

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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February 8, 2024
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HELD AT: COMMITTEE ROOM - CITY HALL

B E F O R E: Justin L. Brannan, Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Diana Ayala
Gale A. Brewer
Selvena N. Brooks-Powers
David M. Carr
Amanda Farías
Kamillah Hanks
Crystal Hudson
Farrah N. Louis
Francisco P. Moya
Chi A. Ossé
Keith Powers
Yusef Salaam
Pierina Ana Sanchez
Althea V. Stevens
Nantasha M. Williams
Julie Won

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2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Good morning. This is a
3 microphone check for the Committee on Finance.
4 Today's date is February 8, 2024, located in the
5 Committee Room, recording done by Pedro Lugo.

6 Good morning. Can everybody settle down,
7 please?

8 Good morning and welcome to the New York
9 City Council vote of the Committee on Finance.

10 At this time, can everybody please
11 silence your cell phones.

12 Thank you for your cooperation.

13 Chair, we are ready to begin.

14 CHAIRPERSON BRANNAN: Thank you. Good
15 morning. Welcome to today's Finance Committee
16 meeting. I'm Council Member Justin Brannan. I have
17 the privilege of Chairing the Committee on Finance.

18 We've been joined this morning by my
19 Colleagues, Council Members Won, we have Moya on
20 Zoom, we have Council Members Louis, Brooks-Powers,
21 Hanks, Williams, Sanchez, Ayala, Powers, Salaam,
22 Ossé, Hudson, Farías, Stevens, and Carr, and I said
23 Moya on Zoom.

24 Today, the Committee will be voting on
25 one item, a Transparency Resolution. The Transparency

2 Resolution sets forth the new designation and changes
3 in the designation of certain organizations receiving
4 local aging and youth discretionary funding and
5 funding pursuant to certain initiatives in the
6 budget.

7 As with all transparency resolutions,
8 Council Members will have to sign a disclosure form
9 indicating whether or not a conflict exists with any
10 of the groups on the attached. If any Council Member
11 has a potential conflict of interest with any of the
12 organizations, they have the opportunity to disclose
13 the conflict at the time of their vote. As a
14 reminder, please disclose any conflicts you may have
15 with proposed subcontractors used by organizations
16 sponsored by discretionary funding. These disclosures
17 must be made before the subcontractor can be
18 approved. Disclosure forms must be completed and
19 submitted prior to the vote on the Transparency
20 Resolution and may be emailed to Everton Smith who is
21 also present today in the Chambers to answer your
22 questions.

23 Are there any comments or questions from
24 my Colleagues on any of these items?

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2 Seeing none, I am now going to ask Billy
3 Martin, I'm so glad he's back, decided to rejoin us,
4 the Committee Clerk to call the roll.

5 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank
6 you. I'm here for you.

7 Good morning. William Martin, Committee
8 Clerk. Roll call vote Committee on Finance,
9 Preconsidered Resolution. Chair Brannan.

10 CHAIRPERSON BRANNAN: I vote aye.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Ayala.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Aye.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Moya.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: I vote aye.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank
16 you. Powers.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: I vote aye.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Louis.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: I vote aye, and I'd
20 like to state for the record my sister is a student
21 at CUNY and my other sister is an employee of BHRAGS
22 Home Care Services.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank
24 you. Brooks-Powers.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: I vote aye.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Brewer.
3 Farías.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: I'd like to
5 disclose that my parent is an employee at NYU Langone
6 that may be within this Transparency Resolution and
7 disclosure, and I vote aye on all.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Hanks.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: I vote aye on all.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Hudson.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: I vote aye.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Ossé.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: I vote aye.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Sanchez.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: I'd like to
16 disclose on the record that my sibling is an employee
17 at CUNY, and I vote aye.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Stevens.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: I would like to
20 disclose for the record that my daughter is a student
21 at CUNY and she also works at Presbyterian Columbian
22 Hospital, and I vote aye on all.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Williams.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Hello. I'm still
25 a student at CUNY for the record, and I vote aye.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Won.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Aye.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Salaam.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: I vote aye.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Carr.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: I'd like to disclose

8 for the record that my husband is a student at CUNY

9 and we're funding CUNY in this Transparency

10 Resolution, and I vote aye.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: With a

12 vote of 16 in the affirmative, zero in the negative,

13 and no abstentions, item is adopted by the Committee.

14 CHAIRPERSON BRANNAN: Okay, you guys can

15 go.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Good

17 morning. Continuation roll call, Committee on

18 Finance. Council Member Brewer.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: I vote aye, and I

20 teach at Hunter College if that's relevant. Thank

21 you.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank

23 you.

24 Final vote is now 17 in the affirmative,

25 zero in the negative, and no abstentions.

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2 Council Member Williams to close.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: This Committee
4 is hereby adjourned. [GAVEL]

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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 February 13, 2024