

1 COMMITTEE ON RULES, PRIVILEGES, AND ELECTIONS 1

2 CITY COUNCIL
3 CITY OF NEW YORK

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10 July 14, 2022
11 Start: 10:51 a.m.
12 Recess: 10:56 a.m.

13 HELD AT: HYBRID HEARING - COUNCIL CHAMBERS
14 - CITY HALL

15 B E F O R E: Keith Powers, Chairperson

16 COUNCIL MEMBERS:

17 Adrienne E. Adams
18 Joseph C. Borelli
19 Justin L. Brannan
20 Gale Brewer
21 Selvena N. Brooks-Powers
22 Crystal Hudson
23 Rafael Salamanca
24 Pierina Ana Sanchez
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2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Good morning, and
3 welcome to the hybrid hearing on Rules, Privileges,
4 and Elections.

5 Will Council Members and staff please
6 place all electronic devices on vibrate or silent.

7 Testimony can be submitted to
8 testimony@council.nyc.gov. Once again, that's
9 testimony@council.nyc.gov.

10 Chair, we are ready to begin.

11 CHAIRPERSON POWERS: [GAVEL] Good morning,
12 and welcome, everyone, to the Committee on Rules,
13 Privileges, and Elections. My name is Keith Powers.
14 I'm the Chair of the Committee.

15 Before we begin this hearing, I'd like to
16 introduce the Council Members of this Committee who
17 have joined us today. We are joined by Speaker
18 Adrienne Adams, Minority Leader Joe Borelli, Council
19 Member Justin Brannan, Council Member Gale Brewer,
20 Council Member Selvena Brooks-Powers, Council Member
21 Crystal Hudson, and I believe we're being joined by
22 Council Member Pierina Sanchez remotely, and we'll be
23 joined momentarily I believe by more Members.

24 I'd also like to acknowledge our staff,
25 Abib Hussein (phonetic), Acting Rules Committee

2 Counsel, and the staff members of the Council's
3 Investigative Unit, Fran Dellavechia, Alycia Vassell,
4 and Ramses Boutin.

5 Today, we're going to be voting a number
6 of candidates that came before this Committee at a
7 hearing last week on July 7th. Nicole Yearwood and
8 Ngozi Okara are under consideration for direct
9 appointment by the Council to the Equal Employment
10 Practices Commission. Christine Yoon Nominated by the
11 Mayor is under consideration for appointment to the
12 Board of Standards and Appeals. Three nominees are
13 under consideration for appointment to the New York
14 City Planning Commission, Juan Camilo Osorio
15 nominated by the Brooklyn Borough President as well
16 as Rasmia Kirmani-Frye and David Gold, both nominated
17 by the Mayor.

18 Before we start and take the vote, do any
19 Members have any questions or comments about any of
20 the 3 candidates?

21 Okay. Seeing none, we'll now call upon
22 the clerk to take a roll call vote on all of the
23 nominees at today's meeting.

24 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Good
25 morning. William Martin, Committee Clerk. Roll call

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2 vote Committee on Rules, Privileges, and Elections.

3 All items are coupled. Chair Powers.

4 CHAIRPERSON POWERS: I vote aye.

5 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Brannan.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Aye.

7 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Brooks-

8 Powers.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: I vote aye.

10 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Brewer.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: I vote aye. I want

12 to comment that it was a good discussion when we had

13 the hearing and there were some excellent candidates

14 and there were some mediocre candidates. I'm voting

15 aye, but I want all of us as Members of the City

16 Council to pay a lot of attention to these very

17 important agencies. Thank you.

18 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Hudson.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: I vote aye.

20 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Sanchez.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: I vote aye.

22 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank

23 you. Borelli.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: I vote aye.

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2 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Speaker
3 Adams.

4 SPEAKER ADAMS: Congratulations to all of
5 the candidates. I vote aye on all.

6 CHAIRPERSON POWERS: I think we have one
7 more Council Member who can vote. We'll keep it open
8 until he arrives.

9 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Vote
10 now, all items have been adopted by the Committee
11 with 8 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative, and no
12 abstentions, and the roll will be kept open at
13 request of the Chair.

14 CHAIRPERSON POWERS: Okay. Thank you so
15 much.

16 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK:
17 Continuation of roll call, the Committee on Rules.
18 Council Member Salamanca.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Aye on all.

20 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Final
21 vote is all items are adopted, 9 in the affirmative,
22 0 in the negative, and no abstentions. You can close
23 at your convenience, Mr. Chair.

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2 CHAIRPERSON POWERS: Thank you. Also,
3 congratulations to everyone who was nominated and now
4 appointed.

5 This meeting of the Committee on Rules,
6 Privileges, and Elections is hereby adjourned.

7 [GAVEL]

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Date July 14, 2022