

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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March 3, 2010  
Start: 11:06 am  
Recess: 11:12 am

HELD AT: Council Chambers  
City Hall

B E F O R E:  
JOEL RIVERA  
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:  
Christine C. Quinn  
Joel Rivera  
Leroy G. Comrie, Jr.  
Inez E. Dickens  
Erik Martin Dilan  
Lewis A. Fidler  
Robert Jackson  
James Vacca  
Albert Vann  
Karen Koslowitz  
James S. Oddo  
Margaret Chin

2 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Good morning,  
3 ladies and gentlemen and welcome to the Committee  
4 on Rules, Privileges and Elections. My name is  
5 Joel Rivera and I'm the chair of the committee.

6 Before we begin, let me introduce  
7 the members who are here with us today. We have  
8 with us Council Member Koslowitz, Council Member  
9 Leroy Comrie, Council Member Al Vann, Council  
10 Member Lou Fidler and Council Member Erik Dilan.  
11 Others will be joining us momentarily.

12 We are meeting this morning to  
13 consider membership changes to certain standing  
14 committees, subcommittees, a chair and allowance.  
15 There are five additions to standing committees.  
16 They are to add Council Member Deborah Rose as  
17 chair of the Civil Rights Committee with a \$10,000  
18 allowance and Council Members Leroy Comrie and  
19 Brad Lander to the Housing and Buildings Committee  
20 and Maria del Carmen Arroyo and James Van Bramer  
21 to the Public Housing Committee.

22 There is one Council Member to  
23 remove from a committee, Council Member Larry  
24 Seabrook from the Civil Rights Committee.

25 Next, there are two additions to

2 subcommittees. They are to add Council Member  
3 Daniel Halloran to the Landmarks, Public Siting  
4 and Maritime Subcommittee and to add Council  
5 Member Peter Koo to the Planning, Dispositions and  
6 Concessions Subcommittee.

7 There are three removals from  
8 subcommittees: Council Member Peter Koo from the  
9 Landmarks, Public Siting and Maritime Subcommittee  
10 and Council Member Daniel Halloran from the  
11 Planning, Dispositions and Concessions  
12 Subcommittee and Council Member Deborah Rose from  
13 the Seniors Center Subcommittee.

14 We've also been joined by Council  
15 Member Inez Dickens as well. Does anyone have any  
16 questions? Council Member Van?

17 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Yes. He's  
18 being removed from the chairmanship and from the  
19 committee itself.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: And from the  
21 committee, okay. Thank you.

22 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Council Member  
23 Fidler?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: And we're  
25 not designating a replacement for the chair on the

2 Subcommittee on Senior Centers at this time?

3 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: At this point,  
4 no. Any other questions? At this point in time,  
5 the chair recommends an aye vote. If we could,  
6 have the clerk call the roll. We've been joined  
7 by Council Member Margaret Chin and also by  
8 Council Member Jimmy Vacca. The chair recommends  
9 an aye vote.

10 WILLIAM MARTIN: William Martin,  
11 Committee Clerk, roll calling the Committee on  
12 Rules, Privileges and Elections. Council Member  
13 Rivera?

14 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: I vote aye.

15 WILLIAM MARTIN: Comrie?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Aye.

17 WILLIAM MARTIN: Dilan?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER DILAN: Aye.

19 WILLIAM MARTIN: Fidler?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Aye.

21 WILLIAM MARTIN: Vann?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Aye.

23 WILLIAM MARTIN: Dickens?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Aye.

25 WILLIAM MARTIN: Vacca?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Aye.

3 WILLIAM MARTIN: Koslowitz?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Aye.

5 WILLIAM MARTIN: By a vote of eight  
6 in the affirmative, zero in the negative and no  
7 abstentions, item is adopted. Members please sign  
8 the committee report.

9 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: We're going to  
10 leave the vote open for a few moments for other  
11 members to come up. We also have our Speaker who  
12 is going to be joining us. I just want to thank  
13 Barbara and Chuck for all their hard work that  
14 they have done on the committee and I look forward  
15 to serving with both of you for the years to come.  
16 We've been joined by Council Member Oddo.

17 WILLIAM MARTIN: Oddo?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: Yes.

19 [Pause]

20 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: We've been  
21 joined by our great Speaker of the City Council,  
22 Christine Quinn.

23 WILLIAM MARTIN: Speaker Quinn?

24 SPEAKER QUINN: I vote aye.

25 [Pause]

2 WILLIAM MARTIN: The vote on the  
3 Committee on Rules is now ten in the affirmative,  
4 zero in the negative and no abstentions.

5 WILLIAM MARTIN: Council Member  
6 Jackson?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: I vote aye  
8 on all.

9 WILLIAM MARTIN: The final vote on  
10 the Committee on Rules is now 11 in the  
11 affirmative, zero in the negative and no  
12 abstentions.

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Donna Hintze 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 *Donna Hintze*

Date April 1, 2010