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COMMITTEE ON RULES, PRIVILEGES AND ELECTIONS 1

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April 11, 2023  
Start: 10:42 a.m.  
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HELD AT: COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL

B E F O R E: Keith Powers, Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

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

2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: This is a prerecorded  
3 sound test for the Committee on Rules, Privileges and  
4 Elections. Today's date is April 11, 2023. It's being  
5 recorded by Michael Leonardo in the Council Chambers.

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

9 At this time, we ask that you silence all  
10 cell phones and electronic devices to minimize  
11 disruptions throughout the hearing. We thank you for  
12 your cooperation.

13 Chair, we are ready to begin.

14 CHAIRPERSON POWERS: [GAVEL] Good morning,  
15 everyone, and welcome to a meeting of the Committee  
16 on Rules, Privileges and Elections. I am City Council  
17 Member Keith Powers, Chair of the Rules Committee.

18 Before we begin, I'd like to introduce  
19 the Members of the Committee who are here with us  
20 today. We are joined by Council Member Justin  
21 Brannan, Council Member Gale Brewer, Council Member  
22 Selvena Brooks-Powers, Council Member Crystal Hudson,  
23 Council Member Pierina Sanchez, Speaker Adrienne  
24 Adams, and we'll be joined by Minority Leader Joseph  
25 Borelli and Council Member Rafael Salamanca shortly.

2 I'd also like to acknowledge the  
3 Committee Staff that work on the appointments that  
4 we're hearing today, Committee Counsel Jeff Campagna  
5 who can't be with us this morning but we have today's  
6 Acting Committee Counsel and our General Counsel  
7 Jason Otano, Director of Investigations Francesca  
8 Dellavecchia, and Deputy Director of Investigations  
9 Alycia Vassell, and Chief Ethics Counsel Pearl Moore.

10 Today, we're voting on four nominations  
11 submitted by the Mayor for appointment to the Board  
12 of Health. Pursuant to Section 31 of the New York  
13 City Charter and by letters dated March 3, 2023,  
14 Mayor Eric Adams requested the advice and consent of  
15 the Council regarding the appointments of Dr. Angelo  
16 Acquista, Dr. Maida Galvez, and Dr. Judith Salerno,  
17 all medical doctors, and Dr. Michael Lindsey, PhD, to  
18 the Board of Health.

19 On March 15th, this Committee held a  
20 public hearing on the nominations. We are joined by  
21 Minority Leader Joe Borelli who is bowing.

22 We will now vote to approve M130,  
23 appointment of Michael Lindsey as a member of the New  
24 York City Board of Health to serve the remainder of a  
25 six-year term that expires on May 31, 2026.

2 M131, the appointment of Angelo Acquista  
3 as a member of the New York City Board of Health to  
4 serve the remainder of a six-year term that expires  
5 on May 31, 2028.

6 M132, the appointment of Maida Galvez as  
7 a member of the New York City Board of Health to  
8 serve the remainder of a six-year term that expires  
9 on May 31, 2024.

10 M133, the appointment of Judith Salerno  
11 as a member of the New York City Board of Health to  
12 serve the remainder of a six-year term that expires  
13 on May 31, 2024.

14 I'm now going to ask the Clerk to please  
15 call the roll call.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Good  
17 morning. William Martin, Committee Clerk. Roll call  
18 vote Committee on Rules, Privileges and Elections.  
19 Items are coupled. Chair Powers.

20 CHAIRPERSON POWERS: I vote aye.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Brannan.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Aye.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Brooks-  
24 Powers.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Aye.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Brewer.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: I vote aye, and I  
4 think they're all good, great nominations. Thank you.

5 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Hudson.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: I vote aye.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Sanchez.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: I vote aye.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Borelli.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Aye.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Speaker  
12 Adams.

13 SPEAKER ADAMS: With congratulations to  
14 all of the nominees, I vote aye.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: By a vote  
16 of eight in the affirmative, zero in the negative,  
17 and no abstentions...

18 CHAIRPERSON POWERS: I'm just going to ask  
19 if we could hold open the vote.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN:  
21 Absolutely.

22 CHAIRPERSON POWERS: Okay. Thanks so much.  
23 We'll hold it open.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Vote is  
25 at eight in the affirmative.

2 Continuation roll call, Committee on  
3 Rules, Council Member Salamanca.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Aye on all.

5 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Final  
6 vote is now nine in the affirmative, zero in the  
7 negative, and no abstentions. Thank you.

8 CHAIRPERSON POWERS: Thank you. I'd like  
9 to thank everyone for being here today. This meeting  
10 is hereby adjourned. [GAVEL]

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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 April 14, 2023