

# The New York City Council

*New York City Council  
City Hall  
New York, NY 10007*



## Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, December 16, 2008**

**1:00 PM**

**Council Chambers - City Hall**

### **Committee on Education**

*Robert Jackson, Chair*

*Members: Maria Del Carmen Arroyo, Bill de Blasio, Simca Felder,  
Lewis A. Fidler, Helen D. Foster, Daniel R. Garodnick, Vincent M. Ignizio, Melinda R,  
Katz,  
G. Oliver Koppell, Jessica S. Lappin, John C. Liu, Domenic M. Recchia, Jr., James  
Vacca,  
Peter F. Vallone, Jr., Albert Vann and David Yassky*

## Roll Call

**Present,**

Jackson, Arroyo, de Blasio, Felder, Fidler, Foster, Garodnick, Ignizio, Koppell, Lappin, Liu, Recchia Jr., Vacca, Vallone Jr., Vann and Yassky

**Absent,**

Katz

*Other Council Members Attending: James*

T2008-1746

**Oversight - Gifted & Talented Programs Admission Policy**

**Attachments:** Committee Report, Hearing Transcript, Hearing Testimony - 12/16/08

**This Oversight was Hearing Held by Committee**

**Attachments:** Committee Report, Hearing Transcript, Hearing Testimony - 12/16/08

**This Oversight was Filed, by Committee**

Res 0497-2006

**Resolution calling upon the New York City Department of Education to help increase compliance with Section 809 of the New York State Education Law, which requires instruction on the humane treatment and protection of animals, by issuing a memorandum to all New York City public schools that notifies them of the humane education mandate in Section 809 and by requiring that all elementary school principals direct their teachers to act in accordance with this requirement.**

**Attachments:** Committee Report 12/10/08, Hearing Testimony 12/10/08, Hearing Transcript 12/10/08, Committee Report 12/16/08, Hearing Transcript 12/16/08, Press Release

**This Resolution was Hearing Held by Committee**

**Attachments:** Committee Report 12/10/08, Hearing Testimony 12/10/08, Hearing Transcript 12/10/08, Committee Report 12/16/08, Hearing Transcript 12/16/08, Press Release

**A motion was made that this Resolution be Filed by Committee approved by Roll Call.**

**Affirmative,** 13 -

Jackson, de Blasio, Felder, Fidler, Foster, Garodnick, Koppell, Lappin, Liu, Recchia Jr., Vacca, Vann and Yassky

**Negative,** 3 -

Arroyo, Ignizio and Vallone Jr.

**Absent,** 1 -

Katz

**Res 1541-2008      Resolution calling on the New York City Department of Education to survey schools to assess compliance with curriculum mandates in the State Education Law and in the Regulations of the Commissioner of the State Education Department, and to assist schools that are not in compliance with such mandates to fully comply with the law.**

**Attachments:**      Committee Report 9/19/08, Hearing Testimony 9/19/08, Hearing Transcript 9/19/08, Committee Report 12/16/08, Hearing Transcript 12/16/08, Committee Report - Stated Meeting 12/18/08, Press Release, Hearing Testimony - 12/16/08

**This Resolution was Hearing Held by Committee**

**Attachments:**      Committee Report 9/19/08, Hearing Testimony 9/19/08, Hearing Transcript 9/19/08, Committee Report 12/16/08, Hearing Transcript 12/16/08, Committee Report - Stated Meeting 12/18/08, Press Release, Hearing Testimony - 12/16/08

**A motion was made that this Resolution be Approved by Committee approved by Roll Call.**

- Affirmative,**    15 -  
                         Jackson, Arroyo, de Blasio, Fidler, Foster, Garodnick, Ignizio, Koppell, Lappin, Liu, Recchia Jr., Vacca, Vallone Jr., Vann and Yassky
- Negative,**      1 -  
                         Felder
- Absent,**        1 -  
                         Katz