

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

COMMITTEE ON RULES, PRIVILEGES & ELECTIONS

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October 23, 2008
Start: 11:16am
Recess: 11:221am

HELD AT: Council Chambers
City Hall

B E F O R E:
DIANA REYNA
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
Maria Baez
Inez E. Dickens
Daniel R. Garodnick
David I. Weprin
Leroy G. Comrie, Jr.
Vincent J. Gentile
Robert Jackson
Erik Martin Dilan
Joel Rivera
James S. Oddo
Lewis A. Fidler
Christine C. Quinn
Melinda R. Katz

A P P E A R A N C E S

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Kendall Stewart

G. Oliver Koppell

2 CHAIRPERSON REYNA: Good morning.

3 And, welcome to the Committee on Rules, Privileges
4 & Elections. My name is Diana Reyna. And, I am
5 Chair of this Committee. Before we begin, I'd
6 like to introduce members of this Committee and
7 others who are present. We have Maria Baez,
8 Council Member Maria Baez from the Bronx, Council
9 Member Inez Dickens from Manhattan, Council Member
10 Daniel Garodnick from Manhattan, Council Member
11 David Weprin from Queens, Council Member Leroy
12 Comrie from Queens, Council Member Kendall Stewart
13 from Brooklyn, Council Member Vinnie Gentile from
14 Brooklyn and Council Member Robert Jackson from
15 Manhattan. We have been joined by Council Member
16 Erik Dilan, who has stepped out, and Council
17 Member Oliver Koppell.

18 On October 7th, this Committee voted
19 to appoint Jose Araujo to the Board of Elections
20 as the Democratic Commissioner from Queens County
21 for the remainder of a four-year term ending
22 December 31st, 2008. Today we will consider
23 appointing Mr. Araujo to a four-year term that
24 begins on January 1st, 2009 and ends on
25 December 31st, 2012. For the record, his

2 certificate for party recommendation for this
3 additional term was properly formatted and
4 submitted. Mr. Araujo will not be here with us at
5 this particular Committee hearing. He was here
6 two weeks ago for his initial appointment that
7 will end this year, December 31st, 2008.

8 We will take any questions from
9 Committee members. Seeing none, we will have a
10 roll call for a vote.

11 MALE VOICE: Reyna.

12 CHAIRPERSON REYNA: Aye.

13 MALE VOICE: Baez.

14 [Off-mic]

15 MALE VOICE: Rivera.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote aye.

17 MALE VOICE: Comrie.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Aye.

19 MALE VOICE: Dilan.

20 [No response]

21 MALE VOICE: Jackson.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Aye.

23 MALE VOICE: Weprin.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Aye.

25 MALE VOICE: Gentile.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Aye.

3 MALE VOICE: Dickens.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Aye.

5 MALE VOICE: Garodnick.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.

7 MALE VOICE: Oddo.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: Yes.

9 CHAIRPERSON REYNA: We've been

10 joined by--

11 MALE VOICE: Fidler. Sorry.

12 CHAIRPERSON REYNA: Go ahead.

13 MALE VOICE: Councilman Fidler.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Aye.

15 MALE VOICE: Okay. Vote now stands

16 at 11 in the affirmative, no negatives, zero

17 abstention, motion carries.

18 Speaker Quinn.

19 SPEAKER QUINN: Aye.

20 MALE VOICE: Vote now stands at 12

21 in the affirmative, no negatives, zero

22 abstentions.

23 Councilman Dilan.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER DILAN: I vote aye.

25 MALE VOICE: Vote now stands at 13

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2 in affirmative, no negative, zero abstentions.
3 CHAIRPERSON REYNA: This meeting is
4 adjourned. Thank you. This Committee on Rules,
5 Privileges & Elections is reopened.
6 MALE VOICE: Councilwoman Katz.
7 Yes.
8 COUNCIL MEMBER KATZ: Aye.
9 MALE VOICE: Okay. Vote now stands
10 at 14 in the affirmative, no negative, zero
11 abstentions.
12 CHAIRPERSON REYNA: Adjourned.
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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, DeeDee E. Tataseo certify that the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceedings. I further certify that I am not related to any of the parties to this action by blood or marriage, and that I am in no way interested in the outcome of this matter.

Signature

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "DeeDee E. Tataseo". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Date October 30, 2008