

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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October 30, 2019
Start: 11:07 a.m.
Recess: 11:49 a.m.

HELD AT: Committee Room - City Hall

B E F O R E: KAREN KOSLOWITZ
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Margaret S. Chin
Helen Rosenthal
Vanessa L. Gibson
Corey Johnson
Ritchie J. Torres
Rory I. Lancman
Adrienne E. Adams
Rafael L. Espinal Jr.
Mark Treyger
Deborah Rose
Steven Matteo

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

[background comments]

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Microphone check.

Today's date is October 30th, 2019. Committee on Rules, Privileges, and Elections being recorded by John Biondo [sp?] in the City Hall Committee Room.

CHAIRPERSON KOSLOWITZ: Oh. Okay. All right.

[gavel]

CHAIRPERSON KOSLOWITZ: Called meeting on Rules, Privileges, and Elections to order. My name is Karen Koslowitz and I am Chair of the Committee on Rules, Privileges, and Election. Before we begin this hearing, I would like to introduce the Council members of this committee who have joined us today. We have Council member Mark Treyger, Council member Margaret Chin, Majority-- Minority Leader Steve Matteo. Maybe one day. Council member Rory Lancman and Council member Adrienne Adams and Council member Vanessa Gibson who is outside now on the phone. I would also like to acknowledge Rules Committee Council Lance Polivy [sp?] and the staff members of the Council's Investigative Unit, Chuck Davis, Chief Compliance Officer and Investigators Andre Johnson Brown, Alicia Vesel [sp?], and Julius Carranza.

Today, the Rules Committee will consider two matters. First, dissolving the standing Committee on Juvenile Justice and transferring its jurisdiction to the standing Committee on the Justice System. And second, changes to the membership of certain standing committee. Pursuant to Rule 10.20 of the Rules of the City Council, the Committee on Rules, Privileges, and Elections can amend a rule of the Council with a later vote of the majority of all Council members. First, pre-considered resolution 1142 would amend Rule 7.00 by dissolving the Committee on Juvenile Justice and transferring its jurisdiction to the Committee on the Justice System. The Chairperson of this standing Committee was removed by a two-thirds vote of all members of the City Council of October 28th, 2019. This rule change requires a majority vote of all members of the Committee of Rules, Privileges, and Elections pursuant to Rule 7.70 and a majority vote of all Council members pursuant to Rule 10.2.

Today's second pre-considered resolution pursuant to that same power amends Rules 7.00 by changing the membership of certain standing committees as detailed in pre-considered resolution

1141. This rule change, similarly, requires a majority vote of all members of the Committee of Rules, Privileges, and Elections pursuant to rule 7.70 and a majority vote of Council members pursuant to Rule 10.20. I don't believe there is anybody here from the public to make any comments and, if you have a written statement, please provide a copy to the Sergeant-at-arms. Before we vote, I'm going to say the changes of all committees. Civil Service and Labor, we are removing Andy King and replacing Helen Rosenthal. Civil and Human Rights Inez Barron will be a member and Rodriguez-- Ydanis Rodriguez is being removed. Criminal Justice, Levine and Richards are being removed from the committee that has been removed. Cultural Affairs, Council member Karen Koslowitz will be removed and replaced by Mark Gjonaj. Education, Miller will be on Education and King is being removed. Finance will be Koslowitz. General Welfare will be Holden. Immigration, we're removing Miller and Gjonaj. Land Use, we are removing King. Parks and Recreation, replacing Mark Levine and removing King. Small Business, Ydanis Rodriguez is joining and Danny Dromm is coming off. State and Federal Legislation, Danny Dromm is going

on and King is being removed. Transportation, we're adding Andy Cohen and Youth Services is going to be Bill Perkins and we're removing Andy King. Unless any members have further questions or comments, I will now call upon the clerk to take the vote regarding these matters.

COMMITTEE CLERK: William Martin, Committee Clerk, roll call vote. Committee on Rules, Privileges, and Elections. Both items are coupled. Chair Koslowitz?

CHAIRPERSON KOSLOWITZ: I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Gibson? Chin?

COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Lancmann?

COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMANN: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Treyger?

COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Adams?

COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Matteo?

COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: [inaudible

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COMMITTEE CLERK: By a vote of six in the affirmative, zero in the negative, and no

abstentions, both items have been adopted by the Committee.

CHAIRPERSON KOSLOWITZ: Okay. We're going to hold to vote open.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Council member Gibson?

COUNCIL MEMBER: I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Continuation roll call. Committee on Rules. Council member Espinal?

COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Continuation roll call. Committee on Rules. Speaker Johnson.

SPEAKER JOHNSON: I vote aye on all.

Thank you, Chair Koslowitz.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Continuation roll call. Committee on Rules. Council member Torres.

COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Final vote, Committee on Rules. All items have been adopted by the Committee. 10 in the affirmative, zero in the negative, and no abstentions.

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 November 1, 2019