

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 26, 2015  
Start: 11:55 a.m.  
Recess: 12:17 p.m.

HELD AT: Committee Room - City Hall

B E F O R E:

BRAD S. LANDER  
Chairperson

MARGARET S. CHIN  
Acting Chairperson

MELISSA MARK-VIVERITO  
Speaker for the Council

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 L. Levine  
Vincent M. Ignizio

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

2 CHAIRPERSON CHIN: Okay, we're going to  
3 start. [background comments] Good morning and  
4 welcome to the Committee on Rules, Privileges and  
5 Elections. My name is Margaret Chin and I will be  
6 chairing this committee in place of Council Member  
7 Brad Lander. Before we begin, I would like to  
8 introduce the other members of this committee who are  
9 present, Council Member Dan Garodnick from Manhattan;  
10 Council Member Ydanis Rodriguez from Manhattan;  
11 Council Member Debbie Rose from Staten Island,  
12 Council Member Rafael Espinal of Brooklyn, and  
13 Council Member Vincent Ignizio from Staten Island;  
14 and Council Member Mark Levine of Manhattan. I would  
15 also like to thank our committee's attorney, Jason  
16 Otano for his work on this hearing.

17 Today, the Rules Committee will consider  
18 a resolution to amend Rule 7.00 of the Rules of the  
19 Council and recommend the proposed changes in  
20 membership to certain standing committees,  
21 subcommittees, chairs and corresponding allowances as  
22 set forth in the preconsidered resolution. I would  
23 like to invite members at this time to comment if  
24 they wish. Any comment will be limited to a maximum  
25 of two minutes. Are there any members who wish to

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2 comment on information as listed in the Committee  
3 Report? Seeing none, okay. As there are no further  
4 comments, we will now take a vote on the  
5 preconsidered resolution regarding the amendment to  
6 Rule 700 of the Rules of the Council in relation to  
7 changes in committee jurisdiction, the creation of a  
8 new committee chairs and membership, the creation of  
9 a subcommittee and allowances. Thank you. Can the  
10 committee call the--call the vote?

11 CLERK: William Martin, Committee Clerk  
12 roll call vote Committee on Rules, Privileges and  
13 Elections in relation the preconsidered resolution.  
14 Council Member Chin.

15 CHAIRPERSON CHIN: I vote aye.

16 CLERK: Garodnick.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: [off mic] I  
18 vote aye. [sic]

19 CLERK: Rose.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Aye.

21 CLERK: Espinal.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: Aye.

23 CLERK: Levine.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Aye.

25 CLERK: Ignizio.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: yes.

3 CLERK: By a vote of 6 in the  
4 affirmative, 0 in the negative and no abstentions,  
5 this item has been adopted.

6 CHAIRPERSON CHIN: Thank you. This  
7 Committee on Rules, Privileges and Elections is now  
8 adjourned. Thank you. [gavel]

9 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: [off mic] We're  
10 keeping it open. We're keeping it open for a bit.

11 CHAIRPERSON CHIN: Oh, sorry.

12 [background comments, pause]

13 CLERK: Committee on Rules, Speaker Mark-  
14 Viverito.

15 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: I vote aye.

16 CLERK: The vote now stands at 7.

17 [background comments, pause]

18 CLERK: Committee on Rules. Council  
19 Member Williams.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Aye.

21 CLERK: The vote is now 8 in the  
22 affirmative.

23 [pause]

24 CLERK: Council Member Rodriguez.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

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2 CLERK: Final vote in Committee on Rules  
3 is now 9 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative and no  
4 abstentions.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: This meeting  
6 is adjourned.

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Date July 3, 2015