

CITY COUNCIL
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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

COMMITTEE ON RULES, PRIVILEGES AND ELECTIONS

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B E F O R E:
JOEL RIVERA
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Leroy G. Comrie, Jr.
Elizabeth S. Crowley
Inez E. Dickens
Erik Martin Dilan
Lewis A. Fidler
Vincent J. Gentile
Robert Jackson
James Vacca
Albert Vann
Karen Koslowitz
James S. Oddo
Christine C. Quinn

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

Roland Lewis
Candidate for Appointment
NYC Waterfront Management Advisory Board

Peggy Shepard
Candidate for Appointment
NYC Waterfront Management Advisory Board

Andrew McGovern
Candidate for Appointment
NYC Waterfront Management Advisory Board

Edward Kelly
Candidate for Appointment
NYC Waterfront Management Advisory Board

Michael Goldblum
Candidate for Appointment
NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission

Elizabeth Ryan
Candidate for Appointment
NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission

Pamela Brier
Candidate for Reappointment
NYC Board of Health

Deepthiman Gowda
Candidate for Appointment
NYC Board of Health

Rayann Besser
Candidate for Reappointment
NYC Planning Commission

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2 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Good morning,
3 ladies and gentlemen. My name is Joe Rivera. I
4 chair the Committee on Rules, Privileges and
5 Elections. Before we begin, let me introduce the
6 members who are here with us today. To my left we
7 have Council Member Robert Jackson, who was in the
8 room. We have Council Member Liz Crowley, Council
9 Member Karen Koslowitz, Council Member Al Vann,
10 Council Member Vincent Gentile, Council Member
11 Jimmy Vacca, Council Member Lew Fidler, Council
12 Member Leroy Comrie. Did I miss anybody? No. So
13 those are the members we have with us here today.

14 Before we begin, we do have ten
15 candidates for a review and the first one is a
16 colleague in the City Council, Council Member
17 Michael Nelson. He is going to get grilled by the
18 Committee members. I can imagine. Council
19 designation to serve an undefined term as a member
20 of the Waterfront Management Advisory Board. We
21 have Roland Lewis, a Brooklyn resident,
22 appointment by the mayor to serve a two year term
23 as a member of the Waterfront Management Advisory
24 Board. Peggy Shepard, a Manhattan resident,
25 appointment by the mayor to serve a three year

1 term as a member of the Waterfront Management
2 Advisory Board. Andrew McGovern, a non-city
3 resident, appointment by the mayor to serve a
4 three year term as a member of the Waterfront
5 Management Advisory Board. Edward Kelly, a non-
6 city resident, appointment by the mayor to serve a
7 two year term as a member of the Waterfront
8 Management Advisory Board. Michael Goldblum, a
9 Bronx resident, reappointment by the mayor to
10 Landmarks to serve for the remainder of a three
11 year term. Elizabeth Ryan, a Brooklyn resident,
12 reappointment by the mayor to the Landmarks to
13 serve for the remainder of a three year term.
14 Pamela Brier, a Brooklyn resident, reappointment
15 by the mayor as a member of the board of health to
16 serve a remainder of a six year term. Deepthiman
17 Gowda, a Brooklyn resident, appointment by the
18 mayor as a member of the Board of Health to fill a
19 vacancy to serve the remainder of a six year term.
20 Rayann Besser, a Staten Island resident,
21 reappointment by the Staten Island borough
22 president to the Planning Commission to serve the
23 remainder of a five year term. Due to the number
24 of candidates and small space of this committee
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2 room, we will review the candidates in two groups.
3 The first group will be the Waterfront candidates
4 and the second group will be the Landmarks, Board
5 of Health and Planning Commission candidates.

6 I will briefly explain the
7 functions of the Waterfront Management Advisory
8 Board. The Board serves as an advisory body to
9 the deputy mayor for economic development, the
10 commissioner of Small Business Services, the City
11 Planning Commission concerning any matters
12 relating to the industrial, commercial,
13 residential, recreational or other use of wharves,
14 waterfront property and waterfront infrastructure
15 in the city. The Board consists of 17 members—the
16 deputy mayor of economic development as
17 chairperson, the commissioner of Small Business
18 Services as vice chair, the chairperson of the
19 City Planning Commission, the commissioner of the
20 Environmental Protection, 1 City Council member
21 designated by the City Council and 12 members to
22 be appointed by the mayor with the advice and
23 consent of the City Council. Provided that there
24 is at least one appointed member from each
25 borough, appointed members shall include

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2 representatives of labor, the maritime industries,
3 the transportation industries, the real estate
4 industries, the hospitality industries as well as
5 environmental advocates and community advocates.
6 Welcome, will you all please raise your right
7 hands to be sworn in?

8 FEMALE VOICE: Do you swear or
9 affirm to tell the truth?

10 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Thank you very
11 much. Can we please have--do we have any opening
12 statements on behalf of the people here today? By
13 any order you can choose who goes first. Mr.
14 Roland, - - on the microphone, identify yourself
15 for the record and you can proceed with your
16 testimony. Short and sweet is always much
17 appreciated.

18 ROLAND LEWIS: I get the picture.
19 I think I speak on behalf of all of us, but we're
20 very honored to be here and to serve on the
21 initial reconstitution of the Waterfront
22 Management Advisory Board, especially on the heels
23 of the city's new Vision 2020 comprehensive
24 waterfront plan that - - are prepared to advise
25 for sure, but also there's the word management in

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2 it and we want to help with the management.
3 There's a lot of things that the city has proposed
4 to do to improve our waterfronts, and I think this
5 group—my colleagues right here and the other 8
6 that will be this morning later—are well equipped
7 to help the city - - and make sure that all the
8 commitments that have been set forth to the people
9 will be met.

10 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Just state
11 your name for the record.

12 ROLAND LEWIS: Roland Lewis,
13 president Metropolitan Waterfront Alliance.

14 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Perfect.
15 Thank you. Next.

16 EDWARD KELLY: Good morning. My
17 name is Edward Kelly. I'm the executive director
18 of the Maritime Association of the Port of New
19 York and New Jersey. Our organization has been
20 representing commercial maritime interests here in
21 the ports since 1873. We have a broad, diverse
22 membership—paid membership—of over 500 companies
23 and individuals. We think this is a tremendous
24 opportunity to once again revitalize New York as a
25 port and a water city. I would have to say that

1 we really are looking toward several words—
2 opportunity; there's tremendous opportunity with
3 over 570 miles of waterfront property belonging to
4 the City of New York. There's tremendous
5 opportunities here to really rise to a true world
6 class status as far as a port and a livability
7 system. As far as that goes, balance is very
8 important. There are industrial needs. There are
9 residential needs. There are recreational needs.
10 There are environmental needs. I believe that
11 this Board as proposed will serve adequately and
12 admirably to serve and further all of those
13 purposes because everybody has a reason to use the
14 waterfront. Balance and opportunity is a
15 tremendous thing, but as Roland has already
16 mentioned, this Board will also have to take the
17 mantle of requiring that there will be
18 implementation and accountability. It's nice to
19 talk about these things. We want to make sure
20 that these programs are well-defined, well-funded
21 and actually put into place for the betterment of
22 the city and for the citizens that live here in
23 New York City.

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25 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Perfect.

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Thank you. Next.

PEGGY SHEPARD: Good morning. I'm Peggy Shepard, executive director of West Harlem Environmental Action. We have been working for the past 22 years on a range of waterfront issues in Northern Manhattan, certainly around the Harlem piers, the North River sewage treatment plant and the marine transfer station at 135th Street. I'm really pleased to make a contribution to this Board. I believe there are critical issues with access to the waterfront for all communities, issues of reducing the negative impacts of CSOs [phonetic] and sewage treatment plants on the waterways and of working to coordinate economic development and environmental protection in a way that's equitable for our communities. I'm pleased to hopefully serve on the Board.

CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Thank you.

Next.

ANDREW MCGOVERN: Thank you. My name is Andrew McGovern. I'm the president of the Sandy Hook Pilots [phonetic]; we're based on Staten Island. I also chair the Harbor Safety Committee, so one of my big concerns is safety on

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2 our mixed use waterways. As all the other
3 speakers have said, this is going to be a great
4 port and a great harbor. It's big enough for
5 everybody. We just have to make sure that it is
6 done safely and that there is no negative impact
7 to the citizens. Thank you.

8 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Thank you.

9 Next?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER NELSON: I'm Mike
11 Nelson. I did not lobby for this position—let the
12 record show. We are so lucky to have individuals
13 such as these. No elected official is an expert
14 in every issue. These people are in most cases,
15 especially their individual areas and the entire
16 578 miles of waterways that we have, so it's
17 really an honor to serve with them. I've been
18 totally impressed at Waterfront hearings,
19 listening to the expertise of these individuals,
20 veritable warehouses of knowledge and information
21 and where we should be going from this point on
22 with Vision 2020 and other issues as well. I
23 think this terrific idea finally came to fruition.
24 I have been fighting for this for years, along
25 with my new colleagues, so I'm very happy and

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honored to be here with them. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Thank you. At this point in time, I'm going to see if there are any questions on behalf of the Committee members. Do any members have any questions? Nobody wants to grill our colleague? Council Member Brad Lander.

COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: [off mic] enthusiastic support. These are all folks we've worked with both in the Subcommittee on Maritime Uses and in Waterfronts; they are great waterfront and maritime leaders. They played a big role in the plan, and it's great to have them as part of the Waterfront Advisory Board, so thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Thank you. We've also been joined in the audience by Council Member Mark Weprin. Any other questions on behalf of the Committee? Seeing none, I guess no one's taking the opportunity. You're off the hot seat, Council Member. Thank you very much for joining us. We're going to save the vote until the second part, and then we'll just couple the votes towards the end, so thank you very much. Now can we

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2 please have the Landmarks, Board of Health and the
3 Planning Commission candidates please come up?

4 [background conversation]

5 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: You got to
6 start lobbying, Council Member. You got to start
7 lobbying. You got to start lobbying, you know?

8 [background conversation]

9 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Thank you very
10 much. Next I will briefly explain the functions
11 of the Landmarks Preservation Commission. The New
12 York City Landmarks Preservation Commission, which
13 consists of 11 members is responsible for
14 establishing and regulating landmarks, portions of
15 landmarks, landmarks sites, interior landmarks,
16 scenic landmarks and historic districts and also
17 regulates alterations to designated buildings.
18 The charter requires that the Commission's
19 membership include at least 3 architects, one
20 historian qualified in the field, one city
21 planner, one landscape architect and one realtor.
22 No professional qualifications for the remaining
23 members are delineated in the charter. By statute
24 the Commission's membership must have at least one
25 resident from each of the five boroughs. Welcome

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2 Mr. Goldblum and Ms. Ryan. Will you please raise
3 your right hand to be sworn in? We're going to do
4 two separate ones--yeah, the Landmarks first.

5 FEMALE VOICE: Do you swear or
6 affirm to tell the truth?

7 MICHAEL GOLDBLUM: Yes.

8 ELIZABETH RYAN: I do.

9 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Thank you very
10 much. Do you have an opening statement? No?
11 Perfect, thank you very much. Alright next we
12 have, Ms. Ryan. Ms. Ryan, do you have an opening
13 statement? No? Okay. Now we'll move on to the
14 Board of Health. You most likely have our votes.
15 Do any of the Committee members have any questions
16 for the Landmarks Commission appointees? Okay.
17 Thank you. Now we'll go on to the Board of Health
18 candidates.

19 The main function of the Board is
20 to promulgate the New York City Health Code, which
21 encompasses any matter within the jurisdiction of
22 the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. The
23 Department has jurisdiction to regulate on all
24 matters effecting health in the city, including
25 but not limited to mental health, mental

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2 retardation, alcoholism and substance abuse-
3 related need of city residents. The scope of the
4 Department's jurisdiction includes such diverse
5 disciplines as communicable diseases,
6 environmental health services, radiological
7 health, food safety, veterinary affairs, water
8 quality, pest control and vital statistics.
9 Besides the chairperson, the Board consists of ten
10 members. Welcome, Ms. Brier and Dr. Gowda, will
11 you please raise your right hands to be sworn in?

12 FEMALE VOICE: Do you swear or
13 affirm to tell the truth.

14 PAMELA BRIER: Yes.

15 DEEPTHIMAN GOWDA: Yes.

16 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Perfect. Do
17 you have any opening statements? Either one of
18 you is fine. Just state your name for the record.

19 PAMELA BRIER: [off mic] I am the-

20 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: [Interposing]
21 Say your name again just so they can catch-

22 PAMELA BRIER: Pamela Brier.

23 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Thank you.

24 PAMELA BRIER: You are very
25 welcome. It's a pleasure to be here. I have for

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2 the past 15 years been privileged to be the
3 president of Maimonides Medical Center in
4 Brooklyn. We are a big teaching hospital that
5 tries to do good things and is committed to
6 keeping people out of the hospital and public
7 health. Before that, I spent 15 years at the
8 Health and Hospitals Corporation. I'm very
9 committed to serving the public, which I still
10 think I do. We're the biggest Medicaid provider
11 in Brooklyn—Maimonides is. And I have been
12 honored really to be a member of the Board of
13 Health since 2002. It is an awesome
14 responsibility and I take it seriously and I try
15 to bring--since I'm one of the few non clinicians
16 on the Board—I try to inject some practical
17 perspectives into the discussions and I would so
18 appreciate your support to be reappointed.

19 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Thank you.

20 Next, Doctor?

21 DR. DEEPTHIMAN GOWDA: Thank you.

22 My name is Deepthiman Gowda. I want to thank you,
23 Chairman Rivera and members of the Committee to be
24 here and to be considered to join the Board. I
25 just have a couple of things to say about my

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2 personal and professional background. I practice
3 general internal medicine. I've been in New York
4 for the past 12 years. I came from North Carolina
5 and joined the residency program at Columbia
6 University in internal medicine and completed that
7 in 2002. Since that time, I have practiced
8 general internal medicine in New York City. I
9 also joined the faculty of Columbia University.
10 My clinical work has really been split between
11 working at Harlem Hospital for almost five years
12 and then working at Columbia Presbyterian Medical
13 Center for the past seven years. In terms of
14 academic work, my main teaching responsibility at
15 the medical school is to run the medical school
16 course that really teaches very basic clinical
17 skills—learning how to interview patients,
18 learning how to examine patients, but also it
19 involves teaching students how to think about
20 systems issues and population issues and how they
21 impact the health of individual patients. I also
22 teach the epidemiology course at the medical
23 school. I hope to have your support today as well
24 in joining the Board. It's an honor to be
25 considered. Thank you.

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2 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Thank you very
3 much. Does anybody have any questions for the
4 Department of Health appointees? Seeing none,
5 thank you.

6 Next we'll move on to the Planning
7 Commission. The City Planning Commission has 13
8 members; 7 appointed by the mayor, 1 by the public
9 advocate and one by each of the borough
10 presidents. The Planning Commission is
11 responsible for the long range planning to ensure
12 orderly growth and development, assist in
13 developing the ten-year capital plan, prepares and
14 modifies the zoning resolution, among a number of
15 other critical functions. Members are prohibited
16 from holding any other city office while they
17 serve on the Planning Commission. The chair
18 receives an annual salary of \$205,180. The
19 member who is designated as vice chair receives an
20 annual salary of \$62,271 and other members receive
21 an annual salary of \$54,150. Welcome, Ms. Besser.
22 Will you please raise your right hand to be sworn
23 in?

24 FEMALE VOICE: do you swear or
25 affirm to tell the truth?

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RAYANN BESSER: Yes, I do.

CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Do you have an opening statement.

RAYANN BESSER: Yes. I'll try to keep it short.

CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Just state your name for the record and make sure it's close to you.

RAYANN BESSER: My name is Rayann Besser.

CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Press the button. Sorry about that. The mic is interesting sometimes.

RAYANN BESSER: Thank you very much. My name is Rayann Besser as I've said. I'm currently a real estate salesperson for over ten years now. I'm on various committees, which you have in my file. My experiences in the real estate industry have afforded an opportunity to see the uniqueness of the city and our neighborhoods firsthand. I work closely with individuals, families and seniors. It allows me an intimate understanding as to what their needs are. They want affordability, convenience and a

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2 good quality of life; they would also like to see
3 another tax credit, but I don't know if that will
4 happen in the near future. Working on the City
5 Planning Commission for the past two years has
6 given me a deeper appreciation of how their goals
7 can be achieved. I have witnessed the passion and
8 dedication by many of you on their behalf and I
9 commend you for that, as well as the borough
10 presidents and the City Council, other members
11 that are not here and the community boards. We do
12 have something in common; we want the best for our
13 communities. We want orderly growth,
14 affordability, sustainability, preservation of
15 neighborhood character and economic opportunities.
16 I would be grateful to continue to serve as part
17 of this body that strives each day to make new
18 York a better place to live, work and enjoy.
19 Thank you for your support.

20 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Thank you very
21 much. Do any members on the Committee have any
22 questions? Council Member Lew Fidler?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Ms. Besser,
24 I understand that you're the real estate broker
25 for Council Member Oddo?

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RAYANN BESSER: Yes, I am.

COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: I just want to know if he's as difficult to deal with in that context as he is for those of us who are in his fantasy baseball league.

RAYANN BESSER: He's a pleasure. He really is.

[laughter]

COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Are you sure?

RAYANN BESSER: Well, you know...

CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Any other questions? Seeing none, everyone, thank you very much. At this point in time, I'm going to ask the counsel to the Committee to please call the roll and the Chair recommends an aye vote on all appointees for today.

COUNSEL: Rivera?

CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: I vote aye and congratulations to all the appointees on today's calendar.

COUNSEL: Comrie?

COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: [no audible response]

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COUNSEL: Fidler?

COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Tempted as I am to abstain on Council Member Nelson, I vote aye on all and congratulations to everybody.

COUNSEL: Jackson?

COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: I vote aye on all and especially my constituent, Peggy Shepard, who's been a longtime activist in the environmental community.

COUNSEL: Vann?

COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: I vote aye on all, except for Mike Nelson, I vote aye aye.

COUNSEL: Gentile?

COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: In the spirit of Brooklyn unity, I'm voting aye for Mike Nelson and aye on all, particularly I want to congratulate Pam Brier for all the good work she's done in Brooklyn at Maimonides Hospital. We look forward to your continued work on the Board of Health. Also, let me just mention that I've worked the Sandy Hook Pilots in the past and I'm currently working with the Waterfront Alliance on the very first eco dock in New York City, which will be up and running in Brooklyn next summer.

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So I vote aye on all.

COUNSEL: Dickens?

COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: I vote aye
[off mic].

COUNSEL: Vacca?

COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: [no audible
response]

COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: [off mic]
Wait a minute. [off mic] because I love you, I'm
going to vote yes.

COUNSEL: Crowley?

COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: I vote
aye.

COUNSEL: Koslowitz?

COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: I vote
aye.

COUNSEL: Oddo?

COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: I'm voting no
on Nelson because he got married.

CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Do you vote
yes for your broker?

COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: I want it
stricken from the record anything Lew Fidler said
about me when I wasn't here. Chalk it up to

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2 jealousy, as he is in sixth place and as we stand
3 here today, I am in first.

4 [background conversation]

5 COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: I will vote
6 aye on all, but I have to abstain on Ms. Besser
7 because we have a professional relationship. She
8 is actually my real estate broker at Defalco
9 Realty and is in the process of selling my
10 apartment, which by the way is a lovely triplex in
11 the middle of Staten Island. Where's the camera
12 here?

13 [laughter]

14 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: What's the
15 listing price?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: Buy this
17 apartment.

18 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: What's the
19 listing price?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: Is that
21 unethical? Call Conflicts of Interest. Somebody
22 buy my apartment. Sheesh. Seriously, we
23 consulted with the Council's office and given the
24 nature of the professional relationship, we
25 decided it would be in everyone's best interest

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2 that I abstain, but I vote aye on all the other
3 members.

4 COUNSEL: We're just going to wait
5 a minute for the Speaker to come down and join us.

6 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: On a side
7 note, Council Member Nelson, you can state that if
8 you run for any other position in Brooklyn, you
9 have the votes and the vote of confidence of all
10 your Brooklyn council members, so that's a good
11 plug. Perfect. Since we do have some extra time,
12 Council Member Eugene has a statement concerning
13 Roland Lewis and Pamela Brier appointments for
14 today.

15 Pam Brier, he states, "I have had
16 the pleasure of knowing Pam Brier for more than
17 two decades and I support her reappointment to the
18 Board of Health. Ms. Brier is an outstanding
19 leader in the field of healthcare and cares about
20 people regardless of their background. Anyone who
21 is familiar with Ms. Brier knows that she has an
22 exemplary background in health and medicine and
23 has been doing an outstanding job as president of
24 Maimonides Medical Center. - - since having been
25 elected to public office, I have always had the

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2 pleasure of working closely with her medical
3 center through Ms. Brier to provide critical
4 medical services to patients and - - people who
5 would not have had the opportunity to receive the
6 medical care due to their citizenship status and
7 their ability to pay. New York City is a melting
8 pot. We need health leaders who understand the
9 medical needs of everyone regardless of national
10 origin, ethnicity and religion and this is
11 certainly true of Pam Brier. Ms. Brier has an
12 outstanding track record and will be a great asset
13 to the Board of Health. I enthusiastically
14 support her reappoint to the Board of Health."

15 And with Roland Lewis, Council
16 Member Eugene states, "I want to express my
17 support for Roland Lewis' appointment to the
18 Waterfront Management Advisory Board and
19 acknowledge Roland Lewis as a true leader in the
20 area of Waterfront Management. I am pleased to
21 have someone like Mr. Lewis who is from Flatbush
22 and has made a significant difference in
23 waterfront policy. Mr. Lewis has an outstanding
24 background in the area of waterfront management
25 and I commend him for all of his efforts, and I

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2 know that he will make a valuable contribution to
3 the Waterfront Management Advisory Board once
4 approved." And to Council Member Nelson, I urge
5 all my colleagues to vote no.

6 [laughter]

7 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: That was just
8 adlibbed. We've been joined by Council Member
9 Comrie. Can you please vote? So far, everyone
10 has voted no on Council Member Nelson.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: I'll keep
12 that bandwagon going then, but congratulations to
13 all of the candidates and thank you for wanting to
14 be of service and hopefully making New York City—
15 doing the planning to make New York City the best
16 port city in the world. I vote aye on all. And
17 to the attorneys for the Landmarks Preservation
18 Commission, thank you for your service.

19 Condolences to you for all of the long meetings
20 that you hold and I really appreciate everything
21 you're doing for landmarks preservation. To the
22 mayor's appointees to the Board of Health, Ms.
23 Brier, who I had the honor of appointing when I
24 was chair, thank you for considering continuing
25 your service and to Dr. Gowda, we'd encourage you

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2 to make sure you exercise your opportunity to
3 vote—that was just noted to me before I left and I
4 hope that you will be a great addition to the
5 Board of Health. I vote aye on all. Thank you.

6 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: We've been
7 joined by the Speaker of the New York City
8 Council, Council Member Christine Quinn.

9 SPEAKER QUINN: I'm going to vote
10 aye, but Pam Brier makes it very difficult. No,
11 I'm only kidding. I'm voting aye on all,
12 particularly enthusiastically—no offense to
13 anybody else—about Pam Brier and I'm very excited
14 about our waterfront extravaganza starting off.
15 So I vote aye on all. Thank you.

16 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Thank you very
17 much, Madam Speaker. We grilled Council Member
18 Nelson. Grilled him hard. Thank you very much
19 everyone.

20 [background conversation]

21 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: This meeting
22 is adjourned. Oh no, did we call the vote? Oh
23 no, let's call the vote. What was the vote
24 count? Hold on one second. Wait for Billy.

25 COMMITTEE CLERK: William Martin,

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2 Committee Clerk, final vote in the Committee on
3 Rules. All items have been adopted by a vote of
4 12 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative and no
5 abstentions with the exception of M638, which has
6 been adopted by a vote of 11 in the affirmation, 0
7 in the negative and 1 abstention. Thank you.

8 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: This meeting
9 is adjourned.

10 [gavel]

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Kimberley Uhlig certify that the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceedings. I further certify that I am not related to any of the parties to this action by blood or marriage, and that I am in no way interested in the outcome of this matter.

Signature

Kimberley Uhlig

Date _____10/1/11_____