

COMMITTEE ON MENTAL HEALTH, DISABILITIES, AND
ADDICTION

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

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December 21, 2022
Start: 11:15 a.m.
Recess: 11:23 a.m.

HELD AT: COMMITTEE ROOM - CITY HALL

B E F O R E: Linda Lee, Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Shaun Abreu
Diana Ayala
Erik D. Bottcher
Tiffany Caban
Shahana K. Hanif
Nantasha M. Williams

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3 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS PATUVI: This is a
4 microphone check for the Committee on Mental Health,
5 Districts, and Addiction located in the Committee
6 Room, recorded on December 21, 2022, by Nazli Patuvi
7 (phonetic).

8 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Good morning and
9 welcome to the Committee on Mental Health, Districts,
10 and Addiction. At this time, we ask that you please
11 silence or vibrate your phone. Thank you.

12 Chair, we are ready to begin.

13 CHAIRPERSON LEE: Great. [GAVEL] Good
14 morning, Colleagues. Today, it is my honor to discuss
15 two pieces of disabilities-related legislation.

16 The first bill, Proposed Intro 681-A
17 would codify New York City At Work, a workforce
18 development program within the Mayor's Office for
19 Persons with Districts, that provides resources and
20 direct support to jobseekers and employers for the
21 purpose of promoting employment to people with
22 districts. This bill would require the Department of
23 Small Business Services, the Mayor's Office of Talent
24 and Workforce Development, and MOPED to maintain an
25 online portal connecting persons with disabilities to
employment opportunities and also work individually

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2 in supporting people with disabilities and provide
3 direct support to employers on making accommodations
4 for their workplace.

5 The next bill, Proposed Intro 682-A,
6 would require the Mayor's Office for People with
7 Districts to collect five-year accessibility plans
8 from each New York City department, office, and
9 agency. These plans would collect information about
10 the accessibility of our city's workplaces, services,
11 programs, and activities and information regarding
12 any ongoing projects and projects planned over the
13 next five years that will help transform our city's
14 facilities and make them more accessible for all New
15 Yorkers.

16 As a social worker formerly from the non-
17 profit sector and now as Chair of the Mental Health,
18 Disabilities, and Addictions Committee, I've seen how
19 the pandemic has disproportionately affected the
20 nearly 1 million New Yorkers with disabilities. This
21 legislation is about making good on the promise of
22 equal access while helping the city on its economic
23 road to recovery. I hope that you will all join me in
24 this fight.

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2 Clerk, we are ready to begin the roll
3 call vote.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Good
5 morning. William Martin, Committee Clerk. Roll call
6 vote Committee on Mental Health, Disabilities, and
7 Addiction. Both items are coupled. Chair Lee.

8 CHAIRPERSON LEE: Aye on all.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Ayala.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Aye on all.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Abreu.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Aye on all.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Caban.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER CABAN: Aye on all.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Bottcher.

16 Hanif.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Aye on all.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Mealy.

19 Williams.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Aye on all.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank
22 you, Council Member. Paladino. By a vote of six in
23 the affirmative, zero in the negative, and no
24 abstentions, both items have been adopted by the
25 Committee.

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2 (INAUDIBLE) vote recorded. Thank you very
3 much, Council Member.

4 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Bottcher is here. We're
5 going to close right after Billy calls the roll.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN:
7 Continuation roll call, Committee on Mental Health.
8 Council Member Bottcher.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHEER: I vote aye.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank
11 you. The vote is now seven in the affirmative, zero
12 in the negative, and no abstentions.

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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 December 27, 2022