

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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Of the

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December 4, 2025
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HELD AT: 250 BROADWAY - 8TH FLOOR - HEARING
ROOM 3

B E F O R E: Rita C. Joseph, Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Eric Dinowitz
James F. Gennaro
Jennifer Gutiérrez
Shahana Hanif
Kamillah M. Hanks
Shekar Krishnan
Linda Lee
Farah N. Louis
Mercedes Narcisse
Pierina Ana Sanchez
Lynn C. Schulman
Althea V. Stevens

OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS ATTENDING:

Kristy Marmorato

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2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Testing, testing. This
3 is a microphone check for the New York City Council
4 Committee on Education vote. Today's date is December
5 4th, 2025. We are currently located at 250 Broadway
6 in Hearing Room 3. This is being recorded by Sergeant
7 Ben Levy.

8 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Good morning, good
9 morning. Welcome to the New York City Council hearing
10 on Education.

11 At this time, we ask that you please
12 silence all electronics and at no point please do not
13 approach the dais.

14 Chair, you may begin.

15 CHAIRPERSON JOSEPH: [GAVEL] Good morning
16 and welcome everyone. I'm Council Member Rita Joseph,
17 Chair of the Committee on Education. First, I'd like
18 to acknowledge my Colleagues who are present, Council
19 Member Louis, Council Member Dinowitz, Council Member
20 Gutiérrez, Council Member Hanks, Council Member Lee,
21 Council Member Narcisse, I saw Council Member
22 Sanchez, and I saw Council Member Gennaro. Wonderful,
23 thank you.

24 Today, the Committee is voting on
25 Proposed Intro. 1002, sponsored by Council Member

Kristy Marmorato. This bill would require all schools to stock airway clearance devices within 180 days after one airway clearance device received authorization from the FDA for use as choking rescue device during choking emergencies for school-aged children and either American Heart Association or the American Red Cross issue choking rescue protocols that recommend the way the use of airway clearance devices using during choking emergencies for school-aged children. Additionally, each school year, this bill would require the Department of Education to report the number of airway clearance devices made possible in each school building and number of instance airway clearance devices were used during an emergency disaggregated by school building.

Council Member Marmorato, would you like to make a statement?

COUNCIL MEMBER MARMORATO: Chair, I just wanted to say thank you so much, and I just wanted to thank the Members of the Committee for hearing the bill at the hearing and pushing this forward to a vote. Not only did I lose a family member due to choking, but as a mother of a child who goes to school, you're kind of always thinking the worst of

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2 the worst and just to know that there is a second
3 line of defense now that are going to be in New York
4 City Public Schools is a win for all parents in the
5 city, and I thank you guys so much and I appreciate
6 the support going forward. Thank you.

7 CHAIRPERSON JOSEPH: Thank you, Council
8 Member.

9 Recognizing Council Member Hanif online.

10 Reso. 54 sponsored by Deputy Speaker
11 Ayala calls on the New York City Department of
12 Education, New York State Department of Education to
13 increase number of educators trained to work with
14 English language learners to strengthen school-based
15 support to improve quality and comprehensiveness of
16 English language learner education. Council Member
17 Ayala is not here.

18 We'll move on to the next Reso. 251,
19 sponsored by Council Member Riley, calls on the New
20 York State Department of Education to incentivize
21 more high school seniors to complete lifeguard
22 training by allowing a lifeguard certificate
23 certification to count towards their physical
24 education credit. Is Council Member Riley present?

25 No.

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2 I would like to thank my own Staff, Joel
3 Desouve; Chief-of-Staff Juvanie Piquant; Legislative
4 Staff Alejandro Carvajal; Senior Policy Analyst Chloë
5 Rivera; and Policy Analyst Katie Salina.

6 I will now turn to the Clerk to call the
7 roll.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK MATTHEW DISTEFANO:
9 Matthew DiStefano, Committee Clerk. Committee on
10 Education, roll call vote. All items are coupled.

11 Chair Joseph.

12 CHAIRPERSON JOSEPH: Aye.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK MATTHEW DISTEFANO: Louis.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Aye on all.
15 Congratulations to all bill sponsors.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK MATTHEW DISTEFANO:
17 Gennaro.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: I vote aye, and I
19 wish to be added as a sponsor on Council Member
20 Marmorato's bill and it's a great bill and I want to
21 congratulate her on this bill and congratulate all
22 the other sponsors so I vote aye.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK MATTHEW DISTEFANO:
24 Dinowitz.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Aye.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK MATTHEW DISTEFANO:

3 Gutiérrez.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Aye.

5 COMMITTEE CLERK MATTHEW DISTEFANO: Hanif.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Aye.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK MATTHEW DISTEFANO: Thank

8 you.

9 Hanks.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: Aye.

11 Congratulations.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK MATTHEW DISTEFANO:

13 Krishnan. Lee.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Aye.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK MATTHEW DISTEFANO:

16 Narcisse.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: I vote aye.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK MATTHEW DISTEFANO:

19 Sanchez.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Aye.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK MATTHEW DISTEFANO:

22 Schulman.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Aye.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK MATTHEW DISTEFANO:

25 Stevens.

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2 By a vote of 11 in the affirmative, zero
3 in the negative, and no abstentions, the items have
4 been adopted.

5 CHAIRPERSON JOSEPH: I would like to
6 recognize Council Member Schulman, and we're closing
7 out the vote. Thank you.

8 Oh, hold on. We're going to keep it open.
9 Okay.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK MATTHEW DISTEFANO:
11 Council Member Stevens.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Aye.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK MATTHEW DISTEFANO: Vote
14 now stands as 12 in the affirmative, zero negative,
15 and no abstentions.

16 Committee on Education, continuation of
17 roll call vote.

18 Council Member Krishnan.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Aye.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK MATTHEW DISTEFANO: Vote
21 now stands at 13 in the affirmative, zero in the
22 negative, and no abstentions.

23 CHAIRPERSON JOSEPH: And we're now closing
24 out. [GAVEL]

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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 December 15, 2025