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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

MINORITY (REPUBLICAN) CONFERENCE OF
THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK

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November 17, 2021
Start: 11:09 a.m.
Recess: 11:15 a.m.

HELD AT: Committee Room - City Hall

B E F O R E: Steven Matteo
CHAIRPERSON

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
Joseph Borelli
Eric Ulrich

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

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2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: This is the Minority
3 Conference of the New York City Council. We are in
4 the Committee Room. It is November 17th, 2021 and
5 this is Owen Kitowski.

6 [gavel]

7 CHAIRPERSON MATTEO: Good morning and
8 thank you all for being here. I am Steven Matteo and
9 we are here to consider five candidates for
10 appointment to the Republican Commissioners of
11 Elections and to elect a new minority leader. I am
12 joined by my colleagues, Joe Borelli and Eric Ulrich.
13 In light of the fact that I have announced my
14 resignation as the Minority Leader as of 11 AM,
15 first, we will elect a temporary Chair for the
16 purposes of this meeting. Is there motion to appoint
17 a temporary Chair for the purposes of this meeting?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: I nominate
19 you, Steve Matteo.

20 CHAIRPERSON MATTEO: There's a motion to
21 appoint me, Steven Matteo, temporary Chair to this
22 meeting. Is there any objection to the motion?
23 Seeing and hearing none, the motion is adopted.
24 There are five candidates for the Republican
25 Commissioners of Elections: Michael J. Coppotelli of

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3 Richmond County to succeed John W. Zaccone who has
4 been servicing as a holdover. Simon Shamoun, Kings
5 County for reappointment. Keith Sullivan, Queens
6 County to succeed Michael Michel who has been serving
7 as a holdover. Gino A. Marmorato, Bronx County for
8 reappointment. And Fred M. Umane, New York County
9 for reappointment. If appointed, all five of the
10 main under of a four year term expiring December
11 31st, 2024. Commissioners receive a \$300 per diem
12 for each day of attendance at BOE meetings or any of
13 its committees with a maximum of 30,000 per year.
14 Under the default appointment process within 30 days
15 after County organization files a proper Certificate
16 of Party Recommendation with the city clerk office,
17 the full Council can vote to appoint the person
18 designated on the certificate. In these cases, the
19 Republican communities of the aforementioned counties
20 did not file the required certificates by the
21 statutory deadline as set by the New York State
22 election law. As a consequence, pursuant to New York
23 State election law section 3204, subsection 4,
24 Council members who are members of the Republican
25 party may appoint any eligible person. Eligibility
requirements are limited to being a registered

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3 Republican and a resident of the pertinent County.

4 Is there any discussion on the candidates? Let's now
5 call for about. Will the clerk please call the role?

6 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Lance Polidy [sp?],
7 committee counsel. Michael J. Coppotelli, Richmond
8 County. Simon Shamoun, Kings County. Keith
9 Sullivan, Queens County. Gino Marmorato, Bronx
10 County. Fred Umane, New York County. Matteo?

11 CHAIRPERSON MATTEO: I am abstaining
12 from voting on Michael J. Coppotelli for Richmond
13 County and I am voting aye on the other four
14 candidates.

15 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Borelli?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: I vote aye.

17 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Ulrich?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: I vote aye on all.

19 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: The vote on all
20 five items was five in the affirmative, zero in the
21 negative, none abstaining with the exception of the
22 appointment of Michael Coppotelli which is two in the
23 affirmative, zero in negative, and one abstaining.

24 All five are appointed. I apologize. The vote of
25 all five items was three in the affirmative, zero in
the negative, and none abstaining with the exception

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3 of Michael Coppotelli which was two in the
4 affirmative, zero in the negative, and one
5 abstaining.

6 CHAIRPERSON MATTEO: Thank you. Thank
7 you, Lance. We will now proceed to the election of
8 the leader of the Minority Conference of the Council
9 of the City of New York. As the former Minority
10 Leader, I nominate my colleague, Joseph C. Borelli,
11 to succeed me as the Minority Leader of the New York
12 City Council. Are there any other-- I ask for a
13 second.

14 ERIC ULRICH: I would proudly second that
15 nomination.

16 CHAIRPERSON MATTEO: Seeing a second
17 from Council member Ulrich, are there any other
18 nominations? Seeing and hearing none, the floor for
19 nominations is closed. The vote is to elect Joseph
20 C. Borelli the leader of the Minority Conference of
21 the Council of the city of New York. Will the clerk
22 please call the role?

23 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Matteo?

24 CHAIRPERSON MATTEO: I proudly vote aye.

25 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Borelli?

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3 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Eh. I vote
4 aye.

5 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Ulrich?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: I vote aye. I
7 proudly vote aye and I also want to thank Minority
8 Leader Steve Matteo for the great job that he did
9 leading our conference over the past term and you
10 will be missed. You are leaving some very big shoes
11 to fill, but, Joe is going to be an outstanding
12 leader and I proudly vote aye. Thank you.

13 CHAIRPERSON MATTEO: Thank you.

14 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: The vote is three
15 in the affirmative, zero negative, and zero
16 abstentions.

17 CHAIRPERSON MATTEO: Is there any
18 further business? Seeing and hearing none-- Well,
19 Joe. Sorry. I want to announce the minority leader.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Yep. Thank
21 you. I also want to echo the sentiments of Eric and
22 thank you for your service over the past term. I had
23 a little bit in the previous term. I think you did
24 an outstanding job in this troubling climate at times
25 and an environment that was not always suitable for
Republican progress. We actually made tremendous

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3 gains and it was under your watch that we gained
4 these seats in the Council. So, thank you very much
5 for your friendship and for the work that you do.

6 CHAIRPERSON MATTEO: Thank you, Joe. I
7 appreciate that. So, that looks like we are done. I
8 don't see or hear any other business, so the meeting
9 is now adjourned and Joe Borelli is now the Minority
10 Leader of the City Council. Congratulations.

11 [applause]

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C E R T I F I C A T E

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



Date December 6, 2021