

The New York City Council

*City Hall
New York, NY 10007*



Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 3, 2018

12:00 PM

CHARTER MEETING

Council Chambers - City Hall

City Council

Corey D. Johnson, Speaker

Members: Adrienne E. Adams, Alicka Ampry-Samuel, Diana Ayala, Inez D. Barron, Joseph C. Borelli, Justin L. Brannan, Fernando Cabrera, Margaret S. Chin, Andrew Cohen, Costa G. Constantinides, Robert E. Cornegy, Jr., Laurie A. Cumbo, Chaim M. Deutsch, Ruben Diaz, Sr., Daniel Dromm, Rafael L. Espinal, Jr., Mathieu Eugene, Vanessa L. Gibson, Mark Gjonaj, Barry S. Grodenchik, Robert F. Holden, Ben Kallos, Andy L. King, Peter A. Koo, Karen Koslowitz, Rory I. Lancman, Brad S. Lander, Stephen T. Levin, Mark Levine, Alan N. Maisel, Steven Matteo, Carlos Menchaca, I. Daneek Miller, Francisco P. Moya, Bill Perkins, Keith Powers, Antonio Reynoso, Donovan J. Richards, Carlina Rivera, Ydanis A. Rodriguez, Deborah L. Rose, Helen K. Rosenthal, Rafael Salamanca, Jr., Ritchie J. Torres, Mark Treyger, Eric A. Ulrich, Paul A. Vallone, James G. Van Bramer, Jumaane D. Williams and Kalman Yeger

1. The City Clerk will call the Charter Meeting to order.

The City Clerk and Clerk of the Council (Mr. McSweeney) called the Charter Meeting of January 3, 2018 to order.

Present: Speaker Johnson, Adams, Ampy-Samuel, Ayala, Barron, Borelli, Brannan, Cabrera, Chin, Cohen, Constantinides, Cornegy Jr., Cumbo, Deutsch, Diaz Sr., Dromm, Espinal Jr., Eugene, Gibson, Gjonaj, Grodenchik, Holden, Kallos, King, Koo, Koslowitz, Lancman, Lander, Levin, Levine, Maisel, Matteo, Menchaca, Miller, Moya, Perkins, Powers, Reynoso, Richards, Rivera, Rodriguez, Rosenthal, Salamanca Jr., Torres, Treyger, Ulrich, Vallone, Van Bramer and Yeger

Absent: Rose and Williams

The presence of a quorum was announced by the City Clerk (Mr. McSweeney).

2. The City Clerk will perform the ceremony of the duly elected Council Members taking their oath of office.

The City Clerk (Mr. McSweeney) delivered the oath of office to the duly elected Council Members.

3. Invocation

The Invocation was delivered by Rev. Sylveta Hamilton-Gonzales, Q Kingdom Ministries, Inc., 1313 Union Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11225-1607.

Council Member Cumbo moved to spread the Invocation in full upon the Record.

4. **M 0001-2018** **Continuation Of 2014-2017 Rules Of The Council, As Amended.**

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Council Member Chin moved for the continuation of the 2014-2017 Rules of the Council, as Amended.

Pursuant to Rule 8.50 of the Council, the City Clerk and Clerk of the Council (Mr. McSweeney) called for a voice vote. Hearing no objections, the City Clerk and Clerk of the Council (Mr. McSweeney) declared the Rules to be adopted.

Adopted unanimously by the Council by voice-vote.

This Communication was Approved, by Council

5. M 0002-2018 **The City Clerk will then open the floor for nominations for Speaker.**

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At this point, Council Member Barron nominated herself to be the next Speaker.

Council Member Cumbo moved to nominate Council Member Johnson as the next Speaker.

Council Member Cumbo's motion was seconded by Council Members Koslowitz, Cornegy, Treyger, Torres and Rodriguez.

A motion was made that this Communication be Approved, by Council approved by Roll Call.

Affirmative: 48 - Speaker Johnson, Adams, Ampry-Samuel, Ayala, Borelli, Brannan, Cabrera, Chin, Cohen, Constantinides, Cornegy Jr., Cumbo, Deutsch, Diaz Sr., Dromm, Espinal Jr., Eugene, Gibson, Gjonaj, Grodenchik, Holden, Kallos, King, Koo, Koslowitz, Lancman, Lander, Levin, Levine, Maisel, Matteo, Menchaca, Miller, Moya, Perkins, Powers, Reynoso, Richards, Rivera, Rodriguez, Rosenthal, Salamanca Jr., Torres, Treyger, Ulrich, Vallone, Van Bramer and Yeger

Negative: 1 - Barron

Absent: 2 - Rose and Williams

48 Council Members voted for Council Member Johnson.

1 Council Member voted for Council Member Barron.

The City Clerk and Clerk of the Council (Mr. McSweeney) declared Council Member Johnson as the duly elected Speaker of the New York City Council for the 2018-2021 term.

At this point, the newly elected Speaker (Council Member Johnson) delivered his remarks to those assembled.

Following his remarks, The Speaker (CM Johnson) moved to have the Public Advocate (Ms. James) as the Acting President Pro Tempore and Acting Presiding Officer of the Council.

At this point, the Public Advocate (Ms. James) assumed the Chair as the Acting President Pro Tempore.

6. Messages & Papers from the Mayor

None

7. Communications from City, County & Borough Offices

None

8. Petitions & Communications

The following CMs were nominated by the Speaker (CM Johnson) to be on this initial Committee on Rules, Privileges and Elections:

CMs Lancman, Adams, Chin, Cornegy, Espinal, Gibson, Johnson, Koslowitz, Matteo, Torres and Treyger.

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Nomination and Election of the Committee on Rules, Privileges and Elections**Rory I. Lancman, Chair****Adrienne E. Adams****Margaret S. Chin****Robert E. Cornegy, Jr.****Rafael L. Espinal, Jr.****Vanessa L. Gibson****Corey D. Johnson****Karen Koslowitz****Steven Matteo****Ritchie J. Torres****Mark Treyger**

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A motion was made that this Petition be Approved, by Council approved by Roll Call.

Affirmative: 49 - Speaker Johnson, Adams, Ampy-Samuel, Ayala, Barron, Borelli, Brannan, Cabrera, Chin, Cohen, Constantinides, Cornegy Jr., Cumbo, Deutsch, Diaz Sr., Dromm, Espinal Jr., Eugene, Gibson, Gjonaj, Grodenchik, Holden, Kallos, King, Koo, Koslowitz, Lancman, Lander, Levin, Levine, Maisel, Matteo, Menchaca, Miller, Moya, Perkins, Powers, Reynoso, Richards, Rivera, Rodriguez, Rosenthal, Salamanca Jr., Torres, Treyger, Ulrich, Vallone, Van Bramer and Yeger

Absent: 2 - Rose and Williams

M 0004-2018 **At a duly convened meeting, we, the undersigned members of the Minority (Republican) Delegation of the Council of the City of New York, hereby designate and appoint Steven Matteo as Minority Leader of the Council of the City of New York, pursuant to Rule 4.10 of the Rules of the Council of the City of New York for a term that will commence on January 1, 2018.**

Signed: Steven Matteo, Joseph C. Borelli, Eric A. Ulrich

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This Petition was Rcvd, Ord, Prnt, Fld by Council

During this segment of the Meeting, the newly redesignated Minority Leader (Council Member Matteo) briefly spoke to those assembled.

M 0005-2018 **Pursuant to Rule 4.10 of the Council of the City of New York and Paragraph 5 of the Bylaws of the Minority Delegation of the same, I hereby designate and appoint Joseph C. Borelli as Minority Whip of the Council of the City of New York, effective January 1, 2018.**

Signed: Steven Matteo, Minority Leader

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This Petition was Rcvd, Ord, Prnt, Fld by Council

9. RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT

The Speaker (Council Member Johnson) adjourned the Charter Meeting to meet again at the next Stated Meeting.

*MICHAEL McSWEENEY, City Clerk
Clerk of the Council*