

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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October 5, 2023
Start: 11:21 a.m.
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HELD AT: COMMITTEE ROOM - CITY HALL

B E F O R E: Justin L. Brannan, Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Charles Barron
Gale A. Brewer
Selvena N. Brooks-Powers
David M. Carr
Amanda Farias
Kamillah Hanks
Farrah N. Louis
Keith Powers
Pierina Ana Sanchez
Althea V. Stevens
Marjorie Velazquez
Nantasha M. Williams
Julie Won

2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Sound check for the
3 Committee on Finance. Today's date is October 5,
4 2023, being recorded by Danny Huang (phonetic) in the
5 Chambers.

6 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: If everybody could
7 please quiet down? We are ready to begin.

8 Good morning, everybody, and welcome to
9 the Committee on Finance.

10 At this time, we ask if you could please
11 place phones on vibrate or silent mode?

12 Chair, we are ready to begin.

13 CHAIRPERSON BRANNAN: [GAVEL] Thank you,
14 Sergeant. Good morning. We've been joined this
15 morning by Council Members Stevens, Louis, Sanchez,
16 Williams, Farias, Barron, Won, Brooks-Powers, and
17 Council Member Powers who slept here last night, and
18 on Zoom we have Council Members Hanks and Velazquez.

19 Welcome to today's Finance Committee
20 meeting. I'm Council Member Justin Brannan. I have
21 the privilege of Chairing the Committee on Finance.

22 Today, the Committee will be voting on
23 one item, a Transparency Resolution. The Transparency
24 Resolution sets forth the new designation and changes
25 in the designation of certain organizations receiving

2 local aging, youth discretionary funding and funding
3 pursuant to certain initiatives in the budget. As
4 with all Transparency Resolutions, Council Members
5 will have to sign a disclosure form indicating
6 whether or not a conflict exists with any of the
7 groups on the attached list. If any Council Member
8 has a conflict of interest with any of the
9 organizations listed, they have the opportunity to
10 disclose the conflict at the time of their vote.

11 As a reminder, please disclose any
12 conflicts you may have with proposed subcontractors
13 used by organizations sponsored by discretionary
14 funding. These disclosures must be made before the
15 subcontractor can be approved.

16 Disclosure forms must be completed and
17 submitted prior to the vote on the Transparency
18 Resolution today and may be emailed to Everton Smith,
19 who I believe is present with us today, and he is
20 here to answer any questions if you may have them.

21 Are there any comments or questions from
22 my Colleagues on these items?

23 We've also been joined by Council Member
24 Brewer.

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2 Seeing no questions, I'm now going to ask
3 the inimitable, immortal Billy Martin, Committee
4 Clerk, to call the role.

5 We've also been joined by (INAUDIBLE)
6 Dave Carr.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Good
8 morning. William Martin, Committee Clerk. Roll call
9 vote Committee on Finance. Chair Brannan.

10 CHAIRPERSON BRANNAN: I vote aye.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Ayala.
12 Moya. Powers.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Aye.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Louis.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: I vote aye.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Brooks-
17 Powers.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: I vote aye.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Barron.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Aye.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Brewer.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Aye.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Farias.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIAS: I vote aye.

25 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Hanks.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: I vote aye.

3 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank
4 you. Hudson. Osse. Sanchez.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Aye.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Stevens.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Aye.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN:

9 Velazquez.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER VELAZQUEZ: I vote aye.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank
12 you. Williams.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I want to
14 disclose for the record that I'm a student at CUNY,
15 and I vote aye.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Won.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Aye.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Carr.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: I'd like to
20 discloser on the record that we're funding CUNY in
21 this Transparency Resolution, and my spouse is a
22 student at CUNY, and I vote aye.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank
24 you. With a vote of 14 in the affirmative, zero in

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2 the negative, and no abstentions, item has been
3 adopted by the Committee.

4 CHAIRPERSON BRANNAN: I have a disclosure
5 from Council Member Sanchez.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Apologies. I'd
7 like to disclose on the record that my sibling is an
8 adjunct lecturer at CUNY BMCC.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: I have a
10 disclosure. I forgot.

11 CHAIRPERSON BRANNAN: Disclosure by
12 Council Member Stevens.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Sorry. I would
14 like to disclose on the record that my daughter is a
15 CUNY student and also works at Presbyterian Hospital.

16 CHAIRPERSON BRANNAN: Okay. With that,
17 this Committee is adjourned. [GAVEL]

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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 October 6, 2023