

# The New York City Council

*City Hall  
New York, NY 10007*



## Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 5, 2022

12:00 PM

CHARTER MEETING

HYBRID HEARING - Council Chambers - City Hall

## City Council

*Adrienne E. Adams, Speaker*

*Members: Shaun Abreu, Joann Ariola, Alexa Aviles, Diana I. Ayala, Charles Barron, Joseph C. Borelli, Erik D. Bottcher, Justin L. Brannan, Gale A. Brewer, Selvena N. Brooks-Powers, Tiffany Cabán, David M. Carr, Carmen N. De La Rosa, Eric Dinowitz, Amanda Farias, Oswald Feliz, James F. Gennaro, Jennifer Gutierrez, Shahana K. Hanif, Kamillah Hanks, Robert F. Holden, Crystal Hudson, Kristin Richardson Jordan, Rita C. Joseph, Ari Kagan, Shekar Krishnan, Linda Lee, Farah N. Louis, Christopher Marte, Darlene Mealy, Julie Menin, Francisco P. Moya, Mercedes Narcisse, Sandy Nurse, Chi A. Osse, Vickie Paladino, Keith Powers, Lincoln Restler, Kevin C. Riley, Carlina Rivera, Rafael Salamanca, Jr., Pierina Ana Sanchez, Lynn C. Schulman, Althea V. Stevens, Sandra Ung, Marjorie Velazquez, Inna Vernikov, Nantasha M. Williams, Julie Won and Kalman Yeger*

1. The City Clerk will call the Charter Meeting to order pursuant to Section 42 of the Charter.

*The City Clerk and Clerk of the Council (Mr. McSweeney) duly called this organizational Charter Meeting of January 5, 2022 to order.*

**Present:** Speaker Adams, Diana I. Ayala, Abreu, Ariola, Avilés , Barron, Borelli, Bottcher, Brannan, Brewer, Brooks-Powers, Cabán, Carr, De La Rosa, Dinowitz, Farías , Feliz, Gennaro, Gutierrez, Hanif, Hanks, Holden, Hudson, Richardson Jordan, Joseph, Kagan, Krishnan, Lee, Louis, Marte, Mealy, Menin, Moya, Narcisse, Nurse, Ossé, Paladino, Powers, Restler, Riley, Rivera, Salamanca Jr., Ana Sanchez, Schulman, Stevens, Ung, Velázquez, Vernikov, Williams, Won and Yeger

*The presence of a quorum was announced by the City Clerk and Clerk of the Council (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 ceremonial oath of office to all 51 duly elected Council Members.*

3. INVOCATION

*The Invocation was delivered by Rev. Elaine M. Flake, spiritual leader at The Greater Allen A.M.E. Cathedral of New York located at 110-31 Floyd H. Flake Boulevard, Jamaica, N.Y. 11433.*

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

*Council Member Brooks-Powers moved that the 2018-2021 Rules of the Council, as amended (including the April 22, 2020 suspension of certain in-person requirements in light of the COVID-19 pandemic) be continued and in effect until new rules shall be adopted or set rules shall be otherwise amended or modified.*

*The City Clerk (Mr. McSweeney) called for a voice-vote on the motion.*

4. M 0001-2022

**Continuation of the 2018 to 2021 Rules of the Council as amended, and including the April 22, 2020 suspension of certain in-person requirements in light of the Covid-19 pandemic.**

**Attachments:** Rules of the Council, January 5, 2022 - Charter Meeting Agenda

*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 motion for the Continuation of the Rules to be adopted.*

**A motion was made that this Communication be Approved, by Council approved by voice vote.**

*At this point, Council Member Brooks-Powers nominated Council Member Adams as the next Speaker of the Council. Council Member Brooks-Powers's motion was seconded by Council Members Ayala, Brannan, Powers, Brewer, and Moya.*

5. M 0002-2022      **The City Clerk will then open the floor for nominations for the office of Speaker of the Council of the City New York pursuant to Section 44 of the New York City Charter for the term commencing January 1, 2022 and terminating December 31, 2023.**

**Attachments:** Charter Meeting Agenda, January 5, 2022 - Charter Meeting Agenda

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

**Affirmative:** 49 - Speaker Adams, Diana I. Ayala, Abreu, Ariola, Avilés , Borelli, Bottcher, Brannan, Brewer, Brooks-Powers, Cabán, Carr, De La Rosa, Dinowitz, Farías , Feliz, Gennaro, Gutierrez, Hanif, Hanks, Holden, Hudson, Joseph, Kagan, Krishnan, Lee, Louis, Marte, Mealy, Menin, Moya, Narcisse, Nurse, Ossé, Paladino, Powers, Restler, Riley, Rivera, Salamanca Jr., Ana Sanchez, Schulman, Stevens, Ung, Velázquez, Vernikov, Williams, Won and Yeager

**Negative:** 2 - Barron and Richardson Jordan

*49 Council Members voted for Council Member Adams.*

*2 Council Members voted in the negative.*

*The City Clerk and Clerk of the Council (Mr. McSweeney) declared Council Member Adams as the duly elected Speaker of the New York City Council for the 2022-2023 term.*

*At this point, the newly elected Speaker (Council Member Adams) delivered her remarks to those assembled.*

6. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

*The Speaker (Council Member Adams) nominated the following Council Members to be on the initial organizational Committee on Rules, Privileges and Elections:*

*Council Members Brooks-Powers as Temporary Chair and Council Members Brewer, Hanks, Hudson, Joseph, Krishnan, Louis, Powers, Salamanca, Velázquez, and Won.*

M 0003-2022

**Nomination and Election of the  
Committee on Rules, Privileges and Elections****Selvena N. Brooks-Powers, Temporary Chair****Gale Brewer****Kamillah Hanks****Crystal Hudson****Rita Joseph****Shekar Krishnan****Farah Louis****Keith Powers****Rafael Salamanca****Marjorie Velázquez****Julie Won****Attachments:** January 5, 2022 - Charter Meeting Agenda**A motion was made that this Petition be Approved, by Council approved by Roll Call.****Affirmative:** 50 - Speaker Adams, Diana I. Ayala, Abreu, Ariola, Avilés , Borelli, Bottcher, Brannan, Brewer, Brooks-Powers, Cabán, Carr, De La Rosa, Dinowitz, Farías , Feliz, Gennaro, Gutierrez, Hanif, Hanks, Holden, Hudson, Richardson Jordan, Joseph, Kagan, Krishnan, Lee, Louis, Marte, Mealy, Menin, Moya, Narcisse, Nurse, Ossé, Paladino, Powers, Restler, Riley, Rivera, Salamanca Jr., Ana Sanchez, Schulman, Stevens, Ung, Velázquez, Vernikov, Williams, Won and Yeger**Abstain:** 1 - Barron

M 0004-2022

**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 Joseph C. Borelli 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 the term which commenced on January 1, 2022, effective January 5, 2022.****Signed: Joann Ariola, Joseph C. Borelli, David Carr, Vickie Paladino and Inna Vernikov****Attachments:** January 5, 2022 - Charter Meeting Agenda*During this segment of the Meeting, the newly re-designated Minority Leader (Council Member Borelli) spoke briefly to those assembled.***This Petition was Rcvd, Ord, Prnt, Fld by Council**

**M 0005-2022** 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 Inna Vernikov as Minority Whip of the Council of the City of New York, for the term which commenced on January 1, 2022, effective January 5, 2022.

**Signed: Joseph C. Borelli, Minority Leader**

Attachments: January 5, 2022 - Charter Meeting Agenda

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

**M 0006-2022** Designate and appoint Diana I. Ayala as Deputy Speaker of the Council of the City of New York, for the term which commenced on January 1, 2022, effective January 5, 2022.

Attachments: January 5, 2022 - Charter Meeting Agenda

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

**M 0007-2022** Designate and appoint Keith Powers as Majority Leader of the Council of the City of New York, for the term which commenced on January 1, 2022, effective January 5, 2022.

Attachments: January 5, 2022 - Charter Meeting Agenda

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

**M 0008-2022** Designate and appoint Selvena N. Brooks-Powers as Majority Whip of the Council of the City of New York, for the term which commenced on January 1, 2022, effective January 5, 2022.

Attachments: January 5, 2022 - Charter Meeting Agenda

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

*The Speaker (Council Member Adams) adjourned the Charter Meeting.*

*MICHAEL M. McSWEENEY, City Clerk  
Clerk of the Council*