

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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October 19, 2023
Start: 10:47 a.m.
Recess: 11:10 a.m.

HELD AT: COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL

B E F O R E: Keith Powers, Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Adrienne E. Adams
Justin L. Brannan
Gale A. Brewer
Selvena N. Brooks-Powers
Crystal Hudson
Rafael Salamanca, Jr.
Pierina Ana Sanchez

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2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Good morning. This is a
3 microphone check for the Committee on Rules,
4 Privileges and Elections. Today's date is October 19,
5 2023. Located in the Chambers. Recording done by
6 Keith Polite.

7 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Good morning and
8 welcome to the New York City Council vote of the
9 Committee on Rules, Privileges and Elections.

10 At this time, can everybody please
11 silence your cell phones.

12 Chair, we are ready to begin.

13 CHAIRPERSON POWERS: [GAVEL] Good morning
14 and welcome to the meeting of the Committee on Rules,
15 Privileges and Elections. I am City Council Member
16 Keith Powers, Chair of the Committee.

17 Before we begin, I'd like to introduce
18 the other Members of this Committee who are present
19 here today. We are joined by Council Member Justin
20 Brannan, Council Member Gale Brewer, Council Member
21 Crystal Hudson, and Council Member Pierina Sanchez,
22 and Council Member Salamanca.

23 I'd like to acknowledge the Counsel to
24 the Committee, Jeff Campagna, and the Committee Staff
25 that worked on the appointments that we will hear

2 today, Chief Ethics Counsel Pearl Moore, and Director
3 of Public Integrity Unit Francesca DellaVecchia.

4 Today, we'll be voting on the nominations
5 of John Heesemann, Bennett Minko, and Gary Bristol
6 for the appointment by the Mayor to the New York City
7 Tax Commission, the nomination of Lisa Urban for
8 appointment by the Mayor to the Environmental Control
9 Board, and on the nomination of Orlando Marin for the
10 appointment by the Bronx Borough President to the
11 City Planning Commission.

12 Before we open the vote, do we have any
13 Members with questions or comments about the
14 nominees?

15 Seeing none, I'll call on the Clerk to
16 take a roll call vote on all items before the
17 Committee today, and I'll hold open the vote so any
18 folks who are coming late.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank
20 you. Good morning. William Martin, Committee Clerk.
21 Roll call vote Committee on Rules. All items are
22 coupled. Chair Powers.

23 CHAIRPERSON POWERS: I vote aye.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN:
25 Salamanca.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Aye on all.

3 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank
4 you, sir. Brannan.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Aye.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Brewer.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: I vote aye. I met
8 with each person individually before the last
9 hearing, and I thought they were all appropriate for
10 their responsive duties. Thank you very much.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank
12 you. Hudson.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Aye.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Sanchez.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Aye.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Borelli.

17 With a vote of six in the affirmative, zero in the
18 negative, and no abstentions, all items have been
19 adopted by the Committee, and the roll will be held
20 open at request of the Chair.

21 CHAIRPERSON POWERS: Thank you.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Good
23 morning, Madam Speaker.

24 SPEAKER ADAMS: Good morning.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: And your
3 vote, please.

4 SPEAKER ADAMS: I vote aye.

5 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank
6 you. Vote is now seven in the affirmative, zero in
7 the...

8 CHAIRPERSON POWERS: Can you still hold it
9 open? We have one more Member coming.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Yes.

11 Continuation roll call Committee on
12 Rules. Council Member Brooks-Powers.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: I vote aye.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Final
15 vote now Committee on Rules. All items have been
16 adopted by a vote of eight in the affirmative, zero
17 in the negative, and no abstentions.

18 CHAIRPERSON POWERS: That concludes
19 today's business. The meeting is hereby adjourned.

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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 October 26, 2023