

COMMITTEE ON RULES, PRIVILEGES, ELECTIONS, STANDARDS  
AND ETHICS

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Of the

COMMITTEE ON RULES, PRIVILEGES,  
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March 2, 2026  
Start: 3:35 p.m.  
Recess: 4:50 p.m.

HELD AT: 250 BROADWAY - 8TH FLOOR - HEARING  
ROOM 3

B E F O R E: Sandra Ung, Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Shaun Abreu  
David M. Carr  
Chris Banks  
Elsie Encarnación  
Shekar Krishnan  
Linda Lee  
Kevin C. Riley  
Nantasha M. Williams

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2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Good afternoon. This is a  
3 microphone test, the Committee on Rules, Privileges,  
4 Elections, Standard and Ethics in Hearing Room 3.  
5 Today's date is March 3rd (sic), 2026. Recorded by  
6 Preston Cameron (phonetic).

7 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Good afternoon. Welcome to  
8 the New York City Council Committee on Rules,  
9 Privileges, Elections, Standard and Ethics.

10 At this time, we ask that you please silence  
11 all electronics.

12 If you wish to testify, please see one of  
13 the Sergeants-at-Arms in the back.

14 And at no point, please do not approach the  
15 dais.

16 Speaker, you may begin.

17 CHAIRPERSON UNG: [GAVEL] Good afternoon, and  
18 welcome to this meeting of the Committee on Rules,  
19 Privileges, Elections, Standard and Ethics. I'm  
20 Council Member Sandra Ung, Chair of the Committee.

21 Before we begin, I'd like to recognize the  
other Members of this Committee who are present.  
Council Members Riley, Krishnan, Lee, Encarnación,  
Banks, and Deputy Speaker Williams, Minority Leader  
Carr, and Majority Leader Abreu.

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3 I'd also like to acknowledge the Counsels to  
4 this Committee, Jeff Campagna and Pearl Moore, the  
5 Committee Staff who worked on the matters before  
6 Committee today, Director of Public Integrity,  
7 Francesca DellaVechia; Deputy Director of Public  
8 Integrity, Alycia Vasell; and Deputy General Counsel  
9 Janine Gaylard.

10 Today, we will begin with a vote on the  
11 nomination by the Mayor for his Committee on the  
12 Conflicts of Interest Board after which we will go  
13 into executive session to consider a matter pursuant  
14 to Rule 10.60 of the Rules of the Council.

15 On February 25th, this Committee met to  
16 consider M38, a Communication from the Mayor  
17 submitting the name of Stephen Loffredo to the  
18 Council for its advice and consent regarding his  
19 appointment to the New York City Conflicts of  
20 Interest Board pursuant to Section 2602 of the New  
21 York City Charter. If appointed by the Mayor, he will  
serve a six-year term beginning on April 1st, 2026,  
and ending on March 31st, 2032.

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3 We will now vote on the Resolution approving  
4 the nomination of Stephen Loffredo to serve on the  
5 Conflicts of Interest Board.

6 Clerk, please call the roll.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK: Good afternoon, Committee.  
8 Thank you, Chair Ung.

9 We'll start with you on a roll call vote for  
10 M38.

11 Chair Ung.

12 CHAIRPERSON UNG: I vote aye.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.

14 Council Member Riley.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Aye.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK: Abreu.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Aye.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK: Krishnan.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Aye.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK: Lee.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Williams.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Banks.

COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Aye.

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3 COMMITTEE CLERK: Encarnación.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER ENCARNACIÓN: Aye.

5 COMMITTEE CLERK: Carr.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Aye.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.

8 Chair Ung, by a vote of nine in the  
9 affirmative, zero in the negative, and zero  
10 abstentions, M38 is adopted.

11 CHAIRPERSON UNG: I now make a motion  
12 pursuant to Section 105 of the New York State Open  
13 Meetings Law and Rule 7.160 of the Rules of the  
14 Council that the Committee enters executive session  
15 to consider a matter pursuant to Rule 10.60 of the  
16 Rules.

17 The Clerk will now call the roll.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK: Chair Ung.

19 CHAIRPERSON UNG: I vote aye.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Riley.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Abreu.

COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Krishnan.

COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Aye.

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3 COMMITTEE CLERK: Lee.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Aye.

5 COMMITTEE CLERK: Williams.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I vote aye.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK: Banks.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Aye.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK: Encarnación.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER ENCARNACIÓN: Aye.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK: Carr.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Aye.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.

14 Chair Ung, you have a unanimous vote of nine  
15 in the affirmative, zero in the negative, and zero  
16 abstentions.

17 CHAIRPERSON UNG: The motion is adopted.

18 The public portion of this meeting is now  
19 concluded, and the Committee stands in executive  
20 session.

21 Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON UNG: Good afternoon. I'm Sandra  
Ung, Chair of the Rules, Privileges, Elections,  
Standard and Ethics Committee.

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3 I am joined by my Colleagues, Deputy Speaker  
4 Nantasha Williams, Minority Leader David Carr,  
5 Majority Leader Shaun Abreu, Deputy Majority Leader  
6 Chris Banks, and Council Members Elsie Encarnación,  
7 Shekar Krishnan, Linda Lee, and Kevin C. Riley.

8 The Rules, Privileges, Elections, Standard  
9 and Ethics Committee opened up a meeting earlier  
10 today pursuant to Section 10.60 of the Council Rules  
11 concerning allegations of potential Council Member  
12 misconduct and to discuss additional and unrelated  
13 Committee business.

14 Because it was necessary for the Committee  
15 to discuss confidential personnel issues at the  
16 conclusion of other Committee business, the Committee  
17 voted to move into executive session pursuant to  
18 Article 7 of the Public Offices Law.

19 We are now returning to open session and to  
20 make public the outcome of today's meeting.

21 During executive session, this Committee  
voted to open a matter and issue one charge against  
Council Member Paladino who engaged in unwelcome,  
pervasive, persistent, and malicious course of  
conduct on social media on or about between December

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3 14th, 2025, and February 23rd, 2026. A review of the  
4 posts substantiated the issuance of charges against  
5 Council Member Paladino pursuant to the rules of the  
6 Council. The Committee will provide notice to Council  
7 Member Paladino of the charges and schedule a hearing  
8 on the matter at a later date.

9 This concludes our summary of the  
10 Committee's vote during today's meeting.

11 The meeting is now adjourned. [GAVEL]

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4 C E R T I F I C A T E

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7 World Wide Dictation certifies that the foregoing  
8 transcript is a true and accurate record of the  
9 proceedings. We further certify that there is no  
10 relation to any of the parties to this action by blood  
11 or marriage, and that there is interest in the outcome  
12 of this matter.



18 Date April 15, 2026