

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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May 10, 2017  
Start: 10:54 a.m.  
Recess: 11:33 a.m.

HELD AT: Council Chambers - City Hall

B E F O R E:

BRAD S. LANDER  
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Daniel R. Garodnick  
Ydanis A. Rodriguez  
Margaret S. Chin  
Deborah L. Rose  
Helen K. Rosenthal  
Jumaane D. Williams  
Rafael L. Espinal, Jr.  
Mark Levine  
The Speaker (Council  
Member Mark-Viverito)  
Steven Matteo

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

2 [sound check]

3 [pause]

4 [background comments]

5 [gavel]

6 CHAIRPERSON LANDER: Good morning and  
7 welcome as we re-open this meeting of the Committee  
8 on Rules, Privileges and Elections. I'm Brad Lander,  
9 chair of the Committee. We're joined this morning by  
10 Council Members Matteo, Levine, Garodnick, Chin, and  
11 Rosenthal. Thank you for joining us this morning.

12 Thanks to our Committee Counsel,  
13 Elizabeth Guzman and Chuck Davis, Alycia Vassel, and  
14 Andre Johnson Brown for all the staff work here.

15 We held a hearing last week, May 3, 2017,  
16 to consider the nominations of Joseph Douek, for  
17 appointment by the Brooklyn Borough President to the  
18 New York City Planning Commission; Robert Nolan, a  
19 resident of the Bronx, for re-designation and  
20 reappointment by the Mayor to the New York City  
21 Health and Hospitals Corporation; Debra Scotto, for  
22 appointment to the New York City Environmental  
23 Control Board as the "real estate representative";  
24 and Carlo Silvestri, a resident of Queens, for  
25 appointment by the Mayor to the New York City Tax

2 Commission. Folks who saw that will remember that he  
3 is indeed the most over-qualified appointee that  
4 we've seen in our time in this committee. And if you  
5 wanna know the terms of office or their relevant  
6 criteria, you can watch the earlier session of this  
7 hearing. We asked them a lot of questions and I  
8 think got a lot of good feedback.

9 Do any Council Members have questions or  
10 things they would like to say before we open the  
11 vote? Alright. If not; we will proceed to a vote on  
12 all four of those candidates, who I think I certainly  
13 found highly qualified for the offices that we are  
14 appointing them to. I'll ask our clerk to call the  
15 roll. Thank you.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK: William Martin,  
17 Committee Clerk, roll call vote Committee on Rules.  
18 Chair Lander.

19 CHAIRPERSON LANDER: I vote aye on all.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK: Garodnick.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK: Chin.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye on all.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK: Levine.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Aye on all.

2 COMMITTEE CLERK: Rosenthal.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Aye on all.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK: Matteo.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: Aye on all.

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

9 CHAIRPERSON LANDER: Alright, and we  
10 have... we'll hold the vote open for 15 minutes, as  
11 some other members will be up here shortly. Thank  
12 you very much.

13 [background comments]

14 [pause]

15 COMMITTEE CLERK: Continuation roll call,  
16 the Committee on Rules. Council Member Rodriguez.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK: The vote now currently  
19 stands at 7 in the affirmative.

20 [pause]

21 COMMITTEE CLERK: Continuation roll call,  
22 the Committee on Rules. Council Member Rose.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Aye.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Espinal.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: I vote aye.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK: The vote now currently  
3 stands at 9 in the affirmative.

4 [pause]

5 COMMITTEE CLERK: Continuation roll call,  
6 the Committee on Rules. Council Member Williams.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I vote aye.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK: The vote now currently  
9 stands at 10 in the affirmative.

10 [pause]

11 COMMITTEE CLERK: Continuation roll call,  
12 the Committee on Rules. Speaker Mark-Viverito.

13 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: I vote aye.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK: Final vote now  
15 Committee on Rules; all items have been adopted by a  
16 vote of 11 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative and  
17 no abstentions.

18 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: And we're now  
19 adjourned.

20 [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 June 8, 2017