

MINUTES OF ACTION

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PUBLIC MEETING OF THE PANEL FOR EDUCATIONAL POLICY

**M.S. 131
100 Hester Street,
New York, NY
Wednesday, August 26, 2015**

ROLL CALL:

Present:

Hon. Isaac Carmignani
Hon. T. Elzora Cleveland
Hon. Deborah Dillingham
Hon. Norm Fruchter
Hon. Vanessa Leung
Hon. Lori Podvesker
Hon. Benjamin Shuldiner
Hon. Laura Zingmond
Hon. Miguelina Zorrilla-Aristy
Courtenaye Jackson-Chase, Secretary

Absent:

Hon. Fred Baptiste
Hon. Kamillah Payne-Hanks
Hon. Robert Powell
Hon. Roberto Soto-Carrión
Carmen Fariña, Chancellor

Action was taken as indicated below:

Secretary Courtenaye Jackson-Chase called roll at 6:20 pm. All Panel Members were present except Panel Members: Fred Baptiste, Kamillah Payne-Hanks, Robert Powell and Roberto Soto-Carrión.

1. Chancellor's Update—Senior Deputy Chancellor Dr. Dorita Gibson delivered general updates in Chancellor Carmen Farina's absence. Panel Chair Leung called for the public comment portion of the meeting.

2. Approval of August 12, 2015 Panel Meeting Minutes of Action—Motion to adopt the minutes of action from the August 12, 2015 Panel meeting was made by Panel Member Norm Fruchter. Panel Member Isaac Carmignani seconded the motion. Panel Chair Leung called for a vote. The August 12, 2015 Minutes of Action were approved unanimously.

The minutes are available via link to the [Panel for Educational Policy Website](#).

3. Approval of Chancellor's Regulation A-101 – Before Panel Chair Leung called for a vote for the Approval of Chancellor's Regulation A-101, Panel Member Norm Fruchter made a motion to discuss the footnote language at the next calendar Panel for Educational Policy meeting. Panel Member Cleveland seconded the motion. Panel Chair Leung called for a vote. The Panel voted to add the footnote discussion on the agenda at the next calendar Panel for Educational Policy meeting which will take place on September 29, 2015. The vote was approved unanimously.

Following the vote for a discussion at the next Panel for Educational Policy calendar meeting, Panel Chair Leung called for a vote for Chancellor's Regulation A-101. Motion to adopt the Approval of Chancellor's Regulation A-101 was made by Panel Member Zingmond. Panel Member Cleveland seconded the motion. Chancellor's Regulation A-101 was approved as follows:

1. *Resolution Regarding the Approval of Chancellor's Regulation A-101 Regarding Admissions, Readmissions, Transfers, and List Notices for All Students was approved unanimously.*

4. Approval of Contracts—Panel Member Isaac Carmignani presented the Contracts Committee recommendations to the Panel. The Contracts Committee met on Monday, August 24, 2015. The Committee unanimously recommended the approval of items 2-24. Before motioning to adopt the resolution, Executive Director of Contracts and Purchasing, David Ross read text into the minutes. The text read as follows:

To be read into the minutes of the August 26, 2015 Panel for Educational Policy meeting by David Ross, Executive Director, Division of Contracts and Purchasing.

First, I note that I have provided Panel members with technical changes and an addendum to universal pre-kindergarten contracts that have been approved by the Panel at prior meetings and that these changes have been posted on the web.

Item 6 on today's agenda, a contract with Bank Street College for professional development, states the term of this contract as 10 months. The correct term is 10 months and 10 days. The annual cost of \$128,958 remains the same.

At the June 23, 2015 meeting, item 3, the Panel approved the selection of the Greek American Institute, Inc. to provide Universal Pre-Kindergarten programs in NYC Early Education Centers. The agenda indicated the annual amount as \$296,550.60, however, the correct amount is \$311,386.85. The Request for Authorization stated the annual amount correctly. It should be noted that the Greek American Institute Inc. was changed in a technical change provided at the July 29, 2015 meeting to Greek American Institute of New York Inc.

Panel Member Norm Fruchter motioned to adopt items 2-24 into five resolutions. Panel Member Elzora Cleveland seconded the motion. The Panel voted on the contract items, which were approved as follows:

2. *Resolution 1: Items 2-6 was approved unanimously (yay: Carmignani, Cleveland, Dillingham, Fruchter, Leung, Podvesker, Shuldiner, Zingmond, Zorrilla-Aristy).*
3. *Resolution 2: Item 7 was approved 8-0 with one abstention (yay: Carmignani, Cleveland, Dillingham, Leung, Podvesker, Shuldiner, Zingmond, Zorrilla-Aristy; abstained: Fruchter).*
4. *Resolution 3: Item 8 was approved unanimously (yay: Carmignani, Cleveland, Dillingham, Fruchter, Leung, Podvesker, Shuldiner, Zingmond, Zorrilla-Aristy).*
5. *Resolution 4: Items 9-17 was approved unanimously (yay: Carmignani, Cleveland, Dillingham, Fruchter, Leung, Podvesker, Shuldiner, Zingmond, Zorrilla-Aristy).*
6. *Resolution 5: Items 18-24 was approved unanimously (yay: Carmignani, Cleveland, Dillingham, Fruchter, Leung, Podvesker, Shuldiner, Zingmond, Zorrilla-Aristy).*

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The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 p.m.

A recording of the meeting is available [here](#).