

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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October 17, 2017  
Start: 11:11 a.m.  
Recess: 11:23 a.m.

HELD AT: Council Chamber -City Hall

B E F O R E: BRAD LANDER  
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Daniel R. Garodnick  
Ydanis A. Rodriguez  
Margaret S. Chin  
Deborah L. Rose  
Helen K. Rosenthal  
Jumaane D. Williams  
Rafael L. Espinal, Jr.  
Mark Levine  
Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito  
Steven Matteo

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

2 [sound check, pause] [background  
3 comments] [gavel]

4 CHAIRPERSON LANDER: Good morning and  
5 welcome to the New York City Committee on Rules,  
6 Privileges and Elections resuming from recess,  
7 reopening the meeting of last week, Wednesday,  
8 October 11<sup>th</sup>. My name is Brad Lander, Chair of the  
9 Committee, and we're joined this morning by  
10 committee members Debbie Rose, Margaret Chin, Rafael  
11 Espinal, Ydanis Rodriguez, and Minority Leader Steve  
12 Matteo. Several others are on their way. Thank you  
13 our Counsel Elizabeth Guzman, and our staff Chuck  
14 Davis, Alicia Vassell, and Andre Johnson Brown.  
15 Last week we had a great hearing and Q&A with Dr.  
16 Robert L. Cohen who we are reconsidering—considering  
17 for reappointment to the New York City Board of  
18 Corrections. He's served as a board member  
19 representing this Council since 2009. If  
20 reappointed, he will serve on the board for the  
21 remainder of a six-year term beginning October 13,  
22 2017 expiring October 12, 2023. You still have all  
23 his materials and Q&A in the book, and we had a  
24 really good dialogue with him. Some of the  
25 interesting questions and answers. Are there any

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2 members who wish to say anything before we proceed  
3 to vote? Seeing none, we will move forward and ask  
4 our Counsel or Clerk to call the roll.

5 CLERK: Yes, I will.

6 CHAIRPERSON LANDER: Thank you, Billy.

7 CLERK: William Martin, Committee Clerk,  
8 roll call vote Committee on Rules. Chair Lander.

9 CHAIRPERSON LANDER: I vote aye.

10 CLERK: Rodriguez.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

12 CLERK: Chin.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye.

14 CLERK: Rose.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Aye

16 CLERK: Espinal.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: Aye.

18 CLERK: Matteo.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: I'm voting no.

20 CHAIRPERSON LANDER: So, we'll leave the  
21 roll call open for—I think we saw Council Member  
22 Levine, the Speaker and a few others are close.

23 [pause]

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2 CLERK: Continuation roll call, Committee  
3 on Rules. Council Member Garodnick. [background  
4 comment]

5 COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Thank you and  
6 I vote aye.

7 CLERK: By a vote of 6 in the  
8 affirmative, 1 in the negative and no abstentions,  
9 Preconsidered M. has been adopted by committee.

10 CHAIRPERSON LANDER: We'll leave the roll  
11 open for another ten minutes or so, and ask the  
12 final member to vote to close this hearing. Thank  
13 you very much. [pause]

14 CLERK: Continuation roll call the  
15 Committee on Rules. Council Member Rosenthal.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: I vote aye.

17 CLERK: Continuation roll call the  
18 Committee--[background comment]. Continuation roll  
19 call, Committee on Rules. Speaker Melissa Mark-  
20 Viverito.

21 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: I vote aye.  
22 [background comment] Okay.

23 CLERK: Final vote in today's Committee  
24 on Rules, the item has been adopted by a vote of 8 in  
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2 the affirmative, 1 in the negative and no  
3 abstentions. Thank you.

4 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: This committee  
5 meeting is adjourned.

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Date November 4, 2017