

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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February 27, 2020

Start: 10:49 AM

Recess: 11:30 AM

HELD AT: COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL

B E F O R E: KAREN KOSLOWITZ  
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Adrienne E. Adams  
Margaret S. Chin  
Corey D. Johnson  
Rory I. Lancman  
Steven Matteo  
Deborah L. Rose  
Ritchie J. Torres  
Mark Treyger

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

1 COMMITTEE ON RULES, PRIVILEGES AND ELECTIONS 3

2 MALE SPEAKER: Yes.

3 CHAIRPERSON KOSLOWITZ: Okay. (gavel)

4 Good morning and welcome to the Committee on Rules,  
5 Privileges and Elections. My name is Karen

6 Koslowitz, and I am chair of this committee. Before  
7 we begin this hearing I would like to introduce the  
8 Council Members of this committee who have joined us

9 today: Council Member Mark Treyger, Council Member  
10 Adrienne Adams, Council Member Ritchie Torres,

11 Council Member Rory Lancman (background comment) and  
12 Council—and Minority Leader Steve Matteo. I would

13 also like to introduce—acknowledge the Rules

14 Committee Counsel Lance Polivy, and staff members of  
15 the Council's Investigative Unit, Chuck Davis, Chief  
16 Compliance Officer and Andre Johnson-Brown, Alicia

17 Vessel and Julius Carranza, Investigators. Today the  
18 Rules Committee will consider the nominations of

19 Nisha Agarwal and Wayne Hawley for appointment to the  
20 Conflict of Interest Board. On Tuesday, February

21 26<sup>th</sup>–25<sup>th</sup>, 2020, Ms. Agarwal and Mr. Hawley appeared  
22 before this committee for a confirmation hearing for

23 the position of Board Member for the Conflicts of  
24 Interest Board. They provided testimony, and fielded

25 questions from the committee. Today, the Rules

2 Committee will vote on their nominations. If the  
3 Council gives its advice and consent, Ms. Argawal  
4 will be appointed to the COIB Board, and will serve  
5 the remainder of the six-year that expires on March  
6 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022, and Mr. Hawley will be appointed to the  
7 Board for the-for a term beginning on April 1, 2020,  
8 and will serve for a six-year term that will expire  
9 on March 31, 2026. Do any members have any questions  
10 or comments about these nominees? Seeing none, I  
11 will now call upon the Clerk to take the vote.

12 CLERK: William Martin, Committee Clerk,  
13 Committee on Rules, Privileges and Elections, Item 217  
14 and 218 are coupled. Chair Koslowitz.

15 CHAIRPERSON KOSLOWITZ: I vote aye.

16 CLERK: Lancman.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: Aye.

18 CLERK: Torres.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: Aye.

20 CLERK: Treryger.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Aye.

22 CLERK: Adams.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: Aye.

24 CLERK: Matteo.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: Aye.

2 CLERK: By a vote of 6 in the  
3 affirmative, zero in the negative and no abstentions,  
4 both items have been adopted by the Committee.

5 CHAIRPERSON KOSLOWITZ: We will hold this  
6 committee hearing for (background comments) for a  
7 while. (laughter)

8 CLERK: Continuation roll call, the  
9 Committee on Rules, Council Member Chin.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: I vote aye. Thank  
11 you.

12 CLERK: The vote is now currently at 7 in  
13 the affirmative. (pause) Continuation roll call,  
14 Committee on Rules, Speaker Johnson.

15 SPEAKER JOHNSON: I vote aye.

16 CLERK: Final vote, Committee on Rules,  
17 the items have been adopted by the committee 8 in the  
18 affirmative, zero in the negative and no abstentions.

19 CHAIRPERSON KOSLOWITZ: The meeting--  
20 (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 2, 2020