

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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May 28, 2025
Start: 10:29 a.m.
Recess: 10:34 a.m.

HELD AT: COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL

B E F O R E: Keith Powers, Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Adrienne Adams
Justin L. Brannan
Gale A. Brewer
Selvena N. Brooks-Powers
Amanda Farías
Crystal Hudson
Pierina Ana Sanchez

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2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Sound check for the
3 Committee on Rules, Privileges and Elections. Today's
4 date is May 28, 2025, being recorded by Danny Huang
5 in the Council Chambers.

6 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Welcome to the New York
7 City Council Committee on Rules, Privileges and
8 Elections.

9 Please place your phone on vibrate or
10 silent mode.

11 Do not approach the dais.

12 Chair, we are ready to begin.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN:
14 Sergeants, let us know when we can begin, please.

15 CHAIRPERSON POWERS: All right. [GAVEL]
16 Good morning, and welcome to the meeting of the
17 Committee on Rules, Privileges and Elections. I'm
18 Council Member Keith Powers, Chair of the Committee.
19 I'd like to introduce the other Members of this
20 Committee who are present here today. We're joined by
21 Speaker Adrienne Adams, Council Members Brannan,
22 Brewer, Hudson, Farías, Selvena Brooks-Powers, and I
23 believe we're joined by Council Member Sanchez
24 remote, and may be joined by others as we move along.

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2 I want to acknowledge the Committee
3 Counsel Jeff Campagna, and the Committee Staff that
4 worked on these appointments today, Chief Ethics
5 Counsel Pearl Moore; Director of Investigations,
6 Francesca Dellavecchia, and Deputy Director of
7 Investigations Alicia Vassell.

8 Today, we're voting on six appointments
9 for which the Mayor has requested the Council's
10 advice and consent, five for the Landmarks
11 Preservation Commission, and one for the New York
12 City Tax Commission.

13 We will be voting on the following items.
14 Pre-considered M122, a resolution to approve the
15 reappointment by the Mayor of Stephen Chu as a
16 Commissioner of the New York City Landmarks
17 Preservation Commissioner to serve the remainder of a
18 three-year term expiring on June 28, 2027.

19 A resolution to approve the appointment
20 by the Mayor of Angie Master as a Commissioner of the
21 New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission for a
22 three-year term expiring on June 28, 2027.

23 A resolution for the appointment of
24 Stephen Wilder, Commissioner of the New York City
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2 Landmarks Preservation Commissioner, to serve a
3 three-year term expiring June 28, 2027.

4 A resolution to approve the appointment
5 of Erasmus Ikpengbe, Commissioner of the New York
6 City Landmarks Preservation Commission with the
7 remainder of a three-year term expiring June 28,
8 2027.

9 And pre-considered M126, a resolution to
10 approve the appointment by the Mayor of Frank Mahan
11 as Commissioner of the New York City Landmarks
12 Preservation Commission to serve a three-year term
13 expiring June 28, 2028.

14 And we will also be voting on a
15 resolution to approve the appointment by the Mayor of
16 Robert Firestone as President of the New York City
17 Tax Commission to serve the remainder of a six-year
18 term expiring on January 6, 2026.

19 We held public hearings on these
20 nominations on April 28, 2025.

21 Any questions or comments from members
22 before we proceed?

23 Seeing none, I now call upon the Clerk to
24 call the roll.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Good
3 morning. William Martin, Committee Clerk. Roll call
4 vote Committee on Rules, Privileges and Elections.
5 All items are coupled. Chair Powers.

6 CHAIRPERSON POWERS: I vote aye.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN:
8 Salamanca.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: (INAUDIBLE)

10 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Ayala.
11 Brannan.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Aye.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Brooks-
14 Powers.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: I vote aye.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Brewer.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: I'm abstaining on
18 Wilder, Ikpemgme, and Mahan. I vote aye on the others
19 because we did not have a full discussion when we had
20 our previous meeting. They weren't asked any
21 questions. It is the Landmarks Preservation
22 Commission. I've probably testified before it more
23 than anybody else here, and I happen to have sat at
24 dinner with a couple of these recently, and I think
25 that the Save Harlem Now folks, my friends, will make

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2 sure that they do pay attention to preservation, but
3 we don't have enough background to know that so I am
4 abstaining on those three, hoping that Harlem's
5 groups will make sure that they are preservationists.
6 Thank you.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Farías.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: I vote aye.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Hudson.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Aye.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Sanchez.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Aye.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank

14 you. Speaker Adams.

15 SPEAKER ADAMS: Aye.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank

17 you. One moment. Following results, M122, M123, and
18 M127 are adopted by the Committee with eight in the
19 affirmative, zero in the negative, and no
20 abstentions. And M124, 125, and 126 have been adopted
21 by the Committee with seven in the affirmative, zero
22 in the negative, and one abstention.

23 CHAIRPERSON POWERS: Thank you. The
24 meeting of the Committee on Rules, Privileges and
25 Elections is hereby adjourned. [GAVEL]

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 July 10, 2025