

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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September 17, 2015  
Start: 11:00 a.m.  
Recess: 11:14 a.m.

HELD AT: Committee Room - City Hall

B E F O R E:

BRAD S. LANDER  
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Inez E. Dickens  
Daniel R. Garodnick  
Ydanis A. Rodriguez  
Margaret S. Chin  
Deborah L. Rose  
Jumaane D. Williams  
Rafael L. Espinal, Jr.  
Mark Levine  
The Speaker (Council  
Member Mark-Viverito)  
Steven Matteo  
James G. Van Bramer  
Julissa Ferreras-Copeland

2 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Quiet please.

3 [gavel]

4 CHAIRPERSON LANDER: Good morning and  
5 welcome to the New York City Council Committee on  
6 Rules, Privileges and Elections. I'm Brad Lander,  
7 Chair of the Committee and we are resuming from  
8 recess from our prior meeting.

9 We have with us this morning members of  
10 the Committee, Council Member Margaret Chin from  
11 Manhattan, Minority Leader Steve Matteo from Staten  
12 Island, Council Member Dan Garodnick, Council Member  
13 Mark Levine, Council Member Debi Rose from Staten  
14 Island, where tonight the City Council softball team  
15 will crush the Administration's [background comments]  
16 softball team in Council Member Rose's fine district,  
17 and we'll joined by.. oh, Council Member Rodriguez and  
18 I think we'll be joined by some other members along  
19 the way.

20 Also wanna recognize and thank the  
21 Counsel of our committee, Jason Otano and the staff  
22 members who did the work on investigating and  
23 researching our nominees; Chuck Davis, the Director  
24 of Investigations, as well as Deandra Johnson.

2 We're resuming this committee meeting  
3 from recess at its prior portion; we had extensive  
4 interviews and really dialogue; a lot of members had  
5 the opportunity to ask questions and dialogue with  
6 Shampa Chanda for appointment to the New York City  
7 Board of Standards and Appeals, at the request of the  
8 Mayor; Helen Arteaga for appointment to New York City  
9 Health and Hospitals Corporation Board of Directors  
10 and Arva Rice for reappointment to the New York City  
11 Equal Employment Practices Commission; the latter two  
12 are Council appointments.

13 Just going through these things very  
14 quickly. If appointed, Ms. Chanda, a resident of  
15 Queens, will serve the remainder of a six-year term  
16 that will begin on October 7, 2015; expires on  
17 October 6, 2021. Ms. Arteaga, designated by the  
18 Council and subsequently appointed to HHC by the  
19 Mayor, she'll replace Anna Krill and be eligible to  
20 serve for the remainder of a five-year term that will  
21 expire on March 20th, 2020. And if reappointed by  
22 the Council as a member of the EEPC, Ms. Rice, a  
23 resident of Manhattan, will be eligible to serve the  
24 remainder of a four-year term that expires on June  
25 30th, 2015.

2 We had a fairly extensive hearing and  
3 most members who were here had the opportunity to ask  
4 questions of them, so we're not gonna reopen the  
5 public hearing, but if any members have questions or  
6 comments before the vote, now is that time. Seeing  
7 none, we will move forward and ask our clerk to call  
8 the roll.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK: William Martin,  
10 Committee Clerk, roll call vote Committee on Rules,  
11 Privileges and Elections; items are coupled. Chair  
12 Lander.

13 CHAIRPERSON LANDER: I vote aye on all.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK: Garodnick.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK: Rodriguez.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK: Chin.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye on all.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK: Rose.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Aye.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK: Levine.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Aye.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK: Matteo.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: Aye.

2 COMMITTEE CLERK: By a vote of 7 in the  
3 affirmative, 0 in the negative and no abstentions,  
4 items have been adopted.

5 CHAIRPERSON LANDER: We'll hold the vote  
6 open for a few minutes for other members of the  
7 committee to come and vote and I'll just note; we  
8 sort of noted this at the hearing, but I think it's  
9 worth noting; these are three highly qualified,  
10 really well-experienced individuals; nice also that  
11 they are three women of colors from diverse boroughs  
12 across the city and really bring their own expertise  
13 and the perspective of New Yorkers to this matter.  
14 So it's a good day; we welcome our Columbia  
15 journalism students who are here and also a nice  
16 group up in the balcony, but I'm not sure who you  
17 guys are, so welcome. [background comments]  
18 Tourists. Alright. [background comments, laughter]  
19 Have you been to Times Square? [laughter, background  
20 comments] Okay. With that we'll hold the vote open  
21 and the Committee... [interpose, background comment,  
22 laughter] Great. And we'll close it after the end  
23 of the vote. Alright. Thanks to all the members.  
24 Thanks to you.

25 [pause]

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK: Continuation roll call,  
3 Committee on Rules. Speaker Mark-Viverito.

4 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: I vote aye.

5 COMMITTEE CLERK: Vote now currently  
6 stands at 8 in the affirmative.

7 [background comments]

8 [pause]

9 COMMITTEE CLERK: Continuation roll call,  
10 Committee on Rules. Council Member Espinal.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: Yes.

12 [pause]

13 COMMITTEE CLERK: Final vote Committee on  
14 Rules is now... [pause] Final vote Committee on Rules  
15 now stands at 9 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative  
16 and no abstentions.

17 CHAIRPERSON LANDER: This meeting is  
18 adjourned.

19 [gavel]

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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 September 17, 2015