

The New York City Council

*New York City Council
City Hall
New York, NY 10007*



Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 4, 2006

12:00 PM

CHARTER MEETING

Council Chambers - City Hall

City Council

Christine C. Quinn, Speaker

Members: Joseph P. Addabbo, Jr., Maria Del Carmen Arroyo, Tony Avella, Maria Baez, Charles Barron, Gale A. Brewer, Yvette D. Clarke, Leroy G. Comrie, Jr., Bill de Blasio, Inez E. Dickens, Erik Martin Dilan, Simcha Felder, Lewis A. Fidler, Helen D. Foster, Dennis P. Gallagher, Daniel R. Garodnick, James F. Gennaro, Vincent J. Gentile, Alan J. Gerson, Eric N. Gioia, Sara M. Gonzalez, Robert Jackson, Letitia James, Melinda R. Katz, G. Oliver Koppell, Andrew J. Lanza, Jessica S. Lappin, John C. Liu, Melissa Mark-Viverito, Miguel Martinez, Darlene Mealy, Rosie Mendez, Michael E. McMahon, Hiram Monserrate, Michael C. Nelson, James S. Oddo, Annabel Palma, Domenic M. Recchia, Jr., Diana Reyna, Joel Rivera, James Sanders, Jr., Larry B. Seabrook, Helen Sears, Kendall B. Stewart, James Vacca, Peter F. Vallone, Jr., Albert Vann, David I. Weprin, Thomas White, Jr. and David Yassky

1. The City Clerk (Mr. Robles) raps the gavel three times and states:

"I call the Meeting to order."

2. The City Clerk states:

"Will the Clerk please read the call for today's Charter Meeting."

3. The Clerk reads:

M 0001-2006 December 21, 2005

**Honorable Victor L. Robles
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
265 Municipal Building
New York, New York 10007**

Dear City Clerk Robles:

Pursuant to Section 42 of the New York City Charter, the Charter meeting of the 2006 Council of the city of New York will be held on Wednesday, January 4, 2006 at 12:00 noon, in the Council Chambers, second floor, City Hall, New York, New York.

Sincerely,

**Gifford Miller
Speaker**

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

4. The City Clerk then states:

"Pursuant to Section 42 of the New York City Charter, I hereby call this meeting to order and direct the Clerk to read the communication from the Board of Elections stating the list of elected City Council Members."

M 0002-2006

December 19, 2005

Honorable Victor L. Robles
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
Municipal Building - 2nd Floor South
One Centre Street
New York, New York 10007

Dear City Clerk Robles:

Please be hereby advised that the following named persons were elected Members of the City Council of New York on November 8, 2005:

1st	Alan J. Gerson	27th	Leroy G. Comrie, Jr.
2nd	Rosie Mendez	28th	Thomas White Jr.
3rd	Christine C. Quinn	29th	Melinda R. Katz
4th	Daniel R. Garodnick	30th	Dennis P. Gallagher
5th	Jessica S. Lappin	31st	James Sanders, Jr.
6th	Gale A. Brewer	32nd	Joseph P. Addabbo, Jr.
7th	Robert Jackson	33rd	David Yassky
8th	Melissa Mark Viverito	34th	Diana Reyna
9th	Inez E. Dickens	35th	Letitia James
10th	Miguel Martinez	36th	Albert Vann
11th	G. Oliver Koppell	37th	Erik Martin Dilan
12th	Larry B. Seabrook	38th	Sara M. Gonzalez
13th	James Vacca	39th	Bill de Blasio
14th	Maria Baez	40th	Yvette D. Clarke
15th	Joel Rivera	41st	Darlene Mealy
16th	Helen D. Foster	42nd	Charles Barron
17th	Maria Del Carmen Arroyo	43rd	Vincent J. Gentile
18th	Annabel Palma	44th	Simcha Felder
19th	Tony Avella	45th	Kendall Stewart
20th	John C. Liu	46th	Lewis A. Fidler
21st	Hiram Monserrate	47th	Domenic M. Recchia, Jr.
22nd	Peter F. Vallone, Jr.	48th	Michael C. Nelson
23rd	David I. Weprin	49th	Michael E. McMahon
24th	James F. Gennaro	50th	James S. Oddo
25th	Helen Sears	51st	Andrew J. Lanza
26th	Eric N. Gioia		

Sincerely,

**George Gonzalez
Deputy Executive Directo**

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

5. The City Clerk will then state:

"I will now perform the formal ceremony of the duly elected Council Members taking their oath of office."

"Will the Clerk call the Roll for the purpose of ascertaining the presence of a quorum."

"We have a quorum."

Present,

Speaker Quinn, Addabbo Jr., Arroyo, Avella, Baez, Barron, Brewer, Clarke, Comrie Jr., Dickens, Dilan, de Blasio, Felder, Fidler, Foster, Gallagher, Garodnick, Gennaro, Gentile, Gerson, Gioia, Gonzalez, Jackson, James, Katz, Koppell, Lanza, Lappin, Liu, Mark-Viverito, Martinez, McMahon, Mealy, Mendez, Monserrate, Nelson, Oddo, Palma, Recchia Jr., Reyna, Rivera, Sanders Jr., Seabrook, Sears, Stewart, Vacca, Vallone Jr., Vann, Weprin, White Jr. and Yassky

"Please rise for today's invocation delivered by Rev. Francis Shannon, Blessed Sacrament Roman Catholic Church, Cypress Hills, Brooklyn, NY"

The City Clerk will recognize Council Member Dilan.

Council Member Dilan will make the motion to spread the invocation in full upon the record.

The City Clerk states:

"So ordered."

M 0003-2006

By Council Member Comrie:

"Motion that pursuant to Section 46 of the New York City Charter, the 2004-2005 Rules of the Council as amended, be continued and in effect until new rules shall be adopted or said rules shall be otherwise amended or modified."

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

Affirmative, 51 -

Speaker Quinn, Addabbo Jr., Avella, Baez, Barron, Brewer, Clarke, Comrie Jr., Dickens, Dilan, de Blasio, Felder, Fidler, Foster, Gallagher, Garodnick, Gennaro, Gentile, Gerson, Gioia, Gonzalez, Jackson, James, Katz, Koppell, Lanza, Lappin, Liu, Mark-Viverito, Martinez, McMahon, Mealy, Mendez, Monserrate, Nelson, Oddo, Palma, Recchia Jr., Reyna, Rivera, Sanders Jr., Seabrook, Sears, Stewart, Vacca, Vallone Jr., Vann, Weprin, White Jr., Yassky and Arroyo

M 0004-2006

The City Clerk will recognize Council Member Rivera:

“I hereby nominate for the Office of the Speaker of the Council of the City of New York, Pursuant to Section 44 of the New York City Charter, for the term commencing January 1, 2006 and terminating December 31, 2009, Council Member Christine C. Quinn.”

The City Clerk will then call upon Council Member Comrie to second the nomination.

The City Clerk will then call upon Council Member Reyna to second the nomination.

After the nomination has been seconded the City Clerk will then ask:

“Are there any other nominations?”

If Hearing None, the City Clerk will state:

“I now close the nominations.”

The City Clerk announces the results and declares:

“The Council Member duly elected as the Speaker of the Council of the City of New York for the term commencing January 1, 2006 and terminating December 31, 2009 is Council Member Christine C. Quinn.

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

Affirmative, 50 -

Speaker Quinn, Addabbo Jr., Arroyo, Avella, Baez, Brewer, Clarke, Comrie Jr., Dickens, Dilan, de Blasio, Felder, Fidler, Foster, Gallagher, Garodnick, Gennaro, Gentile, Gerson, Gioia, Gonzalez, Jackson, James, Katz, Koppell, Lanza, Lappin, Liu, Mark-Viverito, Martinez, McMahon, Mealy, Mendez, Monserrate, Nelson, Oddo, Palma, Recchia Jr., Reyna, Rivera, Sanders Jr., Seabrook, Sears, Stewart, Vacca, Vallone Jr., Vann, Weprin, White Jr. and Yassky

Abstain, 1 -

Barron

10. Petitions and Communications

M 0005-2006 We, the undersigned members of the Minority (Republican) Delegation of the Council of the City of New York, hereby designate and appoint James S. Oddo as Minority Leader of the New York City Council, pursuant to Rule 4.10 of the Rules of the Council of the City of New York for a term commencing on January 1, 2006. Signed Dennis P. Gallagher, Andrew J. Lanza, James S. Oddo.

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

M 0006-2006 Communication from the Mayor - Submitting the name of Robert B. Tierney to the Council for its advice and consent regarding his reappointment to the Landmarks Preservation Commission, Pursuant to Sections 31 and 3020 of the City Charter.

Attachments: Committee Report

This Mayor's Message was Referred to Comm by Council to the Committee on Rules, Privileges and Elections

M 0007-2006 Communication from the Mayor - Submitting the name of Elizabeth Ryan to the Council for its advice and consent regarding her reappointment to the Landmarks Preservation Commission, Pursuant to Sections 31 and 3020 of the City Charter.

Attachments: Committee Report

This Mayor's Message was Referred to Comm by Council to the Committee on Rules, Privileges and Elections

M 0008-2006

By the Speaker:

“I nominate the following Council Members as Members of the Committee on Rules, Privileges and Elections of the City Council:

- Leroy Comrie, Chair**
- Christine Quinn David Weprin**
- Joel Rivera Maria Baez**
- Lewis Fidler Michael McMahon**
- Bill de Blasio James Oddo**
- Inez Dickens Daniel Garodnick**
- Melinda Katz Diana Reyna**

After the motion is seconded, the City Clerk will state:

“For this roll call, the question on the floor is whether the Council would agree with and adopt such nominations.”

The City Clerk will then state:

“Will the Clerk call the Roll.”

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

Affirmative, 51 -

Speaker Quinn, Addabbo Jr., Arroyo, Avella, Baez, Barron, Brewer, Clarke, Comrie Jr., Dickens, Dilan, de Blasio, Felder, Fidler, Foster, Gallagher, Garodnick, Gennaro, Gentile, Gerson, Gioia, Gonzalez, Jackson, James, Katz, Koppell, Lanza, Lappin, Liu, Mark-Viverito, Martinez, McMahon, Mealy, Mendez, Monserrate, Nelson, Oddo, Palma, Recchia Jr., Reyna, Rivera, Sanders Jr., Seabrook, Sears, Stewart, Vacca, Vallone Jr., Vann, Weprin, White Jr. and Yassky

13. Communication from the Speaker

At this point the Speaker (Council Member Quinn) made the following announcements:

14. ADJOURNMENT

Whereupon on motion of the Speaker (Council Member Quinn), the Clerk of the Council adjourned to meet again on Wednesday, January 18, 2006.

*VICTOR L. ROBLES, City Clerk
Clerk of the Council*