

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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November 16, 2009

Start: 10:56 am

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HELD AT: Council Chambers
City Hall

B E F O R E:
DIANA REYNA
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Speaker Christine C. Quinn
Council Member Maria del Carmen Arroyo
Council Member Leroy G. Comrie, Jr.
Council Member Inez Dickens
Council Member Erik Martin Dilan
Council Member Simcha Felder
Council Member Lewis A. Fidler
Council Member Daniel R. Garodnick
Council Member Vincent M. Ignizio
Council Member Jessica Lappin
Council Member John C. Liu
Council Member Annabel Palma
Council Member Helen Sears
Council Member Albert Vann

A P P E A R A N C E S

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Council Member Vincent J. Gentile
Council Member Robert Jackson
Council Member Melinda R. Katz
Council Member James S. Oddo
Council Member Joel Rivera
Council Member Larry B. Seabrook
Council Member David I. Weprin

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

Kimberley Hayes
Prospective Member
Youth Board

2 CHAIRPERSON REYNA: Good morning.

3 My name is Diana Reyna, and I am Chair of the
4 Committee on Rules, Privileges and Elections.

5 Before we begin, I would like to introduce the
6 other members of the Committee who are present.

7 We have Council Member John Liu, Council Member
8 Jessica Lappin, we have Council Member Erik Martin

9 Dilan, Council Member Vincent Gentile, Council

10 Member Joel Rivera, Council Member Vincent

11 Ignizio, Council Member Daniel Garodnick, Council

12 Member Leroy Comrie, Council Member Helen Sears,

13 Council Member Lewis Fidler, Council Member

14 Felder, Council Member Inez Dickens, Council

15 Member Maria del Carmen Arroyo, Council Member Al

16 Vann, Council Member Annabel Palma, Council Member

17 Melinda Katz, Council Member Seabrook, and I think

18 we have everyone. Today, we have before us one

19 candidate for our review. She is Kimberley Hayes,

20 a resident of Manhattan, is being considered by

21 the Council to the Mayor for appointment as a

22 member of the Youth Board. If appointed, Ms.

23 Hayes will serve for an undefined term. First, I

24 will briefly describe the functions of the Youth

25 Board. The Youth Board serves an, as an advisory

2 body to the Commissioner of the Department of
3 Youth and Community Development, with respect to
4 the Development of programs and policies relating
5 to youth in the City. Could we have some quiet in
6 chambers? The Board consists of 28 members
7 appointed by the Mayor, 14 of who are appointed
8 upon recommendation to the Council. The Board
9 must be representative of the community and
10 include persons representing the areas of social
11 services, healthcare, education, business,
12 industry and labor. The Board meets quarterly and
13 members serve without compensation. Welcome, Ms.
14 Hayes. Will you please raise your right hand and
15 be sworn in my Counsel.

16 COUNSEL TO THE COMMITTEE: Do you
17 swear or affirm to tell the truth, the whole truth
18 and nothing but the truth?

19 KIMBERLEY HAYES: Yes, I do.

20 CHAIRPERSON REYNA: Thank you, Ms.
21 Hayes. And do you have an opening statement to
22 share with us?

23 KIMBERLEY HAYES: Yes, I'd like to
24 first thank Councilwoman Inez Dickens for this
25 opportunity, and also thank the entire Committee

2 for considering me.

3 CHAIRPERSON REYNA: Thank you very
4 much, Ms. Hayes. Are there any comments or
5 questions from our members? Council Member
6 Dickens.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Well, this
8 is not a question, but it is a statement in
9 support of Ms. Hayes's appointment. I first met
10 Kim, oh, I guess, maybe 15 or 20 years ago,
11 because of her involvement with youth at the New
12 York City Mission Society, and in particular with
13 Minisink Townhouse. Kim developed programs to be
14 anti-gang, even though they did not receive the
15 funding for such anti-gang measures, in order to
16 help to get our children off of the streets. In
17 addition, she is one of the founding members of
18 Harlem Mothers Save, which is a program that has
19 been put together to help to address not only the
20 gang and youth violence that is going on, but in
21 addition to assist the parents in order to help to
22 educate parents to begin to recognize problems
23 that may be coming up within the households,
24 before they actually, the youth actually become
25 gang members. Kim has truly worked hard with the

2 youth of New York City and in Harlem in
3 particular, she would be a great asset on the
4 Youth Board. And I strongly recommend her and
5 expect every member to vote yes. [laughs]

6 CHAIRPERSON REYNA: Thank you,
7 Council Member Dickens. Ms. Hayes, as you can
8 see, Council Member Dickens has highly recommended
9 you, and has the most respect and confidence in
10 you, to serve the City of New York, as do we all.
11 And if there are no questions or comments at this
12 moment from any other member, I'd like to
13 recognize Council Member Robert Jackson, who's
14 just joined us, and Council Member Jimmy Oddo.
15 Didn't recognize you. So, I would like to call
16 for a vote.

17 CLERK: William Martin, Committee
18 Clerk. Roll call on the Committee of Rules,
19 Privileges and Elections. Council Member Reyna:

20 CHAIRPERSON REYNA: I vote aye.

21 CLERK: Rivera.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote aye.

23 CLERK: Comrie.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Aye.

25 CLERK: Dilan.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER DILAN: Yes.

3 CLERK: Fidler.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: If I may,
5 Madam Chairman, I, first of all I know that Inez
6 Dickens is expecting me to vote yes, so I will
7 definitely do that, and I just want to welcome Ms.
8 Hayes to the Youth Board and point out to my
9 colleagues that we still have vacancies on the
10 Youth Board, and we are actively looking for
11 people. And I vote aye.

12 CLERK: Jackson.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON:

14 Absolutely, yes.

15 CLERK: Katz.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER KATZ: [off mic] - -

17 CLERK: Seabrook.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER SEABROOK: [off mic]

19 Aye.

20 CLERK: Gentile.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Aye.

22 CLERK: Dickens.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: With
24 congratulations to Ms. Hayes and thanks to my
25 Committee Chair, and to the Committee, yes.

2 KIMBERLEY HAYES: Thank you.

3 CLERK: Garodnick.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK:

5 Congratulations, Ms. Hayes, I vote aye.

6 CLERK: Oddo.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: [off mic]

8 Yes.

9 [pause]

10 CHAIRPERSON REYNA: We're just
11 waiting for our Speaker to come up, to conclude.
12 [pause] We're just waiting for our Speaker, but I
13 wanted to just echo the words of our Chairperson
14 of the Youth Committee, to our colleagues, and all
15 who are interested, our Youth Board has seven
16 vacancies, and it plays an integral role in the
17 development of our communities as it affects our
18 youth. And so, if there are any further
19 recommendations, please submit your résumés. We
20 have Chuck Davis, who is ready and willing to
21 review those résumés, and consider those
22 recommendations, and I as well. Thank you so
23 much. [pause]

24 CLERK: Speaker Quinn.

25 SPEAKER QUINN: I vote aye.

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2 CLERK: Vote stands at 13 in the
3 affirmative, zero in the negative, no abstentions,
4 item is adopted, Members please sign the Committee
5 report. Thank you.

6 CHAIRPERSON REYNA: Thank you, this
7 meeting is adjourned. [gavel] --privileges and
8 elections. Not again? This is the Committee on
9 Rules, Privileges and Election. [gavel] I'd like
10 to reopen, for Council Member Weprin's vote.

11 CLERK: Council Member Weprin.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Aye.

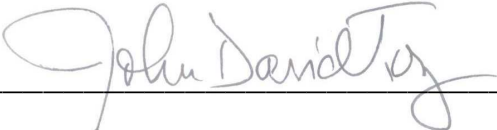
13 CLERK: The final vote now in the
14 Committee on Rules, Privileges and Elections is
15 now 14 in the affirmative, zero in the negative,
16 no abstentions. Thank you.

17 CHAIRPERSON REYNA: This Committee
18 is adjourned. [gavel]

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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, JOHN DAVID TONG 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  _____

Date November 24, 2009