local journalism is not just a profession, it is a public good. When we weaken newsrooms, we weaken our democracy and our ability to make informed decisions as a city. This resolution sends a clear message that the City Council condemns Alden Global Capital's harmful practices and stands firmly with the Daily News workers in their fight for fair treatment and sustainable future of local news.

1 COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND LABOR

4

2 I'd like to thank the Committee Staff for  
3 their work in preparing for this vote, Senior Policy  
4 Analyst Elizabeth Arzt; Senior Legislative Counsel  
5 Rie Ogasawara, and I'd like to thank my Staff, James  
6 Burke, Kiana Diaz, and Fraynette Familia.

7 Now I turn to the Clerk to call the roll.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Good  
9 morning. William Martin, Committee Clerk. Roll call  
10 vote, Committee on Civil Service and Labor on  
11 Resolution 1015.

12 Chair De La Rosa.

13 CHAIRPERSON DE LA ROSA: Aye.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Moya.  
15 Dinowitz. Feliz. Cabán.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Aye.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank  
18 you.

19 Bottcher.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHEER: Aye.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Hanks.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: Aye.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Menin.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Aye.

25 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Salaam.

1 COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND LABOR

5

2 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: I vote aye.

3 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Morano.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER MORANO: No.

5 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: With a  
6 vote of seven in the affirmative, one in the  
7 negative, no abstentions. Item has been adopted by  
8 the Committee.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Excuse me, Madam  
10 Chair.

11 Committee, can you hold for one moment?

12 Council Member Moya.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Yeah. I vote aye.  
14 Sorry.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank  
16 you, sir.

17 Vote is now eight in the affirmative, one  
18 in the negative, and no abstentions.

19 CHAIRPERSON DE LA ROSA: All right. Thank  
20 you all, Colleagues. This meeting is adjourned.

21 [GAVEL]

22

23

24

25

C E R T I F I C A T E

World Wide Dictation certifies that the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceedings. We further certify that there is no relation to any of the parties to this action by blood or marriage, and that there is interest in the outcome of this matter.



Date November 3, 2025