

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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December 19, 2019

Start: 11:13 AM

Recess: 11:40 AM

HELD AT: COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL

B E F O R E: KAREN KOSLOWITZ  
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Adrienne E. Adams  
Margaret S. Chin  
Rafael L. Espinal, Jr.  
Vanessa L. Gibson  
Corey D. Johnson  
Rory L. Lancman  
Steven Matteo  
Deborah L. Rose  
Ritchie J. Torres  
Mark Treyger

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

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2 (sound check) (pause)

3 CHAIRPERSON KOSLOWITZ: Council Member

4 Adrienne Adams, Council Member Vanessa Gibson,  
5 Council Member Deborah Rose, and Council Member Mark  
6 Treyger, and we will have the other Council Members  
7 joining us, Margaret Chin. Council Member Margaret  
8 Chin has joined us, and I would also like to  
9 acknowledge Rules Committee Counsel Lance and the  
10 staff members of the Council's Investigative Unit  
11 Chuck Davis, Chief Compliance Officer, and Andre  
12 Johnson-Brown, Alicia Vassell (sp?) and Julius  
13 Coranda, Investigator. On Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup>,  
14 five nominees appeared before this committee:  
15 Kenneth Knuckles, City Planning Commission; Frances  
16 Henn, and Thomas Nichols, Tax Commission; and  
17 Christopher Bastardi, and Melanie Kravelis, Youth  
18 Board. Each of these nominees provided testimony and  
19 fielded questions from the Committee. Today, the  
20 Rules Committee will vote on their nomination if the  
21 Council gives it's advice and consent. Kenneth  
22 Knuckles a Bronx resident will be reappointed to the  
23 City Planning Commission, and will serve the  
24 remainder of a five-year term that expires on June  
25 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Frances Henn, a Queens resident will be

2 appointed President of the New York City Tax  
3 Commission for a six-year term that begins on January  
4 7, 2020 and expires on January 6, 2026. Thomas  
5 Nichols, a Staten Island resident will be appointed  
6 to the New York City Tax Commission for a six-year  
7 term that begins on January 7, 2020 and expires on  
8 January 6, 2026. Christopher Bastardi, a Manhattan  
9 resident will be recommended by the Council for  
10 appointment to the Youth Board for an undefined term.  
11 Melanie Kravelis, a Brooklyn resident will be  
12 recommended by the Council for appointment to the  
13 Youth Board for an undefined term. Unless any  
14 members have further questions or comments, I will  
15 now call upon the Clerk to take the vote. Any  
16 comments? Seeing none, we'll take the roll call.

17 CLERK: William Martin, Committee Clerk,  
18 roll call vote Committee on Rules. All items are  
19 coupled. Chair Koslowitz.

20 CHAIRPERSON KOSLOWITZ: I vote aye.

21 CLERK: Gibson.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: I vote aye.

23 CLERK: Chin.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: I vote aye.

25 CLERK: Rose.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Aye.

3 CLERK: Torres.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: I vote aye.

5 CLERK: Treyger.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Aye.

7 CLERK: Adams.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: Aye.

9 CLERK: Matteo.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: Aye.

11 CLERK: By a vote of 8 in the  
12 affirmative, zero in the negative and no abstentions,  
13 all items have been adopted by the Committee.

14 CHAIRPERSON KOSLOWITZ: We are going to  
15 hold the vote open for another 15 minutes. (pause)

16 CLERK: Continuation roll call Committee  
17 on Rules, Council Member Espinal.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: I vote aye.

19 CLERK: The vote is currently at 9.  
20 (pause) Continuation roll call Committee on Rules,  
21 Council Member Lancman.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: Aye.

23 CLERK: The vote is currently at 10 in  
24 the affirmative. (pause) Continuation roll,  
25 Committee on Rules, Speaker Johnson.

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2 SPEAKER JOHNSON: I vote aye on all.

3 Thank you, Chair Koslowitz.

4 CLERK: Final vote Committee on rules,  
5 all items have been adopted by the committee 11 in  
6 the affirmative, 0 in the negative and no  
7 abstentions. Council Member Koslowitz?

8 CHAIRPERSON KOSLOWITZ: This meeting is  
9 (gavel) adjourned.

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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 December 30, 2019