

1 COMMITTEE ON RULES, PRIVILEGES, AND ELECTIONS 1

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10 December 21, 2022
11 Start: 10:30 a.m.
12 Recess: 10:33 a.m.

13 HELD AT: COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL

14 B E F O R E: Keith Powers, Chairperson

15 COUNCIL MEMBERS:

16 Adrienne E. Adams, Speaker
17 Justin L. Brannan
18 Gale Brewer
19 Selvena N. Brooks-Power
20 Crystal Hudson
21 Rafael Salamanca
22 Pierina Ana Sanchez
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2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: This is a soundcheck
3 for the Committee on Rules, Privileges, and
4 Elections. Today's date is December 21, 2022, being
5 recorded by Danny Huang (phonetic) in the Chambers.

6 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Good morning, everyone,
7 and welcome to today's New York City Council hearing
8 of the Committee on Rules, Privileges, and Elections.

9 Everyone, place all electronic devices to
10 vibrate or silent mode. Thank you for your
11 cooperation.

12 Chair Powers, we are ready to begin.

13 CHAIRPERSON POWERS: [GAVEL] Good morning
14 and welcome to the meeting of the Committee on Rules,
15 Privileges, and Elections. I'm Council Member Keith
16 Powers, Chair of the Committee.

17 Before we begin, I'd like to introduce
18 the other Members of the Committee who are present
19 with us here today, Speaker Adrienne Adams, Council
20 Member Justin Brannan, Council Member Gale Brewer,
21 Council Member Selvena Brooks-Powers, Council Member
22 Crystal Hudson, Council Member Pierina Sanchez, and I
23 believe we may be joined by others shortly.

24 I'd also like to acknowledge the
25 Committee Counsel Jeff Campagna and the Committee

2 staff who worked on the appointments that we are
3 voting on today. I want to thank Director of
4 Investigations Francesca Della Vecchia, Deputy
5 Director of Investigations Alycia Vassell, and
6 Investigator Ramses Boutin.

7 Today, we'll be voting on the nominations
8 of Isabel Castilla and James Van Bramer for
9 appointment to the New York City Public Design
10 Commission.

11 Before we open up the vote, I wanted to
12 see if we have questions or comments about the
13 nominees.

14 Seeing none, I'm going to call on the
15 Clerk to take a roll call vote on all items before
16 the Committee today.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Good
18 morning. William Martin, Committee Clerk. Roll call
19 vote, Committee on Rules, Privileges, and Elections
20 on M101 and 102. Items are coupled. Chair Powers.

21 CHAIRPERSON POWERS: I'm voting aye, and I
22 just want to say congratulations to my former
23 colleague and friend who I believe is watching here
24 today, Jimmy Van Bramer, on his nomination, and we
25 know he's going to do us proud, and I want to

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2 congratulate him and his partner, Dan, on the
3 appointment here today.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN:
5 Salamanca.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Aye on all.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank
8 you. Brannan.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Aye.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Brooks-
11 Powers.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Aye on all.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Brewer.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Aye on all, and
15 I'm glad about our former colleague, but I'm
16 particularly impressed with Isabel Castillo, and it's
17 an important appointment for the PDC. Thank you very
18 much. I vote aye.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank
20 you. Hudson.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Aye on all.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Sanchez.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Aye on all.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank
25 you. Borelli. Speaker Adams.

2 SPEAKER ADAMS: Congratulating both of the
3 candidates, especially our former colleague and my
4 fellow Borough of Queens resident, Jimmy Van Bramer,
5 I vote aye on all.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank
7 you. By a vote of eight in the affirmative, zero in
8 the negative, and no abstentions, both items have
9 been adopted by the Committee.

10 CHAIRPERSON POWERS: Thank you. I want to
11 apologize. I forgot to acknowledge Council Member
12 Salamanca as well. That concludes today's business.
13 Happy holidays to all, and this meeting is hereby
14 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 December 27, 2022