

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON RULES, PRIVILEGES AND ELECTIONS

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December 7, 2015
Start: 11:36 a.m.
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HELD AT: Council Chambers - City Hall

B E F O R E:
BRAD S. LANDER
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
Inez E. Dickens
Daniel R. Garodnick
Ydanis A. Rodriguez
Margaret S. Chin
Deborah L. Rose
Jumaane D. Williams
Rafael L. Espinal, Jr.
Mark Levine
The Speaker (Council
Member Mark-Viverito)
Steve Matteo

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

2 [background comment]

3 [gavel]

4 CHAIRPERSON LANDER: Good morning and
5 welcome to the New York City Council Committee on
6 Rules, Privileges and Elections. My name's Brad
7 Lander, I'm Chair of the committee. We're joined
8 this morning by Minority Leader Steve Matteo as well
9 as members Dan Garodnick, Margaret Chin, Ydanis
10 Rodriguez and Mark Levine and other members will join
11 us as well. Thank you to Counsel of the committee,
12 Abid Hossain.

13 Today the Council will consider a
14 resolution approving membership changes to certain
15 standing committees and an allowance for an Officer
16 of the council. Please see the resolution placed in
17 front of you regarding the specific membership
18 changes and allowance for an Officer of the Council;
19 that is this thing. I will note that this statement
20 -- we're all learning both to say and spell
21 Grodenchik and I'm hoping that we can provide a very
22 funny graphic tool that former Council Member Mark
23 Weprin used at Barry Grodenchik's inauguration to
24 help us all say it properly, but in learning to spell
25 it properly, it is G r o d e n c h i k; not c h i c k,

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2 and it will be corrected for the formal record; hat
3 tip to Gloria Patamino [sp?] for catching and
4 correcting that.

5 And with that I encourage everyone to
6 look at the resolution and I turn it over to the
7 clerk to call the roll.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK: William Martin,
9 Committee Clerk, roll call vote Committee on Rules,
10 Privileges and Elections. Chair Lander.

11 CHAIRPERSON LANDER: I vote aye.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK: Garodnick.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Just havin' a
14 look; looks good... [crosstalk]

15 CHAIRPERSON LANDER: No, we can wait; I'm
16 sorry, I apologize. Well let me take a pause and if
17 anyone has any questions or comments and wants to
18 review this before they continue voting, that seems
19 fair. I move very quickly with my reading of the
20 roll.

21 For the members of the public watching
22 out there, I'll say; we added two new members to the
23 Council earlier, I guess the last meeting, Barry
24 Grodenchik from Queens and Joe Borelli from Staten
25 Island and they need to be placed on committees. We

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2 were all placed on committees by a vote of the Rules
3 Committee the very second Stated of this term and
4 it's not as simple as you would think to place new
5 members on committees because we keep an odd number
6 of members on committees, so if you add one member,
7 then you either have to add an additional member or
8 take off a member and all the members are already on
9 a lot of committees, so shifting it around to make it
10 so they're on a set of committees and everything
11 balances out takes a little bit of work and that is
12 the work we are doing today. We unpause the roll
13 [sic].

14 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member
15 Garodnick.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Thank you,
17 Mr. Chairman for stalling so effectively. I vote
18 aye.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK: Rodriguez.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK: Chin.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK: Levine.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Aye.

25 COMMITTEE CLERK: Matteo.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: Aye.

3 COMMITTEE CLERK: By a vote of 6 in the
4 affirmative, 0 in the negative and no abstentions,
5 the item has been adopted.

6 CHAIRPERSON LANDER: We'll hold the roll
7 call open for 20 minutes I guess, till noon for other
8 members who can come in [sic].

9 [pause]

10 COMMITTEE CLERK: Continuation roll call
11 Committee on Rules. Speaker Mark-Viverito.

12 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: I vote aye.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK: The vote now currently
14 stands at 7 in the affirmative.

15 [pause]

16 COMMITTEE CLERK: Roll call, Committee on
17 Rules. Council Member Espinal.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: I vote aye.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK: Final vote now in
20 Committee on Rules stands at 8 in the affirmative, 0
21 in the negative and no abstentions.

22 [pause]

23 CHAIRPERSON LANDER: Okay, [gavel] this
24 hearing is adjourned.

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C E R T I F I C A T E

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Date December 9, 2015