

1 COMMITTEE ON RULES, PRIVILEGES, AND ELECTIONS 1

2 CITY COUNCIL
3 CITY OF NEW YORK

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10 February 24, 2022
11 Start: 11:02 a.m.
12 Recess: 11:10 a.m.

13 HELD AT: COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL

14 B E F O R E: Keith Powers, Chairperson

15 COUNCIL MEMBERS:

16 Adrienne E. Adams
17 Joseph C. Borelli
18 Justin L. Brannan
19 Gale Brewer
20 Selvena Brooks-Powers
21 Crystal Hudson
22 Rafael Salamanca
23 Pierina Ana Sanchez
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2 CHAIRPERSON POWERS: Good morning, and
3 welcome to the Committee on Rules, Privileges, and
4 Elections. My name is Keith Powers. I'm the Chair of
5 this Committee.

6 Before we begin the Hearing and the vote
7 today, I'd like to introduce the Council Members of
8 this Committee who have joined us today. We're joined
9 by our Speaker, Adrienne Adams, Council Member Justin
10 Brannan, Council Member Selvena Brooks-Powers,
11 Council Member Crystal Hudson, Council Member Rafael
12 Salamanca, Council Member Pierina Sanchez.

13 I'd also like to acknowledge the Rules
14 Committee Council, Lance Polivy, and the Staff
15 Members of the Council's Investigative Unit, Chuck
16 Davis, and Investigators Alycia Vassell, Julius
17 Caranda, and (INAUDIBLE).

18 First order of business. Today we'll be
19 voting on 2 candidates for the Council's Advice and
20 Consent and changes to the membership of the standing
21 committees and subcommittees of the Council.

22 On February 17th, this Committee
23 considered the nominations of Justice Sylvia Hinds-
24 Radix for appointment to the position of Corporation
25 Counsel and Judge Jocelyn Strauber for appointment to

2 position of DOI Commissioner. Both candidates
3 provided testimony and fielded questions from Council
4 Members. We also heard testimony from the public. I
5 also note that you can find that hearing online on
6 the City Council's website.

7 I also want to note for the record that
8 Ms. Strauber has since resigned from both nonprofit
9 boards we discussed at the hearing last week and
10 believe in your packets include the letters of
11 resignation.

12 We'll also be voting today on some
13 changes to the membership of the Standing Committees
14 and Subcommittees of the City Council. Pursuant to
15 Rule 1020 of the Council's rules, the Committee on
16 Rules, Privileges, and Elections can recommend an
17 amendment to any rule of the Council with a later
18 vote of the majority of all Council Members. Today
19 we're hearing a preconsidered resolution that would
20 amend rule 7a by changing the membership of certain
21 Standing Committees and Subcommittees of the Council.
22 This rule change requires a majority vote of all
23 members of this Committee pursuant to rule 7a, 77a, a
24 majority of all Council Member pursuant to rule 7a
25 and 1020. Please refer to the resolution for the full

2 list of committee assignment changes. You all should
3 have a sheet sitting in front of you. Do any members
4 have questions or comments about the 2 nominees who
5 came before the Committee last week or the proposed
6 Committee assignment changes.

7 Okay, seeing none. I will now call upon
8 the Clerk to take roll call vote on all 3 items
9 coupled for today's meeting.

10 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Good morning. William
11 Martin, Committee Clerk. Roll call vote Committee on
12 Rules, Privileges, and Elections. All items are
13 coupled. Chair Powers.

14 CHAIRPERSON POWERS: I vote aye.

15 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Salamanca.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Aye on all.

17 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Council Member

18 Salamanca votes aye on all. Brannan.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Aye on all.

20 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Brooks-Powers.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Aye on all.

22 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Hudson.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Aye on all.

24 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Sanchez.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Aye on all.

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2 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Speaker Adams.

3 SPEAKER ADAMS: I vote aye on all.

4 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: By a vote of 7 in the
5 affirmative, 0 in the negative, and no abstentions,
6 all 3 items have been adopted by the Committee.

7 CHAIRPERSON POWERS: Thank you. I believe
8 we're leaving open the vote for a Council Member
9 who's on her way so we'll leave it open.

10 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Continuation roll
11 call. The Committee on Rules. Council Member Brewer.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: I vote aye. Thank
13 you.

14 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Thank you. Final vote
15 now Committee on Rules is all items have been adopted
16 by the Committee with 8 in the affirmative, 0 in the
17 negative, and no abstentions. That is a full
18 Committee, Mr. Chair.

19 CHAIRPERSON POWERS: Thank you. The
20 meeting on the Committee of Rules, Privileges, and
21 Elections is hereby adjourned. [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 March 10, 2022