

COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE

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ROOM 1

B E F O R E: Sandy Nurse, Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Shaun Abreu
Diana Ayala
Tiffany Cabán
Christopher Marte
Lincoln Restler
Althea V. Stevens

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2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: This is a microphone
3 check for the Committee on Criminal Justice recorded
4 on December 18, 2025, located in Hearing Room 1 by
5 Nazly Paytuvi.

6 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Good morning, and
7 welcome to today's New York City Council vote for the
8 Committee on Criminal Justice.

9 At this time, please silence all
10 electronic devices and no one may approach the dais
11 at any time.

12 Chair, we are ready to begin.

13 CHAIRPERSON NURSE: [GAVEL] Good morning.
14 I'm Council Member Sandy Nurse, Chair of the
15 Council's Committee on Criminal Justice. I'd like to
16 welcome you to our vote on Proposed Resolution Number
17 734-A.

18 I want to recognize my Colleagues,
19 Council Member Brewer, Ayala, Cabán, Abreu, and
20 Marte.

21 To keep people in custody safe, an
22 effective and independent oversight of the state
23 prison system is imperative. The horrific death of
24 Robert Brooks and Messiah Nantwi, both allegedly
25 killed by correction officers in State prisons,

underscores the need to strengthen transparency, accountability, and oversight across the Department of Corrections and Community Supervision.

I am now going to turn it over to Council Member Gale Brewer to give remarks on her bill.

COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Thank you very much, Chair Nurse, and this is Resolution 734, which as you heard, calls on the State Legislature to pass, I think it has, and the Governor to sign Prison Safety is a Public Safety Robert Brooks Transparency and Accountability Legislative Package. And why this is important, I think is very specifically is that we need, after the horror of Mr. Brooks' murder by correction officers, we need to have a bill that does the following, and this is somewhat what this does. It would include investigators, monitors, public oversight, disciplinary processes within the State Department of Corrections. It would have authority to review policies and practices. It would place authority to terminate employees squarely under their purview, and it is introduced particularly by, and I want to thank her, Senator Julia Salazar, who led the effort to pass the State legislation. So I'm here, I think just like everyone else, to say that there's a

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2 lot of broken situations on the State prisons, and we
3 heard a group from those who are either formerly
4 incarcerated or who have friends and family earlier
5 today about the need for this bill. So hopefully
6 Resolution Number 734-A will talk about the need to
7 do that. I want to thank particularly the Marshall
8 Project, the Correctional Association, and others who
9 have made this bill possible. Thank you very much,
10 Madam Chair.

11 CHAIRPERSON NURSE: Thank you, Council
12 Member Brewer.

13 Recognizing Council Member Restler.

14 I will now call on the Clerk to call the
15 roll.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Good
17 morning. William Martin, Committee Clerk. Roll call
18 vote, Committee on Criminal Justice. Proposed
19 Resolution 734-A.

20 Chair Nurse.

21 CHAIRPERSON NURSE: I vote aye.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Ayala.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Aye.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Cabán.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Aye.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Abreu.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Aye.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Hanif.

5 Marte.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Aye.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Narcisse.

8 Restler.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Aye, and I want

10 to apologize for my tardiness.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank

12 you.

13 Council Member Stevens.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Aye on all, and I

15 was not late. I just have 600 votes at the same time.

16 Thank you.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: With a

18 vote of seven in the affirmative, zero in the

19 negative, and no abstentions, Resolution has been

20 adopted by the Committee.

21 CHAIRPERSON NURSE: All right. We're going

22 to hold this for five minutes. No, we're not holding

23 it. We're not holding it.

24 Okay, we are closing this Committee down.

25 Thank you. [GAVEL]

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Date December 29, 2025