

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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Thursday, April 11, 2024
Start: 10:33 a.m.
Recess: 10:39 a.m.

HELD AT: Council Chambers - City Hall

B E F O R E: Keith Powers, Chair

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Adrienne E. Adams
Diana I. Ayala
Joseph C. Borelli
Justin L. Brannan,
Gale A Brewer
Selvena Brooks-Powers
Amanda Farías
Crystal Hudson,
Rafael Salamanca
Pierina Ana Sanchez

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

None

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2 SERGEANT PAYTUVI: This is a microphone check for
3 the Committee on Rules, Privileges, and Elections
4 recorded on April 11, 2024 by Nazly Paytuvi located
5 in Chambers.

6 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Good morning, and welcome to
7 today's New York City Council vote for the Committee
8 on Rules, Privileges, and Elections.

9 Just as a reminder, no one may approach the dais
10 during any time of this hearing.

11 Chair, we are ready to begin.

12 CHAIRPERSON POWERS:

13 (GAVEL SOUND) (GAVELING IN)

14 Good morning, and welcome to the meeting of the
15 Committee on Rules, Privileges, and Elections; I am
16 City Council Member Keith Powers, Chair of the
17 Committee.

18 Before we begin, I would like to introduce the
19 other members of the Committee who are present:
20 Speaker Adrienne Adams, Council Member Joe Borelli,
21 Council Member Pierina Ana Sanchez, Council Member
22 Justin Brannan, Council Member Diana Ayala, Council
23 Member Gale Brewer, Council Member Amanda Fariás,
24 Council Member Crystal Hudson, and Council Member
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2 Selvena Brooks-Powers, and Council Member Rafael
3 Salamanca.

4 I would like to acknowledge the counsel to the
5 Committee Jeffrey Campagna, and the Committee staff
6 that worked on the appointments that we will hear
7 today: Pearl Moore, Ethics Counsel; Francesca
8 DellaVecchia; Director of Investigations; and Alycia
9 Vasell, Deputy Director of Investigations.

10 Today we will vote on two nominations for
11 appointment by The City Council for membership on two
12 commissions and three nominations for appointment by
13 the Mayor to two other commissions.

14 We will vote to approve Council Member Jennifer
15 Gutiérrez as the Council's representative on the New
16 York City Commission on Public Information and
17 Communication.

18 We will also hold a vote to approve the
19 reappointment of Ngozi Okaro as one of the
20 commissioners chosen by the Council to serve on the
21 New York City Equal Employment Practices Commission.

22 And we will be voting to recommend the Council to
23 grant its advice and consent regarding the proposed
24 appointments of Maria Almonte-Weston and George
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2 Goodmon to the New York City Local Conditional
3 Release Commission.

4 Lastly we will vote on the proposed appointment
5 of Andrea Bierstein to New York City Taxi and
6 Limousine Commission. Miss Bierstein's nomination is
7 made upon the recommendation of the Manhattan
8 Delegation.

9 Do the members of the Committee have any remarks
10 they would like to offer about any of these
11 candidates before we vote? Seeing none, I will now
12 call on the clerk to call the roll.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK: Good morning, William Martin,
14 Committee Clerk, rollcall vote for the Committee on
15 Rules, Privileges, and Elections; all items are
16 coupled.

17 Chair Powers?

18 CHAIRPERSON POWERS: I vote aye.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Rafael Salamanca?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Aye on all.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Ayala?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Aye

23 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Brannan?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Aye.

25 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Brooks-Powers?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: I vote aye.

3 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Brewer?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: I vote aye, but to say in
5 terms of COPIC (The New York City Commission On
6 Public Information And Communication), I am glad that
7 the Public Advocate is reinstating COPIC. I was the
8 founder of COPIC and put together the first COPIC
9 board. And I also hope that the Manhattan Delegation
10 for Taxi and Limousine Commission, the individual who
11 has been nominated, who seems really good, puts a lot
12 of time, because the Yellow Cabs are really hurting,
13 and we need some innovative ideas. I am not happy
14 that they have to pay the congestion pricing fee. I
15 fought that - we lost. So, we have to make sure that
16 their income and their survival is something that
17 should be prioritized. I vote aye.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Farías?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: I vote aye.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.

21 Council Member Hudson?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: I vote aye with the
23 exception of the two appointments to the New York
24 City Local Conditional Release Commission, for which
25 I abstain.

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2 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Council Member Sanchez?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: I vote aye.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Borelli?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: I vote aye, except for
6 the two members of the LCRC.

7 CHAIRPERSON POWERS: How do you vote on those?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: I vote no.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you, pardon me.

10 Speaker Adams?

11 SPEAKER ADAMS: I vote aye on all.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK: One moment.

13 All items have been adopted with a vote of 11 in
14 the affirmative, zero in the negative, and no
15 abstentions; with the exceptions of Preconsidered
16 Resolution in regards to Okaro and Preconsidered M in
17 relation to Goodmon, which is 10 in the affirmative,
18 one in the... one moment my apologies.

19 All items have been adopted with a vote of 11 in
20 the affirmative, 0 in the negative, and no
21 abstentions; with Preconsidered M with Almonte-Weston
22 adopted with 9 in the affirmative, 1 in the negative,
23 and one abstention. And Preconsidered M in relation
24 to Goodmon, which is 10 in the affirmative, 1 in the
25 negative, and 1 abstention.

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2 CHAIRPERSON POWERS: Thank you, Billy Martin.

3 That concludes today's business, this meeting is
4 adjourned.

5 (GAVEL SOUND) (GAVELING OUT)

6 *****TRANSCRIBER'S NOTE:**

7 **VOTE REVISION:**

8 Mayor's Message: Ms. Andrea Bierstein, New York
9 City Taxi and Limousine Commission; Resolution
10 Approving Council Member Jennifer Gutiérrez, Member
11 of the New York City Commission on Public Information
12 and Communication; Resolution Approving Ngozi Okaro,
13 Member of the New York City Equal Employment
14 Practices Commission:

15 **APPROVED: 11 AFFIRMATIVE, 0 NEGATIVE, 0**

16 **ABSTENTIONS**

17 Mayor's Message: Ms. Maria Almonte-Weston, a
18 Commissioner of the New York City Local Conditional
19 Release Commission and Mayor's Message: Mr. George
20 Goodman, a Commissioner of the New York City Local
21 Conditional Release Commission:

22 **APPROVED: 9 AFFIRMATIVE, 1 NEGATIVE, 1 ABSTENTIONS**

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C E R T I F I C A T E

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 6, 2024