

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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February 11, 2020  
Start: 11:28 AM  
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HELD AT: COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL

B E F O R E: KAREN KOSLOWITZ, CHAIRPERSON

COUNCIL MEMBERS: ADRIENNE E. ADAMS  
MARGARET S. CHIN  
VANESSA L. GIBSON  
COREY D. JOHNSON  
RORY I. LANCMAN  
STEVEN MATTEO  
DEBORAH L. ROSE  
RITCHIE J. TORRES  
MARK TREYGER

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

LANCE PALIVI, Rules Committee Counsel

CHUCK DAVIS, Staff member Councils  
Investigative Unit Compliance Officer

ANDRE JOHNSON BROWN, Investigator

ELICIO VASEL, Investigator

JULIA SCARONDA, Investigator

1 COMMITTEE ON RULES, PRIVILEGES AND ELECTIONS 3

2 OWEN KATOWSKI: This is the Committee on  
3 Rules. It is February 11, 2020. This being held in  
4 the City Council Chambers.

5 CHAIRPERSON KAREN KOSLOWITZ: Call the  
6 meeting of the Rules, Privileges and Elections to  
7 order. Good morning and welcome to the Committee on  
8 Rules, Privileges and Elections. My name is Karen  
9 Koslowitz and I am chair of this committee. Before we  
10 begin this hearing, I would like to introduce the  
11 Council Members of this Committee who have joined us  
12 today. We have Council Member Ritchie Torres,  
13 Council Member Margaret Chin, Council Member Adrienne  
14 Adams, Council Member Vanessa Gibson. Oh, I'm sorry  
15 and our Minority Leader, Steve Matteo. I would also  
16 like to acknowledge Rules Committee Counsel Lance  
17 Palivi and the staff members of the Council's  
18 Investigative Unit Chuck Davis, Chief Compliance  
19 Officer and Andre Johnson Brown, Elicio Vasel and  
20 Julia Scaronda investigators. Today the Rule  
21 Committee will consider the nomination of Aloysee  
22 Heredia Jarnosuk for appointment to the TLC and  
23 consider a pre-considered resolution amending Rule  
24 7.00 of the Rules of the Council. There is something  
25 in this room that. (coughing). Regarding changes to

2 the membership of the standing committees of the  
3 Council. First topic, on Monday February 3rd, 2020  
4 Ms. Heredia Jarmosuk. I said her name great before  
5 appeared before this committee for a confirmation  
6 hearing for the position of TLC chair. She provided  
7 testimony and filled the questions from the  
8 Committee. Today, the Rules Committee will vote on  
9 her nomination. If the Council gives its advice and  
10 consent, Ms. Heredia Jarmosuk will be appointed as  
11 Chair of the Taxi and Limousine Commission and will  
12 serve the remainder of the 7-year term that expires  
13 on January 31, 2024. Do any members have any  
14 questions or comments about this nominee? Seeing  
15 none, pursuant to Rule 10.20 of the Rules of the City  
16 Council, the Committee on Rules, Privileges and  
17 Elections can amend a rule of Council with the later  
18 vote of the majority of all Council Members. This  
19 pre-considered resolution would amend Rule 7.00 by  
20 changing the membership of the Standing Committees of  
21 the Council. Per the Rule 7.20 mandates that  
22 vacancies on committees should be filled within 60  
23 days and Committee Chairs should be filled within 90  
24 days by report of this Committee and adoption by the  
25 Council. This pre-considered resolution fills the

2 vacancies on several committees and the chairmanship  
3 of the Consumer Committee created by the resignation  
4 of former Counsel Member, Rafael Espinal among other  
5 changes. This rule change requires the majority vote  
6 of all members of the Committee of Rules, Privileges  
7 and Elections pursuant to Rule 7.70 and a majority  
8 vote of all Council Members pursuant to rule 10.20.  
9 Do any members have any questions about the changes?  
10 Seeing none, we are going to miss you Vanessa. Did  
11 you hear me? Vanessa we are going to miss you.

12 VANESSA GIBSON: Awe going to miss you.  
13 I've got too much on my plate.

14 CHAIRPERSON KAREN KOSLOWITZ: Unless any  
15 members have further questions or comments, I will  
16 call upon the Clerk to take the vote?

17 CLERK: William Martin Committee Clerk,  
18 roll call vote Committee on Rules, Privileges and  
19 Elections. Items are coupled, Chair Koslowitz?

20 CHAIRPERSON KAREN KOSLOWITZ: I vote aye.

21 CLERK: Gibson?

22 VANESSA GIBSON: Uhm, for the last time I  
23 vote aye on all of today's agenda items and I want to  
24 congratulate our new TLC Commissioner who will be  
25 fully voted on later today in the Council. I look

2 forward to working with her and certainly want to  
3 thank you Madam Chair for always being the most  
4 gracious and humble chair of the Rules Committee.  
5 We've had a long journey, some hard hearings but we  
6 got through it with your leadership. So, thank you  
7 so much for always being the incredible Chair Woman  
8 that you are, I vote aye on all.

9 CLERK: Chin?

10 MARGARET CHIN: I vote aye on all.

11 CLERK: Torres?

12 RITCHIE TORRES: Aye on all.

13 CLERK: Adams?

14 ADRIENNE ADAMS: Congratulations to Ms.

15 Heredia Jarmosuk and Vanessa we miss you already, aye  
16 on all.

17 CLERK: Matteo?

18 STEVEN MATTEO: Aye on all.

19 CLERK: By a vote of 6 in the affirmative,  
20 0 in the negative and no abstentions, both items have  
21 been adopted by the Committee.

22 CHAIRPERSON KAREN KOSLOWITZ: We are  
23 going to keep this Committee open for a little while  
24 so other members have a chance to vote.

2 CLERK: Continuation roll call Committee  
3 on Rules. Speaker Johnson?

4 COREY JOHNSON: I vote aye on all and I  
5 want to thank Chair Koslowitz for holding these  
6 hearings.

7 CLERK: On a vote, Committee on Rules all  
8 items have been adopted by the Committee, 7 in the  
9 affirmative, 0 in the negative and no abstentions.

10 CHAIRPERSON KAREN KOSLOWITZ: This meeting  
11 is adjourned. (gavel pounding).

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Date March 12, 2020