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FINANCE COMMITTEE

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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May 5, 2022  
Start: 10:05 a.m.  
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HELD AT: Hybrid Hearing -  
Council Chambers - City Hall

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Diana Ayala  
Charles Barron  
Gale A. Brewer  
Selvena N. Brooks-Powers  
David M. Carr  
Amanda Fariás  
Kamillah Hanks  
Crystal Hudson  
Ari Kagan  
Farah N. Louis  
Francisco P. Moya  
Chi A. Ossé  
Keith Powers  
Pierina Ana Sanchez  
Marjorie Velázquez  
Julie Won

2 COMMITTEE CLERK: Recording to the PC underway.

3 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Recording to the cloud is up.

4 Okay, good morning and welcome to today's New York  
5 City Council hearing on Finance. At this time, will  
6 all panelists please turn on your videos for  
7 verification purposes. Please place electronic  
8 devices on silent on vibrate mode. Thank you.  
9 Chair, we may begin.

10 CHAIRPERSON BRANNAN: Thank you, Sergeant.

11 [GAVEL] Good morning. Welcome to today's Finance  
12 Committee meeting. I'm Council Member Justin  
13 Brannan. I'm the Chair of the Finance Committee.  
14 Today, we are here just to vote on one item, the  
15 Transparency Resolution #2 for F.Y.22. This  
16 resolution approves the new designation, and the  
17 changes in the designation of certain organizations  
18 receiving local and youth discretionary funding, and  
19 funding for certain initiatives in accordance with  
20 the F.Y.22 Expense Budget. It approves the new  
21 designation and the change in the designation of  
22 certain organizations receiving local discretionary  
23 funding, and funding for certain initiatives in  
24 accordance with the F.Y.21 Expense Budget. It also  
25 amends the description of the description scope of

2 services of certain organizations receiving local and  
3 aging discretionary funding in accordance with F.Y.22  
4 Expense Budget. As with all Transparency  
5 Resolutions, Council Members will have to sign a  
6 disclosure form indicating whether or not a conflict  
7 exists with any of the groups on the attached list.  
8 This disclosure form and accompanying instructions  
9 were e-mailed to all members last night by the  
10 Finance Division. If any Council Member has a  
11 potential conflict of interest with any of the  
12 organizations listed, they have the opportunity to  
13 disclose the conflict at the time of their vote. As  
14 a reminder, please disclose any conflicts you may  
15 have with the proposed contractors used by  
16 organizations sponsored by discretionary funding.  
17 These disclosures must be made before the  
18 subcontractor can be approved. Disclosure forms must  
19 be completed and submitted prior to the vote on the  
20 Transparency Resolution, and they may be e-mailed to  
21 Julius Caranda. Are there any questions that I need  
22 (inaudible 2:19). Counsel, I don't see any. Okay?  
23 Seeing none, for the final time, I will now ask Billy  
24 Martin, our Committee Clerk to call the roll.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK: Good morning. William  
3 Martin, Committee Clerk, roll call for Committee on  
4 Finance, Preconsidered Resolution. Chair Brannan?

5 CHAIRPERSON BRANNAN: I vote aye.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK: Ayala?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: I vote aye.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK: Sanchez?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: I vote aye.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Moya?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: I vote aye.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK: Lewis?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER LEWIS: I vote aye.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK: Brooks-Powers?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: I vote aye.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK: Barron?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Aye.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Farias?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIAS: Aye.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK: Hanks?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: Aye.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK: Hudson?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Aye.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK: Kagan?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER KAGAN: Aye.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER: Ossé?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: Aye.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK: Carr?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Just disclosing on  
6 the record that my partner is a student at CUNY, and  
7 we are funding CUNY in this resolution. With that, I  
8 vote Aye.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. By a vote  
10 of 13 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative, and no  
11 abstentions, the item has been adopted by the  
12 Committee. Mr. Chair, we still have a few members  
13 outstanding. If we could hold the vote open, upon  
14 your request.

15 CHAIRPERSON BRANNAN: Okay, Billy, let's hold the  
16 vote open.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK: You got it.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Mr. Chair?

19 CHAIRPERSON BRANNAN: Yes, Majority Whip?

20 COUNCIL MEMBERS BROOKS-POWERS: I just wanted to  
21 also disclose that I am a member of Allen AME(sp?).  
22 I believe that they are being funded on here, so I  
23 just wanted to disclose that also.

24 CHAIRPERSON BRANNAN: Thank you.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK: Greetings, Council  
3 Member Velázquez.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER VELÁZQUEZ: I vote Aye.

5 COMMITTEE CLERK: The vote is now  
6 currently at 14 in the affirmative, and the roll call  
7 is still held open by request of the chair.

8 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Those Council Member that have  
9 already voted, you are free to go if you would like.  
10 Chair, we are just going to be just a few more  
11 minutes, and then we can close it up.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Mr. Chair? I would also  
13 like to disclose that my brother works at CUNY, BMCC.

14 CHAIRPERSON BRANNAN: Got it. Thank you.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Thank you.

16 COUNSEL: Chair, we will follow up with  
17 those Council Members that said they have disclosure  
18 to make sure they filled out the appropriate forms  
19 and sent them where they need to go.

20 CHAIRPERSON BRANNAN: Yup, thank you.

21 COUNSEL: Chair, I just e-mailed your  
22 buddy, Gale Brewer. That's who we were waiting on.  
23 I just said, uh, let us know in the next minute or  
24 two, otherwise we are going to close it up.

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2 CHAIRPERSON BRANNAN: It's always these Manhattan  
3 People. (6:56 - 10:50 SILENCE)

4 COMMITTEE CLERK: Greetings, Council Member  
5 Powers.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Hello.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK: Yes, Committee on  
8 Finance, vote on Preconsidered Resolution?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: I vote Aye,  
10 thanks.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you sir. (11:00-14:59  
12 SILENCE)

13 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Okay Chair, we just heard from  
14 Brewer's office. She is... it's going to take more  
15 time, so we are going to go ahead and close this  
16 vote. So Billy will just read the final count.

17 CHAIRPERSON BRANNAN: Alright. Thank you.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK: William Martin,  
19 Committee Clerk. This is the final vote, Committee  
20 on Finance: The item has been adopted by the  
21 Committee with 15 in the affirmative, 0 in the  
22 negative, and no abstentions. You can close at your  
23 convenience, Mr. Chair.

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2 CHAIRPERSON BRANNAN: Thank you Billy, Thank you  
3 Counsel, Thank you to all my colleagues. With that,  
4 this meeting 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.



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