

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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HELD AT: COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL

B E F O R E: BRAD LANDER
CHAIRPERSON

COUNCIL MEMBERS: MARGARET S. CHIN
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RAFAEL L. ESPINAL, JR.
DANIEL R. GARODNICK
MARK LEVINE
MELISSA MARK-VIVERITO
STEVEN MATTEO
YADANIS A. RODRIGUEZ
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JUMAANE D. WILLIAMS

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

2 CHAIR LANDER: Good morning and welcome to
3 the New York City Councils Committee on Rule,
4 Privileges and Elections. My name is Brad Lander,
5 I'm Chair of the Committee and we are resuming this
6 meeting from recess. For a beginner I would like to
7 introduce the other members of the Committee who are
8 present; Council Members Debbie Rose, Inez Dickens,
9 Margaret Chin, Mark Levine, Dan Garodnick and Steve
10 Matteo. We will be joined by some others along the
11 way. I want to thank our Counsel Jason Atonio and
12 the staff from (inaudible) from our investigative
13 unit, Chuck Davis and Deandra Johnson for their good
14 work in preparing the investigative materials for all
15 of these nominees. We are voting this morning on
16 four nominations in letters dated March 9th, 2016,
17 Public Advocate Latisha James formerly submitted the
18 name of Michelle de la Uz to the Council to the City
19 of New York for our advice and consent regarding her
20 appointment to the City Planning Commission. If the
21 Council give it's advice and consent, Ms. de la Uz, a
22 Resident of Brooklyn will serve the remainder of a
23 five year term expiring June 30th, 2020. Copy of her
24 resume answers the questions etc. are in the attached
25 to the briefing paper and we had a good conversation

2 with her the other morning. Council will also
3 consider Ramon Peguero and Marbre Stahly-Butts for
4 designation to the New York City Civilian Complaint
5 Review Board. If designated by the Council and
6 subsequently appointed by the Mayor, Mr. Peguero, a
7 resident of Queens and Ms. Stahly-Butts, a resident
8 of Brooklyn will both serve for the remainder of a
9 three year term that expires on July 4th, 2017 and
10 finally Michael Regan will be considered for
11 reappointment to the Board of Corrections. If
12 reappointed by the Council, Mr. Regan, a resident of
13 Manhattan will serve on the Board of Correction for
14 the remainder of a six year term expiring October
15 12th, 2020. We had hearing with all four of those
16 candidates earlier in the week and we had a real
17 thorough back and forth and a good questions and
18 answers with them and their pre-hearing responses are
19 in your binder along with the investigations. We
20 have no one signed up to testify today and unless any
21 Council Members have questions or comments that they
22 would like to ask or make before we proceed to a
23 vote. We will proceed to a vote.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK: William Martin,
3 Committee Clerk, roll call vote, Committee on Rule,
4 Privileges and Elections. Chair Lander.

5 CHAIR LANDER: I vote aye on all.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK: Dickens.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Aye.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK: Garodnick.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK: Rodriguez. Chin

11 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye on all.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK: Rose.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Aye.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK: Levine.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Aye

16 COMMITTEE CLERK: Matteo.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: May I be excused

18 to explain my vote?

19 CHAIR LANDER: Of course.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: While I

21 appreciate the dedication and commitment to the

22 applicants before us, some of the questions that I

23 posed I wasn't comfortable with the answers to

24 warrant a yes vote, so with that because of my

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2 uncomfortableness on some of the answers, I'm going
3 to vote no on M321, M379, M380 and yes on the other.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK: By a vote of 6 in the
5 affirmative, 0... Council Member Rodriguez.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

7 CHAIR LANDER: Go ahead and announce and
8 then people can leave and then.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK: By a vote of 8 in the
10 affirmative, 0 in the negative and no abstentions,
11 M386 has been adopted and by a vote of 7 in the
12 affirmative, 1 in the negative and no abstentions,
13 M321, 379 and M380 are also adopted.

14 CHAIR LANDER: Thank you, we will leave
15 the vote open for another 15 minutes or so to let
16 other Members of the Committee to come up and vote
17 and other than that our hearing will be adjourned
18 after that. Thank you. Your welcomed to stay I mean
19 if you like, this is a lovely place to sit and we
20 could have another conversation about Rules,
21 Privileges or...

22 COMMITTEE CLERK: Continuation roll call,
23 Committee on Rules, Council Member Williams.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Vote aye.

25 [pause]

2 COMMITTEE CLERK: Continuation roll call,
3 the Committee on Rules, Council Member Espinal.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: I vote aye.

5 COMMITTEE CLERK: Speaker Mark-Viverito.

6 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: I vote aye.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK: A final vote,

8 Committee on Rules, M386 is been adopted by a vote of
9 11 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative and no
10 abstentions with M321, 379 and 380 being adopted by a
11 vote of 10 in the affirmative, 1 in the negative and
12 no abstentions, thank you.

13 CHAIR LANDER: We are adjourned.

14 [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 April 7, 2016