

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 11, 2017
Start: 11:08 a.m.
Recess: 11:27 a.m.

HELD AT: Council Chambers - City Hall

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Daniel R. Garodnick
Ydanis A. Rodriguez
Margaret S. Chin
Deborah L. Rose
Helen K. Rosenthal
Jumaane D. Williams
Rafael L. Espinal, Jr.
Mark Levine
Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito
Steven Matteo

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

2 [sound check, pause] [background
3 comments]

4 CHAIRPERSON LANDER: Let's do this.

5 [gavel] Good morning and welcome to this renewed from

6 recess—resumed from recess meeting of the New York

7 City Council Committee on Rules, Privileges and

8 Elections. My name is Brad Lander. I'm Chair of the

9 Committee. We're re-opening the meeting from last

10 week Wednesday, December 6th. We are joined by

11 Council Members Debbie Rose, Margaret Chin, Dan

12 Garodnick and Minority Leader Steven Matteo and

13 Council Member Helen Rosenthal, and Mark Levine is

14 close by. Okay. We're joined also by our Counsel

15 Elizabeth Guzman, and Staff new Council's

16 Investigative Unit Chuck Davis, Director of

17 Investigations and Andre Johnson Brown. In our

18 hearing on December 6th, we considered two

19 nominations: Anne Holford-Smith for appointment to

20 the New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission,

21 a Manhattan resident filling a vacancy through June

22 28, 2019, and we had just a really lovely

23 conversation with Alameda Sky Chapman for

24 recommendation by the Council for appointment to the

25 New York City Youth Board, and she is a resident of

2 Brooklyn who will be eligible to serve on the New
3 York City Youth Board for an undefined term.

4 Presumably at some point she's no longer, and she's
5 no longer--will be a young person, but I don't if we

6 consider that. Alright, let's see. I am just

7 flagging for the record and for the members, too, if

8 they look in their books note that we have a good

9 strong written waiver from the New York City

10 Conflicts of Interest Board regarding Anne Holford-

11 Smith's service PBDW Architects, which has a fair

12 amount of business before the Landmarks Preservation

13 Commission, but she will both not work on or be

14 compensated for those projects on the firm's side,

15 and she will also not consider or be involved in any

16 way in the consideration of those projects on the

17 LPC side, and that firewall is essentially signed off

18 on by the Conflicts of Interests Board, and she

19 answered our questions very thoroughly about it at

20 the hearing. With those preliminaries out of the

21 way, are there any members who wish to say anything

22 or ask any questions about any of these candidates?

23 If not, we will move to vote on both of them.

24 [background comments]

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2 CLERK: William Martin, Committee Clerk,
3 roll call vote Committee on Rules. Chair Lander.

4 CHAIRPERSON LANDER: I vote aye.

5 CLERK: Garodnick.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.

7 CLERK: Chin.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye.

9 CLERK: Levine.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Aye.

11 CLERK: Rose.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Aye.

13 CLERK: Rosenthal.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Aye.

15 CLERK: Matteo.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: Yes.

17 CLERK: Espinal.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: Aye.

19 CLERK: By a vote of 8 in the
20 affirmative, 0 in the negative and no abstentions,
21 both items have been adopted by the Committee.

22 CHAIRPERSON LANDER: We will hold the
23 roll open for 10 minutes for other members of the
24 committee. Thank you. [background comments, pause]

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2 CLERK: Continuation of Committee on
3 Rules, Speaker Mark-Viverito.

4 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: [off mic] I vote
5 aye. [on mic] I vote aye. [background comments,
6 pause]

7 CLERK: Continuation of roll call,
8 Committee on Rules. Council Member Williams.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I vote aye.

10 CLERK: Final vote is both items have
11 been adopted by the committee 10 in the affirmative,
12 0 in the negative, and no abstentions. [background
13 comments]

14 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: With that, the
15 hearing is now closed. [gavel]

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C E R T I F I C A T E

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 December 27, 2017