

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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APRIL 22, 2021  
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B E F O R E: CHAIR KAREN KOSLOWITZ

COUNCIL MEMBERS: KAREN KOSLOWITZ  
SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON  
MAJORITY LEADER STEVEN MATTEO  
ADRIENNE ADAMS  
MARGARET CHIN  
KEITH POWERS  
DEBORAH ROSE  
MARK TREYGER  
PAUL VALLONE

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



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SGT. BRADLEY: Cloud recording is up.

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SGT. PEREZ: Backup is rolling.

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SGT. BRADLEY: Okay, Sergeant Kotowski,  
you may begin.

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SGT. KOTOWSKI: Good morning, and welcome  
to today's remote New York City Council hearing of  
the Committee on Rules, Privileges and Elections. At  
this time would Council staff please turn on their  
video. Please place electronic devices on vibrate or  
silent. Thank you. Chair, we are ready to begin.

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CHAIR KOSLOWITZ: Thank you. Good  
morning and welcome to the Committee on Rules,  
Privileges and Elections. My name is Karen Koslowitz  
and I am Chair of this Committee. Before we begin  
this hearing, I would like to introduce the Council  
Members of this Committee who have joined us today.  
Speaker Corey Johnson will be joining us, Minority  
Leader Steven Matteo, Council Member Adrienne Adams,  
Council Member Margaret Chin, Council Member Keith  
Powers, Council Member Debbie Rose, Council Member  
Mark Treyger, and Council Member Vallone. I would  
also like to acknowledge Rules Committee Counsel  
Lance Polivy, and the staff member of the Council's

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2 investigative unit. Chuck Davis (SP?), Chief  
3 Compliance Officer and Investigators Andre Johnson-  
4 Brown (SP?), and Alicia Vasell (SP?), Desiree  
5 Robinson (SP?), and Ramsis Butone (SP?). Today, the  
6 Rules Committee will consider certain changes to the  
7 Membership and Chairmanships of the standing  
8 Committees of the Counsel, and a rule change to add a  
9 rule concerning collective bargaining. Pursuant to  
10 rule 10.20 of the Rules of the City Council, the  
11 Committee on Rules, Privileges and Elections can  
12 recommend an amendment to any rule of the Council  
13 with a later vote of the majority of all Council  
14 Members. Today, we are hearing to preconsidered  
15 Resolutions to amend the rules of the Council. The  
16 first, (excuse me, my allergies are very bad today),  
17 the first preconsidered Resolution would amend Rule  
18 7.00A by changing the Membership and Chairmanships of  
19 certain standing Committees of the Council. This  
20 rule change requires the majority vote of all Members  
21 of the Rules Committee and a majority vote of all  
22 Council Members. The changes proposed in the first  
23 preconsidered Resolution are Aging, Council Member  
24 Dinowitz; Civil Service and Labor Council Member  
25 Dromm is coming off and Council Member Dinowitz is

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2 going to be on Civil Service and Labor; Consumer  
3 Affairs and Business Licensing, Council Member  
4 Dinowitz; Education, Eric Ulrich and Mark Levine are  
5 being removed and being replaced by Council Member  
6 Dinowitz and Council Member Feliz; Environmental  
7 Protection, Jim Gennaro will be the Chair; Finance,  
8 Feliz will go on to Finance, Fire and Emergency  
9 Management, Mark Levine will be added; General  
10 Welfare, Feliz will be added to that Committee;  
11 Health, Feliz; Immigration, Feliz; (inaudible) will  
12 be added to those; Disabilities and Addiction will be  
13 Dinowitz; Oversight and Investigation, Dinowitz;  
14 Parks and Recreation, Dinowitz; Public Housing,  
15 Feliz; Sanitation and Salvage Waste Management,  
16 Feliz; Small Business, Dinowitz; State and Federal  
17 Legislation, Ulrich; and Youth Service, Feliz. The  
18 second preconsidered Resolution will add a new  
19 Council rule pursuant to Council Rule 10.20. This  
20 proposed rule concerns collective bargaining. If  
21 passed by the majority of the Members of the Rules  
22 Committee and the later majority vote of all Council  
23 Members, this rule will take effect immediately. The  
24 proposed new rule would state 2.90 Collective  
25 Bargaining. All collective bargaining matters

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2 including recognition, negotiations, administration,  
3 and enforcement of collective bargaining, agreements  
4 and/or other agreements that Council may reach with  
5 Unions or employee organizations representing Council  
6 employee shall be within the jurisdiction of the  
7 Speaker. Do any members have questions? Are there  
8 any hands up?

9 COMMITTEE COUNSEL LANCE POLIVY: No,  
10 Chair Koslowitz, there are not any hands up.

11 CHAIR KOSLOWITZ: Okay. I will now call  
12 upon the Clerk to take the vote on all items from  
13 today's hearing.

14 LEGISLATIVE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Good  
15 morning, William Martin, Committee Clerk, roll call  
16 vote Committee on Rules, Privileges and Elections.  
17 Two preconsidered Resolutions. The items are  
18 coupled. Chair Koslowitz.

19 CHAIR KOSLOWITZ: I vote I.

20 LEGISLATIVE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Chin.

21 CM CHIN: I vote I.

22 LEGISLATIVE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Rose.

23 CM ROSE: I vote I.

24 LEGISLATIVE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank  
25 you. Vallone.

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2 CM VALLONE: I on all.

3 LEGISLATIVE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Adams.

4 CM ADAMS: I.

5 LEGISLATIVE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN:

6 Council Member Powers.

7 CM POWERS: I vote I, sorry.

8 LEGISLATIVE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank  
9 you. Matteo.

10 MAJORITY LEADER STEVEN MATTEO: No on  
11 1608, Yes on 1609.

12 LEGISLATIVE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Okay.

13 Preconsidered Resolution pertaining to Rule amendment  
14 collective bargaining is being adopted by the  
15 Committee. Six in the affirmative, one in the  
16 negative, no extensions, and preconsidered Resolution  
17 in relation to changes in standing Committees has  
18 been adopted by the Committee, seven in the  
19 affirmative, zero in the negative, and no extensions.  
20 Thank you.

21 CHAIR KOSLOWITZ: We will hold meeting  
22 open. Thank you everyone.

23 SGT. LUGO: Madame Chair, Mr. Clerk, have  
24 we voted yet?

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2 CHAIR KOSLOWITZ: No, Council ... Speaker  
3 Corey Johnson.

4 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: I vote I.

5 LEGISLATIVE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank  
6 you. One moment.

7 SGT. LUGO: Council Member Treyger should  
8 be joining.

9 CHAIR KOSLOWITZ: Okay.

10 SGT. LUGO: Welcome Council Member  
11 Treyger.

12 CM TREYGER: I vote I.

13 LEGISLATIVE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank  
14 you, sir. One moment. Okay, final vote for today's  
15 Committee on Rules, preconsidered Resolution in  
16 relation to Rules of the Council, collective  
17 bargaining has been adopted by the Committee, eight  
18 in the affirmative, one in the negative, and no  
19 extension, and preconsidered Resolution in relation  
20 to Committee Membership changes has been adopted by  
21 the Committee, nine in the affirmative, zero in the  
22 negative, and no extensions. Thank you.

23 CHAIR KOSLOWITZ: Okay. This meeting is  
24 now adjourned.

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2 JOHANNA CASTRO: Thank you, Chair, the  
3 live has ended.

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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           MAY 31, 2021