

COMMITTEE ON RULES, PRIVILEGES, ELECTIONS,
STANDARDS AND ETHICS

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

COMMITTEE ON RULES, PRIVILEGES, ELECTIONS,
STANDARDS AND ETHICS

***VOTE**

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Thursday, February 12, 2026
Start: 11:07 A.M.
Recess: 11:11 A.M.

HELD AT: 250 Broadway - 8th Floor -
Hearing Room 1

B E F O R E: Hon. Sandra Ung, Chair

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Julie Menin, Speaker
Shaun Abreu
Chris Banks
David Carr
Shekar Krishnan
Kevin Riley

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2 SERGEANT LEWIS: This is a mic check for
3 the vote on Rules, Privileges, Elections, Standards,
4 and Ethics. Today's date is February 12, 2026,
5 recorded by Walter Lewis and Michael Kane (phonetic)
6 in the HR-1.

7 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Good morning, and
8 welcome to today's New York City Council vote for the
9 Committee on Rules, Privileges, Elections,
10 Standards, and Ethics. At this time, I would like to
11 remind everyone to silence all electronic devices.
12 Also, at this point, and going forward, no one is to
13 approach the dais.

14 Chair, we are ready to begin.

15 CHAIRPERSON UNG: [GAVEL] Good morning,
16 and welcome to this meeting on the Committee on
17 Rules, Privileges, Elections, Standards, and Ethics.
18 I am Council Member Sandra Ung, Chair of the
19 Committee.

20 Before we begin, I would like to
21 introduce the other members of this committee who are
22 present: Kevin Riley, Shekar Krishnan, Elsie
23 Encarnación, Majority Leader Shaun Abreu, Deputy
24 Speaker, Dr. Nantasha Williams, who is on remotely,
25 and Minority Leader David Carr.

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3 Today, the Committee will vote on a
4 Resolution granting the Mayor's request for the
5 Council's consent to appoint Steve Banks to the new
6 Corporation Counsel. The Committee had a hearing on
7 this nomination on February 4th.

8 I now call on the Clerk to call the roll.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK: Good morning, William
10 Martin, Committee Clerk; roll call vote Committee on
11 Rules, Privileges, Elections, Standards, and Ethics,
12 M 27.

13 Chair Ung?

14 CHAIRPERSON UNG: I vote aye.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Williams?

16 DEPUTY SPEAKER WILLIAMS: I vote aye.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you, Council
18 Member.

19 Council Member Riley?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Aye.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Abreu?

22 MAJORITY LEADER ABREU: Aye.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Krishnan?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Aye.

25 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Lee?

COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: (NO RESPONSE)

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Banks?

COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: (NO RESPONSE)

COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member

Encarnación?

COUNCIL MEMBER ENCARNACIÓN: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Carr?

MINORITY LEADER CARR: Nay.

COMMITTEE CLERK: With a vote of 6 in the affirmative, 1 in the negative, and no abstentions, the item has been adopted by the Committee.

CHAIRPERSON UNG: I would like to keep the vote open.

(PAUSE 00:2:14-00:02:45)

COMMITTEE CLERK: Continuation roll call, M 27, Council Member Banks?

COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: The vote is now 7 in the affirmative, 1 in the negative, and no abstentions.

(PAUSE 00:2:59-00:03:04)

COMMITTEE CLERK: The roll is still open.

(PAUSE 00:03:06-00:03:22)

COMMITTEE CLERK: Continuation roll call, M 27, Council Member Lee?

COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Aye.

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3 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.

4 The final vote is: 8 in the affirmative,
5 1 in the negative, and no abstentions. Madam Chair,
6 that is a full Committee.

7 CHAIRPERSON UNG: This concludes today's
8 business. I would like to thank the nominee and the
9 members of the public, my colleagues, and the
10 Committee, the Committee Counsel, staff, and Sergeant
11 at Arms.

12 This meeting is hereby adjourned. [GAVEL]
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Date March 7, 2026