

The New York City Council

*City Hall
New York, NY 10007*



Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 7, 2026

12:00 PM

CHARTER MEETING

Council Chambers - City Hall

City Council

Julie Menin, Speaker

Members: Shaun Abreu, Shirley Aldebol, Joann Ariola, Alexa Avilés, Chris Banks, Erik D. Bottcher, Gale A. Brewer, Selvena N. Brooks-Powers, Tiffany L. Cabán, David M. Carr, Carmen N. De La Rosa, Eric Dinowitz, Elsie Encarnacion, Harvey D. Epstein, Amanda C. Farias, Simcha Felder, Oswald J. Feliz, James F. Gennaro, Jennifer Gutiérrez, Shahana K. Hanif, Ty Hankerson, Kamillah M. Hanks, Crystal Hudson, Rita C. Joseph, Shekar Krishnan, Linda Lee, Farah N. Louis, Virginia Maloney, Christopher Marte, Darlene Mealy, Frank Morano, Mercedes Narcisse, Sandy Nurse, Chi A. Ossé, Vickie Paladino, Lincoln Restler, Kevin C. Riley, Yusef Salaam, Pierina A. Sanchez, Justin E. Sanchez, Kayla Santosuosso, Lynn C. Schulman, Althea V. Stevens, Shanel Thomas-Henry, Sandra Ung, Inna Vernikov, Nantasha M. Williams, Julie Won, Phil Wong and Susan Zhuang

The City Clerk and Clerk of the Council (Mr. McSweeney) duly called this organizational Charter Meeting of Wednesday, January 7, 2025 to order pursuant to Section 42 of the Charter of the City of New York.

The City Clerk (Mr. McSweeney) served as the acting presiding officer for these proceedings.

The presence of a quorum was announced by the City Clerk and Clerk of the Council (Mr. McSweeney).

Present: Speaker Menin, Abreu, Aldebol, Ariola, Avilés, Banks, Bottcher, Brewer, Brooks-Powers, Cabán, Carr, De La Rosa, Dinowitz, Encarnacion, Epstein, Fariás, Felder, Feliz, Gennaro, Gutiérrez, Hanif, Hankerson, Hanks, Hudson, Joseph, Krishnan, Lee, Louis, Maloney, Marte, Mealy, Morano, Narcisse, Nurse, Ossé, Paladino, Restler, Riley, Salaam, Sanchez, J. Sanchez, Santosuosso, Schulman, Stevens, Thomas-Henry, Ung, Vernikov, Williams, Won, Wong and Zhuang

New York State Attorney General Letitia James delivered the ceremonial oath of office to all duly elected Council Members assembled.

3. Invocation

The Invocation was delivered by Rabbi Joseph Potasnik, Executive Vice-President of the New York Board of Rabbis, 420 Lexington Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10170.

Council Member Virginia Maloney moved to spread the Invocation in full upon the Record.

4. **M 0001-2026**

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Council Member Ung moved to adopt M-1 of 2026 in regard to the Continuation of the 2024-2025 Rules of the Council, As Amended.

The City Clerk (Mr. McSweeney) called for a voice-vote on Council Member Ung's motion.

Hearing no objections, the City Clerk (Mr. McSweeney) declared M-1 of 2026 to be adopted.

A motion was made that this Communication be Approved, by Council approved by voice vote.

At this point, Council Member Riley moved to nominate Council Member Menin as the next Speaker of the Council. Council Member Riley's motion was seconded by Council Members Abreu, Louis, Lee, Hanks, Krishnan, and Dinowitz.

51 Council Members voted to elect Council Member Menin.

The City Clerk and Clerk of the Council (Mr. McSweeney) declared Council Member Menin as the duly elected Speaker of the New York City Council for the 2026-2029 term.

5. **M 0002-2026**

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A motion was made that this Communication be Approved, by Council approved by Roll Call.

Affirmative: 51 - Speaker Menin, Abreu, Aldebol, Ariola, Avilés, Banks, Bottcher, Brewer, Brooks-Powers, Cabán, Carr, De La Rosa, Dinowitz, Encarnacion, Epstein, Farías, Felder, Feliz, Gennaro, Gutiérrez, Hanif, Hankerson, Hanks, Hudson, Joseph, Krishnan, Lee, Louis, Maloney, Marte, Mealy, Morano, Narcisse, Nurse, Ossé, Paladino, Restler, Riley, Salaam, Sanchez, J. Sanchez, Santosuosso, Schulman, Stevens, Thomas-Henry, Ung, Vernikov, Williams, Won, Wong and Zhuang

M 0003-2026

Attachments: Mayor's Veto Message, January 7, 2026 - Charter Meeting Agenda

This Mayor's Message was Referred to Comm by Council to the Committee on Public Safety

M 0004-2026

Attachments: Mayor's Veto Message, January 7, 2026 - Charter Meeting Agenda

This Mayor's Message was Referred to Comm by Council to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

M 0005-2026

Attachments: Mayor's Veto Message, January 7, 2026 - Charter Meeting Agenda

This Mayor's Message was Referred to Comm by Council to the Committee on Consumer and Worker Protection

M 0006-2026

Attachments: Mayor's Veto Message, January 7, 2026 - Charter Meeting Agenda

This Mayor's Message was Referred to Comm by Council to the Committee on Consumer and Worker Protection

M 0007-2026

Attachments: Mayor's Veto Message, January 7, 2026 - Charter Meeting Agenda

This Mayor's Message was Referred to Comm by Council to the Committee on Contracts

M 0008-2026

Attachments: Mayor's Veto Message, January 7, 2026 - Charter Meeting Agenda

This Mayor's Message was Referred to Comm by Council to the Committee on Finance

M 0009-2026

Attachments: Mayor's Veto Message, January 7, 2026 - Charter Meeting Agenda

This Mayor's Message was Referred to Comm by Council to the Committee on Housing and Buildings

M 0010-2026

Attachments: Mayor's Veto Message, January 7, 2026 - Charter Meeting Agenda

This Mayor's Message was Referred to Comm by Council to the Committee on Land Use

M 0011-2026

Attachments: Mayor's Veto Message, January 7, 2026 - Charter Meeting Agenda

This Mayor's Message was Referred to Comm by Council to the Committee on Housing and Buildings

M 0012-2026

Attachments: Mayor's Veto Message, January 7, 2026 - Charter Meeting Agenda

This Mayor's Message was Referred to Comm by Council to the Committee on Consumer and Worker Protection

M 0013-2026

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This Mayor's Message was Referred to Comm by Council to the Committee on Sanitation and Solid Waste Management

M 0014-2026

Attachments: Mayor's Veto Message, January 7, 2026 - Charter Meeting Agenda

This Mayor's Message was Referred to Comm by Council to the Committee on Women and Gender Equity

M 0015-2026

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This Mayor's Message was Referred to Comm by Council to the Committee on Consumer and Worker Protection

M 0016-2026

Attachments: Mayor's Veto Message, January 7, 2026 - Charter Meeting Agenda

This Mayor's Message was Referred to Comm by Council to the Committee on Finance

M 0017-2026

Attachments: Mayor's Veto Message, January 7, 2026 - Charter Meeting Agenda

This Mayor's Message was Referred to Comm by Council to the Committee on Immigration

M 0018-2026

Attachments: Mayor's Veto Message, January 7, 2026 - Charter Meeting Agenda

This Mayor's Message was Referred to Comm by Council to the Committee on Finance

M 0019-2026

Attachments: Mayor's Veto Message, January 7, 2026 - Charter Meeting Agenda

This Mayor's Message was Referred to Comm by Council to the Committee on Finance

M 0020-2026

Attachments: Mayor's Veto Message, January 7, 2026 - Charter Meeting Agenda

This Mayor's Message was Referred to Comm by Council to the Committee on Land Use

M 0021-2026

Attachments: Mayor's Veto Message, January 7, 2026 - Charter Meeting Agenda

This Mayor's Message was Referred to Comm by Council to the Committee on Land Use

M 0022-2026

Attachments: Mayor's Veto Message, January 7, 2026 - Charter Meeting Agenda

This Mayor's Message was Referred to Comm by Council to the Committee on Public Safety

M 0023-2026

Attachments: Report on City Comptroller Audit Operations FY'25, January 7, 2026 - Charter Meeting Agenda

This Communication was Referred to Comm by Council to the Committee on Public Safety

M 0024-2026

Attachments: January 7, 2026 - Charter Meeting Agenda

A motion was made that this Petition be Approved, by Council approved by Roll Call.

Affirmative: 50 - Speaker Menin, Abreu, Aldebol, Ariola, Avilés, Banks, Bottcher, Brewer, Brooks-Powers, Cabán, Carr, De La Rosa, Dinowitz, Encarnacion, Epstein, Farías, Felder, Feliz, Gennaro, Gutiérrez, Hanif, Hankerson, Hanks, Hudson, Joseph, Krishnan, Lee, Louis, Maloney, Marte, Mealy, Morano, Narcisse, Nurse, Ossé, Paladino, Restler, Riley, Salaam, Sanchez, J. Sanchez, Santosuosso, Schulman, Stevens, Thomas-Henry, Ung, Vernikov, Williams, Wong and Zhuang

Non-voting: 1 - Won

M 0025-2026

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This Petition was Rcvd, Ord, Prnt, Fld by Council

M 0026-2026

Attachments: January 7, 2026 - Charter Meeting Agenda

This Petition was Rcvd, Ord, Prnt, Fld by Council

At this point the Speaker (Council Member Menin) made the following announcements:

Whereupon on motion of the Speaker (Council Member Menin), these Charter Meeting proceedings were adjourned with the Council to meet again for the Stated Meeting of Thursday, January 15, 2026.

MICHAEL M. McSWEENEY, City Clerk

Clerk of the Council