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14 February 2, 2023  
15 Start: 11:13 a.m.  
16 Recess: 11:19 a.m.  
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19 HELD AT: COMMITTEE ROOM - CITY HALL  
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21 B E F O R E: Nantasha M. Williams, Co-Chair  
22 Linda Lee, Co-Chair  
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25 COUNCIL MEMBERS:  
Robert F. Holden  
Francisco P. Moya  
James F. Gennaro  
Selvena N. Brooks-Powers  
Tiffany Caban  
Shekar Krishnan  
Lynn C. Schulman  
Sandra Ung  
Julie Won  
Joann Ariola  
Vickie Paladino  
Adrienne E. Adams, Speaker

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2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Good morning. This is a  
3 mic check for the Queens Delegation of the New York  
4 City Council. Today's date is February 2, 2023.  
5 Located in the Committee Room. Recording done by  
6 Pedro Lugo.

7 CHAIRPERSON WILLIAMS: Welcome to the vote  
8 of the Queens Delegation of the New York City  
9 Council. I am Nantasha Williams, Co-Chair of the  
10 Delegation. Also joined by my wonderful Co-Chair,  
11 Council Member Linda Lee, and Members of the best  
12 Delegation.

13 The Taxi and Limousine Commission or TLC  
14 is the agency responsible for licensing and  
15 regulating taxis, for-hire vehicles, commuter vans,  
16 and powered transit vehicles. The Commission's Board  
17 consists of eight unsalaried members and one salaried  
18 Commissioner appointed by the Mayor with the advice  
19 and consent of the Council. The City's Charter  
20 requires that five of the Commission's members  
21 represent one of each of the five boroughs and gives  
22 the Council's borough delegations the role of  
23 recommending the Mayor's nominee of their borough's  
24 representative on the Commission through a majority  
25 vote.

2 Today, we will be voting on the Mayor's  
3 appointment, or essentially our appointment, for  
4 TLC's Queens representative Paul Bader. These  
5 challenges call for a nominee that will prioritize  
6 the needs of the public. Paul Bader is a Queens  
7 resident and small business owner. He has experience  
8 that will serve him well in looking out for the many  
9 small businesses that make up TLC's industry. Paul  
10 also has a long record of public and community  
11 service including time spent working at the Council  
12 and under multiple New York City Comptrollers. Paul  
13 also has direct experience with the needs of drivers  
14 as he has worked both as a New York City taxi driver  
15 and a truck driver. For these reasons, I support this  
16 nominee to the TLC and also recommend that my  
17 Colleagues vote yes to support this nomination.

18 I will now turn it over to my Co-Chair to  
19 conduct the official vote.

20 CHAIRPERSON LEE: Welcome everyone.  
21 Pursuant to Section 2301 of New York City Charter,  
22 this meeting of the Queens Delegation of the New York  
23 City Council will now vote to recommend to the Mayor  
24 that he appoint Paul Bader, a resident of Queens, to  
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2 be a member of the New York City Taxi and Limousine  
3 Commission. The Clerk will now call the roll.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Good  
5 morning. William Martin, Committee Clerk. Roll call  
6 on the Queens Delegation. Council Member Williams.

7 CHAIRPERSON WILLIAMS: I vote aye.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Lee.

9 CHAIRPERSON LEE: I vote aye and, as  
10 someone who's worked with him in the non-profit  
11 sector, super excited about this vote. Thank you.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Holden.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: I proudly vote  
14 aye. Paul Bader is so competent and probably the  
15 ideal candidate for this position. Thank you. I vote  
16 aye.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Moya.  
18 Gennaro. Brooks-Powers.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: I vote aye.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Caban.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER CABAN: Aye.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Krishnan.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: I think Paul  
24 Bader will be great for the position, and I vote aye.

25 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Schulman.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: I've known Paul  
3 Bader since the 1970s, I hate to say that, and he's  
4 an amazing individual. I vote aye.

5 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Ung.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Aye.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Won.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Aye.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Ariola.  
10 Paladino. Speaker Adams.

11 Currently, the vote is nine in the  
12 affirmative, zero in the negative, and no  
13 abstentions.

14 CHAIRPERSON WILLIAMS: We'll keep the vote  
15 open for a few more minutes.

16 All right. This Queens Delegation meeting  
17 is officially closed.

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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 February 9, 2023