

COMMITTEE ON RULES, PRIVILEGES, AND ELECTIONS  
CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES  
OF THE

COMMITTEE ON RULES, PRIVILEGES, AND  
ELECTIONS (VOTE)

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2024  
Start: 10:45 A.M.  
Recess: 10:49 A.M.

HELD AT: Council Chambers - City Hall

B E F O R E: Keith Powers, Chair  
Adrienne E. Adams, Speaker

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Adrienne E. Adams  
Diana I. Ayala  
Joseph C. Borelli  
Justin L. Brannan  
Gale A Brewer  
Selvena Brooks-Powers  
Amanda Farías  
Crystal Hudson  
Rafael Salamanca  
Pierina Ana Sanchez

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

**(NONE)**

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2 SERGEANT WONG: Sound check for the Committee on  
3 Rules, Privileges, and Elections. Today's date is  
4 November 13, 2024, being recorded by Danny Wong,  
5 Council Chambers.

6 (PAUSE)

7 SERGEANT AT ARMS: (LOST CONNECTION) (INAUDIBLE)

8 At no time is anyone to approach the dais.

9 Chair, we are ready to begin.

10 CHAIRPERSON POWERS: (GAVEL SOUND) (GAVELING IN)

11 Good morning, and welcome to the meeting of the  
12 Committee on Rules, Privileges, and Elections. I am  
13 City Council Member Keith Powers, chair of this  
14 committee.

15 We're joined today by Speaker Adrienne E. Adams,  
16 and Council Member Brooks-Powers on remote; Council  
17 Member Brewer; Council Member Ayala; Council Member  
18 Hudson; Council Member Fariás, Council Member  
19 Salamanca; Council Member Brannan; and Council Member  
20 Sanchez. And I think we may be joined by one or two  
21 more, uh, moving forward.

22 Today, we're voting to recommend that the Council  
23 designate two candidates for appointment by the Mayor  
24 to the Board of Health + Hospitals Corporation.

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2 We'll vote to recommend the approval of a  
3 Preconsidered Resolution designating Michael  
4 Espiritu, a resident of Manhattan, for appointment by  
5 the Mayor as a director of the New York City Health  
6 and Hospitals Corporation for the remainder of a  
7 five-year term to expire on March 20, 2029.

8 We're also voting to recommend the approval of  
9 Preconsidered Resolution designated Vanessa  
10 Rodriguez, a resident of the Bronx, for appointment  
11 by the Mayor as a director of the New York City  
12 Health and Hospitals Corporation for the remainder of  
13 the five-year term to expire on March 20, 2027.

14 Both matters were heard on this Committee on  
15 October 30, 2024.

16 I am now going to call on the Clerk to call the  
17 roll call.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK: Good morning, William Martin,  
19 Committee Clerk; roll call for the Committee on  
20 Rules, Privileges and Elections. Items are coupled.

21 Chair Powers?

22 CHAIRPERSON POWERS: I vote aye.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Salamanca?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Permission to explain  
25 my vote?

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2 CHAIRPERSON POWERS: Go ahead.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: First, I want to  
4 congratulate both nominees on their appointments.

5 I'm really excited about the Bronx nominee,  
6 someone who I know works for a very reputable  
7 organization, but I think it's about time that we  
8 have someone in the Bronx who understands the actual  
9 issues that are happening in our local hospitals and,  
10 has made a commitment to come back to our local  
11 council members, so that we can assist to ensure  
12 that, uh, these hospitals, H+H Hospitals in the  
13 borough of the Bronx are actually getting the real  
14 resources that they need, so that we can continue to  
15 service members in the Bronx and in the city of New  
16 York.

17 And, with that, I vote aye on all.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.

19 Council Member Ayala?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Aye

21 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Brannan?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Aye.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Brooks-Powers?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: (NO RESPONSE HEARD)

25 CHAIRPERSON POWERS: She votes aye.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you, for the record,  
3 Council Member Brooks-Powers just confirmed  
4 (INAUDIBLE) affirmative vote. Thank you

5 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Aye.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Farías?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: I'd like to say  
8 congratulations to both of the nominations from the  
9 Bronx Delegation, and, big thanks to our chairs for  
10 moving us forward.

11 And I vote aye.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Hudson?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Aye.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.

15 Council Member Sanchez?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Aye.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Borelli?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: (NO RESPONSE)

19 COMMITTEE CLERK: Speaker Adams?

20 SPEAKER ADAMS: Congratulations to the nominees, I  
21 vote aye.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK: With a vote of 10 in the  
23 affirmative, 0 in the negative... (CROSS-TALK)

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2 CHAIRPERSON POWERS: Let's hold, we have Council  
3 Member Borelli walking in. That was a nice  
4 (INAUDIBLE)

5 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Borelli?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: I vote aye... (CROSS-  
7 TALK)

8 CHAIRPERSON POWERS: Like usual, (INAUDIBLE) is  
9 here to clean up to mess of Joe Borelli.

10 (LAUGHTER)

11 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: I vote aye.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.

13 With a vote of 11 in the affirmative, 0 in the  
14 negative, and no abstentions both items have been  
15 adopted by the Committee.

16 Mr. Chair, that is a full committee.

17 CHAIRPERSON POWERS: Thank you. That concludes  
18 today's business. I want to thank my colleagues on  
19 the Committee; committee counsel Jeffrey Campana, and  
20 the staff who worked on today's appointment; the  
21 Sergeant At Arms; and, of course, my staff as well.

22 This meeting is hereby adjourned.

23 (GAVEL SOUND) (GAVELING OUT)

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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 November 15, 2024