

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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May 9, 2017
Start: 2:20 p.m.
Recess: 2:45 p.m.

HELD AT: 250 Broadway - Committee Rm,
14th Fl.

B E F O R E:
DANIEL DROMM
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
Vincent J. Gentile
Daniel R. Garodnick
Margaret S. Chin
Stephen T. Levin
Deborah L. Rose
Ben Kallos
Andy L. King
Inez D. Barron
Chaim M. Deutsch
Mark Levine
Alan N. Maisel
Antonio Reynoso
Ydanis A. Rodriguez
Helen K. Rosenthal
Mark Treyger

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Rafael Salamanca, Jr.

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

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[gavel]

CHAIRPERSON DROMM: Good afternoon and welcome to today's Education vote on Proposed Introduction No. 1028-B, sponsored by Council Member Laurie Cumbo, which would create a sexual health education task force.

Comprehensive, school-based sexual education for all students in all grades is vitally important to provide young people with accurate and age-appropriate information about their sexual health so they can make healthy and responsible decisions about their bodies.

The City has already taken a step further than the State by requiring sexual health education in middle and high school. While we must ensure that we are following through with this mandate and addressing issues like sexual abuse prevention, consent and information and information specific to LGBTQ individuals.

Proposed Intro No. 1028-B would create a sexual health education task force that would review the current state of sexual health education in City

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2 schools, including whether sexual health education is
3 age-appropriate, medically accurate, addresses issues
4 particular to LGBTQ individuals, and meets national
5 standards.

6 This task force would help us to better
7 understand how many students are receiving this vital
8 health information and would highlight any possible
9 areas for improvement and expansion.

10 I want to thank Council Member Cumbo for
11 sponsoring this important legislation.

12 And let me state that we have been joined
13 by Council Member Inez Barron, Council Member Ben
14 Kallos, Council Member Mark Treyger, Council Member
15 Chaim Deutsch, Council Member Antonio Reynoso,
16 Council Member Mark Levine, Council Member Margaret
17 Chin, Council Member Helen Rosenthal, Council Member
18 Dan Garodnick, and Council Member Debi Rose. And I'm
19 going to ask the clerk to call the vote.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK: William Martin,
21 Committee Clerk, roll call vote Committee on
22 Education. Chair Dromm.

23 CHAIRPERSON DROMM: I vote aye.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK: Garodnick.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Chin.

COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Rose.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Barron.

COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Deutsch.

COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Kallos.

COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Levine.

COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Reynoso.

COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Rosenthal.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Treyger.

COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: By a vote of 11 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative and no abstentions, the item has been adopted by the Committee.

CHAIRPERSON DROMM: So I'm gonna ask the clerk to keep the vote open for about 10 more minutes. [background comments] Thank you.

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[background comments]

COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Rose.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: I vote aye and I would like to be added to 1028-B. Thank you.

[pause]

[background comments]

COMMITTEE CLERK: Continuation roll call, the Committee on Education, Introduction 1028-B. Council Member Gentile.

COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: The vote now stands at 12 in the affirmative.

[pause]

[background comments]

COMMITTEE CLERK: Continuation, Committee on Education, Introduction 1028-B. Council Member Rodriguez.

COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: The vote is now currently at 13 in the affirmative.

[pause]

COMMITTEE CLERK: Continuation roll call, the Committee on Education. Council Member Maisel.

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COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: Yes.

[background comments]

COMMITTEE CLERK: Final vote in Committee on Education, Introduction 1028-B is now adopted by a vote of 14 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative and no abstentions.

[gavel]

CHAIRPERSON DROMM: And this meeting is adjourned at 2:24 p.m. [background comment]

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 7, 2017