

The New York City Council

*City Hall
New York, NY 10007*



Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 5, 2020

1:00 PM

- REMOTE HEARING (VIRTUAL ROOM 1) -

City Council

Corey D. Johnson, Speaker

Members: Adrienne E. Adams, Alicka Ampry-Samuel, Diana Ayala, Inez D. Barron, Joseph C. Borelli, Justin L. Brannan, Fernando Cabrera, Margaret S. Chin, Andrew Cohen, Costa G. Constantinides, Robert E. Cornegy, Jr., Laurie A. Cumbo, Chaim M. Deutsch, Ruben Diaz, Sr., Daniel Dromm, Mathieu Eugene, Vanessa L. Gibson, Mark Gjonaj, Barry S. Grodenchik, Robert F. Holden, Ben Kallos, Andy L. King, Peter A. Koo, Karen Koslowitz, Rory I. Lancman, Brad S. Lander, Stephen T. Levin, Mark Levine, Farah N. Louis, Alan N. Maisel, Steven Matteo, Carlos Menchaca, I. Daneek Miller, Francisco P. Moya, Bill Perkins, Keith Powers, Antonio Reynoso, Donovan J. Richards, Carlina Rivera, Ydanis A. Rodriguez, Deborah L. Rose, Helen K. Rosenthal, Rafael Salamanca, Jr., Ritchie J. Torres, Mark Treyger, Eric A. Ulrich, Paul A. Vallone, James G. Van Bramer and Kalman Yeger

The Majority Leader (Council Member Cumbo) presiding as the Acting President Pro Tempore

1. Roll Call

Present: Speaker Johnson, Adams, Ampy-Samuel, Ayala, Barron, Borelli, Brannan, Cabrera, Chin, Cohen, Constantinides, Cornegy Jr., Cumbo, Deutsch, R. Diaz Sr., Dromm, Eugene, Gibson, Gjonaj, Grodenchik, Holden, Kallos, King, Koo, Koslowitz, Lancman, Lander, Levin, Levine, Louis, Maisel, Matteo, Menchaca, Miller, Moya, Perkins, Powers, Reynoso, Richards, Rivera, Rodriguez, Rose, Rosenthal, Salamanca Jr., Torres, Treyger, Ulrich, Vallone, Van Bramer and Yeger

The presence of a quorum was announced by the Majority Leader and Acting President Pro Tempore (Council Member Cumbo).

There were 50 Council Members marked present for this virtual Stated Meeting.

At the time of this virtual Stated Meeting, there was one vacant seat on the Council in the 37th District (Brooklyn) pending the swearing-in of the certified winner of a November 3, 2020 General Election.

2. Invocation

The Invocation was delivered by Reverend Mark E. Erson serving as a spiritual leader at St. John's Lutheran Church located at 81 Christopher Street, New York, NY 10014.

The Speaker (Council Member Johnson) moved to spread the Invocation in full upon the Record.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Council Member Adams moved that the Minutes of the Stated Meeting of September 16, 2020 be adopted as printed.

4. Messages & Papers from the Mayor

None

5. Communications from City, County & Borough Offices

During the Communication from the Speaker segment of this Stated Meeting, the Speaker (Council Member Johnson) spoke of the matter before the Council in regard to Council Member King. After he spoke, he yielded the floor to the Minority Leader and Chair of the Committee on Standards and Ethics (Council Member Matteo).

The Minority Leader (Council Member Matteo) reported on the findings of the Committee on Standards and Ethics that recommends the expulsion of Council Member King.

The Speaker (Council Member Johnson), yielded the floor to Council Member King who replied to the aforementioned findings and recommendation.

6. Petitions and Communications

None

7. Land Use Call-Ups
None
8. Communication from the Speaker
9. Discussion of General Orders
10. Reports of Special Committees
None
11. Reports of Standing Committees

Report of the Committee on Standards and Ethics

Res 1439-2020 Approving and issuing a Report, and associated Resolution, related to a disciplinary proceeding concerning Council Member Andy King.

Attachments: Committee Report and Resolution, Res. No. 1439, Hearing Transcript, October 5, 2020 - Stated Meeting Agenda with Links to Files, Hearing Transcript - Stated Meeting 10-5-20, Minutes of the Stated Meeting - October 5, 2020

A motion was made that this Resolution be Approved, by Council approved by Roll Call.

Affirmative: 48 - Speaker Johnson, Adams, Ampry-Samuel, Ayala, Barron, Borelli, Brannan, Cabrera, Chin, Cohen, Constantinides, Cornegy Jr., Cumbo, Deutsch, Dromm, Eugene, Gibson, Gjonaj, Grodenchik, Holden, Kallos, Koo, Koslowitz, Lancman, Lander, Levin, Levine, Louis, Maisel, Matteo, Menchaca, Miller, Moya, Perkins, Powers, Reynoso, Richards, Rivera, Rodriguez, Rose, Rosenthal, Salamanca Jr., Torres, Treyger, Ulrich, Vallone, Van Bramer and Yeger

Negative: 2 - R. Diaz Sr. and King

12. General Orders Calendar
- Coupled on General Order Calendar
- Standards and Ethics

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The Majority Leader and Acting President Pro Tempore (Council Member Cumbo) put the question whether the Council would agree with and adopt such report, which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

*Res. No. 1439, 48-2-0
Negative: CMs Diaz and King.*

With this vote, Council Member King has been expelled from the Council.

- 13. Introduction & Reading of Bills
See Attached

None

- 14. Discussion of Resolutions

None.

- 15. Resolutions

None

- 16. General Discussion

- 17. Extension of Remarks

At this point the Speaker (Council Member Johnson) made the following announcements:

Whereupon on motion of the Speaker (Council Member Johnson), the Majority Leader and Acting President Pro Tempore (Council Member Cumbo) adjourned to meet again on Thursday, October 15, 2020.

*MICHAEL McSWEENEY, City Clerk
Clerk of the Council*