

CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND LABOR

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January 21, 2020

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HELD AT: 250 Broadway - Committee Rm.  
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B E F O R E: I. DANEEK MILLER  
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Adrienne E. Adams  
Daniel Dromm  
Farah N. Louis  
Francisco P. Moya  
Helen K. Rosenthal  
Eric A. Ulrich

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

2 (sound check) (pause) (gavel)

3 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Good morning, and  
4 welcome everyone. I'm Council Member I. Daneek  
5 Miller, Chair of the Committee on Civil Service and  
6 Labor, and today we'll be voting on Intro 1785,  
7 Introduction 1785 introduced by myself as a local law  
8 that would extend health insurance coverage to the  
9 surviving spouses and children of any New York City  
10 Municipal employee that is killed while performing  
11 there or where that employee developed a health  
12 condition as a result of their response to 9/11  
13 rescue, recovery and cleanup efforts at the World  
14 Trade Center and other impacted areas. Currently,  
15 the law allows health benefits to surviving benefit  
16 members of uniformed New York City municipal  
17 employees. Those outside the uniform services who  
18 die in the line of duty can also have health benefits  
19 extended to their surviving benefits—to their  
20 surviving spouses, but only in case by case basis.  
21 Introduction 1785 ends this practice, and provides  
22 equity to all families of New York City workers.  
23 Introduction 17 85 also recognizes that the heroic  
24 efforts of New York City workers who answered the  
25 call in 9/11 in the months that followed, those

2 workers can now have peace of mind knowing that the  
3 city will take care of their beloved—their loved  
4 ones, and in the—in the event of their untimely  
5 passing. This is one of the most important bill this  
6 committee can pass this legislative session, and this  
7 is long overdue. It symbolizes an enduring  
8 commitment to the care or our dedicated civil  
9 servants who add value to our city each and every  
10 day. I'm proud to sponsor this legislation, and look  
11 forward to its passage. I would like to thank  
12 committee colleagues who are here Council Member  
13 Louis, Council Member Adams, Council Member Dromm.  
14 Thank you so very much for being here. I know your  
15 efforts on—on—on this committee. I would also like  
16 to thank my staff and Committee's Counsel staff Nuzak  
17 (sp?) Malcolm, Kendall, Kevin and Brandon, Joes and  
18 Arewa (sp?) and with that, I would ask that if any of  
19 my colleagues have any comment, and with that, I'd  
20 ask the to have the vote called.

21 CLERK: Good morning. William Martin,  
22 Committee Clerk, roll call vote Committee on Civil  
23 Service and Labor, Introduction 1785. Chair Miller.

24 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Proudly and  
25 emphatically aye.

2 CLERK: Dromm.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Aye

4 CLERK: Adams.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: Congratulations

6 Mr. Chair on really great legislation. I vote aye.

7 CLERK: Louis

8 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: I proudly vote

9 aye. Congratulations Chairman, and I'm happy that  
10 we're supporting the protections of these families.

11 CLERK: By a vote of 4 in the  
12 affirmative, 0 in the negative and no abstentions,  
13 the item has been adopted by the committee.

14 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: We are adjourned.

15 [gavel] Nice work.

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Date February 3, 2020