

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND LABOR

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April 13, 2010

Start: 1:53pm

Recess: 2:06pm

HELD AT: Council Chambers
City Hall

B E F O R E:
JAMES SANDERS, JR.
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

- Council Member James F. Gennaro
- Council Member Melissa Mark-Viverito
- Council Member Michael C. Nelson
- Council Member Domenic M. Recchia, Jr.
- Council Member Larry B. Seabrook
- Council Member Eric A. Ulrich

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

None

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[gavel]

CHAIRPERSON SANDERS: This meeting will now come to order. For your patience, I appreciate. Good afternoon, and thank you for coming. My name is Council Member James Sanders, Jr., and I am the Chair of the Committee on Civil Service and Labor. Today we are having a second hearing and voting on Proposed Intro 24-A. This bill captures an agreement between the Bloomberg Administration and the United Federation of Teachers, UFT. It changes the vesting of health benefits for UFT retirees from ten to 15 years, but only applies to newly hired teachers. The parties' agreement requires a change in the City law to be effective. The bill does not change the vesting of health insurance benefits for any other City retirees, which remains at ten years for most City retirees. I want to acknowledge my wonderful Committee, and I want to thank him, thank everyone, very much for, for doing the great work that they have done. I'm going to leave it like that, and say that we have been joined by Council Member Seabrook, from The Bronx, Bronx is best;

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2 two of my rivals in Queens for being the best
3 Council Person, in fact I have to yield because I
4 know that they are better than I, Council Member
5 Ulrich and Council Member Gennaro.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: I'll have
7 to vote no on that, Mr. Chairman.

8 CHAIRPERSON SANDERS: Well, well
9 overruled. [laughter] Overruled. And the
10 undisputed best in Brooklyn, because he's the only
11 one in Brooklyn from here, Council Member Nelson.
12 [laughter]

13 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: I vote
14 aye, I vote aye.

15 CHAIRPERSON SANDERS: Since we have
16 not witnesses to this, we will call the vote.
17 Sir, would you be kind enough.

18 MALE VOICE: Sure. Sanders.

19 CHAIRPERSON SANDERS: Since the UFT
20 has agreed to this, and they have advocated it,
21 makes it easy, I vote aye.

22 MALE VOICE: Nelson.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER NELSON: Aye.

24 MALE VOICE: Gennaro.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: I vote aye

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2 and I vote aye to Mike Nelson being the best
3 Council Member from Brooklyn, yeah. [laughter]

4 MALE VOICE: Seabrook.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER SEABROOK: I vote
6 aye on all.

7 MALE VOICE: Ulrich.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: I vote aye.

9 CHAIRPERSON SANDERS: [off mic] I
10 will leave this open for 30 minutes and what--

11 MALE VOICE: Vote stands at five in
12 the affirmative, no negative, no extensions, and
13 the motion carries.

14 CHAIRPERSON SANDERS: I will leave
15 this open for 30 minutes more, and I will allow my
16 good friends, I will reconvene in 30 minutes. I
17 think that's what we do. Trying to, what is the--

18 MALE VOICE: Automatic, - - leave
19 for 30 - - close it out.

20 CHAIRPERSON SANDERS: Okay, well if
21 that's the case, this part is closed for you
22 gentlemen, and it's open for another 30 minutes
23 for the rest. [gavel] Thank you very much for
24 coming.

25 [background noise]

2 MALE VOICE: Councilwoman Mark-
3 Viverito.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO: I
5 vote aye.

6 MALE VOICE: Motion now stands at
7 six in the affirmative, no negatives, no
8 abstentions.

9 [background noise]

10 MALE VOICE: Councilman Recchia.

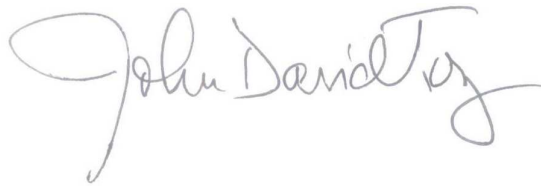
11 COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA: Aye.

12 MALE VOICE: Vote now stands at
13 seven in the affirmative, no negative, no
14 abstentions, motion carries.

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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, JOHN DAVID TONG 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.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John David Tong". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Signature _____

Date April 23, 2010