

CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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August 14, 2025  
Start: 11:04 a.m.  
Recess: 11:10 a.m.

HELD AT: COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL

B E F O R E: Justin L. Brannan, Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Diana Ayala  
Gale A. Brewer  
Selvena N. Brooks-Powers  
David M. Carr  
Amanda Farías  
Kamillah M. Hanks  
Crystal Hudson  
Farrah N. Louis  
Chi A. Ossé  
Keith Powers  
Yusef Salaam  
Pierina Ana Sanchez  
Althea V. Stevens  
Nantasha M. Williams

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2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: This is a microphone  
3 check for the Committee of Finance, recorded in  
4 Chambers on August 14, 2025, by Nazly Paytuvi.

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

8 At this time, please silence all  
9 electronic devices. Please silence all electronic  
10 devices.

11 Chair, we are ready to begin.

12 CHAIRPERSON BRANNAN: Thank you, Sarge.  
13 [GAVEL] Okay, good morning. Welcome to today's  
14 Finance Committee meeting. I'm Council Member  
15 Brannan. I Chair the Committee on Finance. We've been  
16 joined this morning by Council Members Ayala, Powers,  
17 Louis, Brooks-Powers, Brewer, Farías, Hanks, Hudson,  
18 Ossé, Sanchez, Stevens, Williams, Salaam, and Carr.

19 Today, we'll be voting on the following  
20 legislation. A Pre-Considered Transparency  
21 Resolution, sponsored by me, to approve the new  
22 designation and changes in the designation of certain  
23 organizations to receive funding in the expense  
24 budget. And finally, one Pre-Considered Resolution,  
25 sponsored by me, that would approve a real property

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2 tax exemption under Article XI of the Private Housing  
3 Finance Law for the following project in in several  
4 Council Members' Districts, De La Rosa, Dinowitz,  
5 Sanchez, Feliz, Stevens, and Salamanca. It's a TSMGF-  
6 1.

7 Before we proceed to a vote on these  
8 items, are there any questions or comments from my  
9 Colleagues?

10 Seeing none, I'm going to call on Billy  
11 Martin to call the roll.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank  
13 you. Good morning. William Martin, Committee Clerk.  
14 Roll call vote, Committee on Finance. Items are  
15 coupled. Chair Brannan.

16 CHAIRPERSON BRANNAN: I vote aye.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Ayala.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Aye.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Moya.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: (INAUDIBLE)

21 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: That's a  
22 no.

23 Powers.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Aye.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank

3 you. Louis.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Aye.

5 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Brooks-

6 Powers.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Can you

8 come back to me?

9 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Sure.

10 Brewer.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Yes.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Farías.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: I'd like to submit

14 on the record my annual disclosure. My mother worked

15 at a facility that may be funded in the transparency

16 resolution, and with that, I vote aye.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Hanks.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: I vote aye.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Hudson.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Come back to me,

21 please.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Sure.

23 Ossé.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: Aye.

25 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Sanchez.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Aye.

3 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Stevens.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: I vote aye on

5 all.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Williams.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I vote aye on

8 all.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Won.

10 Salaam.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: I vote aye and

12 all.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Carr.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: I'd like to disclose

15 on the record that the transparency resolution we're

16 voting on today, Jewish Community Center of Staten

17 Island is funded, and I am associated with that

18 organization, and I vote no on the Transparency

19 Resolution, and aye on the rest.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank

21 you, one moment.

22 Brooks-Powers.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Permission

24 to explain my vote?

25 CHAIRPERSON BRANNAN: Yep.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: I'd like to  
3 disclose that this Transparency Resolution includes  
4 the Soder School of the Arts, and my child is  
5 associated with this organization.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank  
7 you.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: I vote aye.

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

11 Council Member Hudson.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Aye, and I'd like  
13 to disclose on the record that I am associated with  
14 the Brooklyn Museum, Brooklyn Botanical Garden, and  
15 Brooklyn Academy of Music. Aye.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank  
17 you.

18 Following results, Pre-Considered  
19 Resolution has been adopted by the Committee with 14  
20 in the affirmative, one in the negative, and no  
21 abstentions, and Pre-Considered Land Use Application  
22 Item is adopted by the Committee with 15 in the  
23 affirmative, zero in the negative, no abstentions.

24 CHAIRPERSON BRANNAN: Is that so hard,  
25 Castro?

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2                   Okay. This meeting is adjourned, thank  
3 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 September 2, 2025