

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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August 3, 2023
Start: 10:22 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
Francisco P. Moya
Chi A. Osse
Keith Powers
Pierina Ana Sanchez
Marjorie Velazquez
Julie Won

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2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Good morning. This is a
3 microphone check for the Committee on Finance.
4 Today's date is August 3, 2023. Located in the
5 Committee Room. Recording done by Walter Lewis.

6 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Good morning and
7 welcome to the Committee on Finance. Today's is
8 August 3, 2023.

9 At this time, can everyone please silence
10 your cell phones. Thank you for your cooperation.

11 Chair, we are ready to begin.

12 CHAIRPERSON BRANNAN: [GAVEL] Okay, good
13 morning and welcome to today's Financial Committee
14 meeting. I'm Council Member Justin Brannan, and I
15 have the privilege of Chairing the Committee on
16 Finance.

17 We've been joined this morning by Council
18 Members Won, Osse, Farias, Velazquez, Brooks-Powers,
19 Louis, Hanks, Brewer, Carr, Sanchez, Powers, and on
20 Zoom we have Members Barron and Moya.

21 Today, the Committee will be voting on
22 the following item: Transparency Resolution.
23 Transparency Resolution sets for the new designation
24 and changes in the designation of certain
25 organizations receiving local aging and youth

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

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

16 Disclosure forms must be completed and
17 submitted prior to the vote on the Transparency
18 Resolution and may be emailed to Everton Smith, David
19 Carr who is also present to answer your questions.

20 Are there any comments, David Carr, or
21 questions from my Colleagues on this item?

22 He didn't hear me either time. Marge.

23 I will now ask the inimitable Billy
24 Martin, Committee Clerk, to call the roll.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN:

3 Appreciate it. Good morning. William Martin,

4 Committee Clerk. Roll call vote Committee on Finance,

5 Preconsidered Resolution. Chair Brannan.

6 CHAIRPERSON BRANNAN: I vote aye.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Moya.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: I vote aye.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank
10 you. Powers.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Aye.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Louis.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Aye.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Brooks-
15 Powers.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Permission
17 to explain my vote.

18 CHAIRPERSON BRANNAN: Yeah.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: I'd like to
20 disclose that I'm a member of Queens Alumni Chapter
21 Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, and we are
22 allocating fundings to them. With that, I vote aye.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank
24 you. Barron.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I vote aye.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank
3 you. Brewer.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Aye.

5 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Farias.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIAS: (INAUDIBLE) I vote
7 aye.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank
9 you, Council Member.

10 CHAIRPERSON BRANNAN: Thank you.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Hanks.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: Aye.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Osse.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSE: I vote aye.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Sanchez:

16 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: I'd like to
17 disclose on the record that my sibling is an adjunct
18 lecturer at CUNY BMCC, and, with that, I vote aye.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank
20 you. Velazquez.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER VELAZQUEZ: I'd like to
22 disclose my brother is a board member at Samaritans
23 of New York and my husband is a Deputy Commissioner
24 at DEP. With all of that, aye.

25 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Won.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: I vote aye.

3 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Carr.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: I'd like to disclose
5 on the record that we're funding CUNY in this
6 Transparency Resolution, and my husband is a student
7 at CUNY and I vote aye.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank
9 you. With a vote of 14 in the affirmative, zero in
10 the negative, and no abstentions, Preconsidered
11 Resolution has been adopted by the Committee.

12 CHAIRPERSON BRANNAN: Okay, this meeting
13 is adjourned. Thank you. [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 August 4, 2023