

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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June 13, 2019  
Start: 11:15 a.m.  
Recess: 12:17 p.m.

HELD AT: Council Chambers - City Hall

B E F O R E: KAREN KOSLOWITZ  
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Adrienne E. Adams  
Margaret S. Chin  
Rafael L. Espinal, Jr.  
Vanessa L. Gibson  
Corey D. Johnson  
Rory I. Lancman  
Steve Matteo  
Deborah L. Rose  
Ritchie J. Torres  
Mark Trreyger

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

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2 [sound check] [background comments/pause]

3 [gavel]

4 CHAIRPERSON KOSLOWITZ: Good morning and  
5 welcome to Committee on Rules, Privileges and  
6 Elections. My name is Karen Koslowitz, and I am  
7 Chair of this committee. Before we begin this  
8 hearing, I would like to introduce the Rules  
9 Committee Council Members and additional Council  
10 Members who have joined us today. Council Member  
11 Adrienne Adams, Council Member Margaret Chin, Council  
12 Member Vanessa Gibson, Council Member Debi Rose,  
13 Council Member Rory Lancman, Council Member Mark  
14 Treyger and Council Member Matteo, and I think  
15 there's a—oh, and Council Member Andy Cohen. He—well,  
16 you joined us. You're sitting here.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: [off mic] Oh, yes.

18 CHAIRPERSON KOSLOWITZ: [coughs] Today,  
19 the Rules Committee will vote on the Preconsidered  
20 Resolution proposing certain changes to the Council's  
21 standing committee pursuant to Rule 7.000 of the  
22 Rules of the Council. Before we vote on the proposed  
23 resolution, I invite comments from our committee  
24 members. We will begin with comments. Anybody have  
25 any comments? Everybody have the list? You looked

2 through the list? Okay, speak. I encourage the  
3 members of this committee to support this resolution.

4 I will now open the floor to the Rules Committee  
5 members to be followed by comments from other  
6 colleagues in attendance for any brief comments.

7 Nobody has comments. Okay, seeing no further  
8 comments, everybody looked over this sheet of paper.

9 [background comments/pause] Okay, we're going to  
10 wait for Billy to get up here. [background

11 comments/pause] There are two new chairs. Peter Koo  
12 will be Chair of Parks and Recreation and Robert

13 Holden will be Chair of Technology. [background

14 comments/pause] Okay and Farah Louis, who is going to  
15 be a new Council Member being sworn in today, she was

16 already sworn, but she's going to be sworn in again.

17 Farah Louis will be added to Civil Service and Labor,

18 Economic Development, Education, Finance—no not—yeah,

19 Finance and the Justice system, Housing and buildings

20 and that's it. [[background comment] And Youth

21 Services. [pause] Seeing no further comments, we

22 will now take the vote on this Preconsidered

23 Resolution, which concerns amending Rule 7.00 of the

24 Rules of the Council in relation to the proposed

25 changes in membership to the standing committees and

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2 subcommittees of the Council. I'll ask for a roll  
3 call, please.

4 CLERK: William Martin, Committee Clerk-  
5 Clerk, Roll--roll call Committee on Rules. Chair  
6 Koslowitz.

7 CHAIRPERSON KOSLOWITZ: I vote aye.

8 CLERK: Gibson.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: I congratulate  
10 our chairs, Chair Peter Koo and Chair Holden and also  
11 want to welcome our new Council Member Farah Louis.  
12 I vote aye on all.

13 CLERK: Chin.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: I vote aye.

15 CLERK: Lancman.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: Aye.

17 CLERK: Rose.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Aye.

19 CLERK: Treyger.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Aye.

21 CLERK: Adams.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: Aye.

23 CLERK: Matteo.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: Aye.

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2 CLERK: By a vote of 8 in the  
3 affirmative, 0 in the negative and no abstentions,  
4 this item has been adopted by the committee.

5 [background comments/pause]

6 CHAIRPERSON KOSLOWITZ: Okay, we are  
7 going to hold the vote open due to the weather  
8 conditions, people being late. [background  
9 comments/pause]

10 CLERK: Continuation roll call, Committee  
11 on Rules, Council Member Torres.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: I vote aye on  
13 all.

14 CLERK: The vote is currently now at 9 in  
15 the affirmative. [pause] Continuation roll call,  
16 Committee on Rules. Speaker Johnson.

17 SPEAKER JOHNSON: I vote aye. Thank you  
18 all. Yeah, the Rules Committee hearing of June 13,  
19 2019 on Committee Changes is now closed. [gavel]  
20 Thank you.

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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 June 23, 2019