

MINUTES OF ACTION

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PUBLIC MEETING OF THE PANEL FOR EDUCATIONAL POLICY

**Taft Educational Campus
240 East 172nd Street,
Bronx, NY
Wednesday, July 29, 2015**

ROLL CALL:

Present:

Hon. Fred Baptiste
Hon. Isaac Carmignani
Hon. T. Elzora Cleveland
Hon. Deborah Dillingham
Hon. Vanessa Leung
Hon. Lori Podvesker
Hon. Robert Powell
Hon. Benjamin Shuldiner
Hon. Roberto Soto-Carrión
Hon. Laura Zingmond
Courtenaye Jackson-Chase, Secretary
Dorita Gibson, Senior Deputy Chancellor

Absent:

Hon. Norm Fruchter
Hon. Kamillah Payne-Hanks
Hon. Miguelina Zorilla-Aristy
Carmen Fariña, Chancellor

Action was taken as indicated below:

Secretary Courtenaye Jackson-Chase called roll at 6:00 pm. All Panel Members were present except Panel Members: Norm Fruchter, Kamillah Payne-Hanks, Miguelina Zorilla-Aristy.

1. Chancellor's Update—Senior Deputy Chancellor Dorita Gibson delivered general updates in Chancellor Carmen Fariña's absence. Panel Chair Leung called for the public comment portion of the meeting.
2. Approval of June 23, 2015 Panel Meeting Minutes of Action—Motion to adopt the minutes of action from the June 23, 2015 Panel meeting was made by Panel Member Fred Baptiste.

Panel Member Elzora Cleveland seconded the motion. Panel Chair Leung called for a vote. The June 23, 2015 Minutes of Action were approved unanimously.

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

3. Approval of the 2010-2017 Memorandum of Agreement Between Doctors Council SEIU, The City of New York and the NYC Health and Hospitals Corporation – Panel Member Lori Podvesker motioned to adopt the resolution regarding Approval of the 2010-2017 Memorandum of Agreement Between Doctors Council SEIU, The City of New York and the NYC Health and Hospitals Corporation. Panel Member Roberto Soto-Carrión seconded the motion. Panel Chair Leung called for a vote. There were no public comments for this portion of the meeting. The resolution was approved as follows:

1. Resolution Regarding the Agreement Made and Entered Between the City of New York and Doctors Council, SEIU was approved unanimously.

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4. Approval of Contracts—Panel Member Fred Baptiste presented the Contracts Committee recommendations to the Panel. The Contracts Committee met on Monday, July 27, 2015. The Committee unanimously recommended the approval of items 1-5, 6, 10-13, 14, 16-34. Before motioning to adopt the resolutions, 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 July 29, 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 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.

*At the October 29, 2014 Panel meeting, the Panel approved a contract with Brooklyn College to provide graduate courses in administration and supervision. The following has been amended and is reflected in the Request for Authorization. That RA incorrectly specified a “Cost per Credit” rate for the contract if \$348. The correct rate is \$450.00
The original estimated annual amount was \$188,041. The revised estimated annual amount is \$160,650.
The original contract amount was \$940,203. The revised contract amount is \$803,250.*

*At the April 29, 2015 Panel meeting, the Panel approved a contract with Cornell University for professional development training for District 75 staff. The stipulation of the lawsuit states that the professional development training is to be provided system-wide and is not limited to District 75.
At the May 20, 2015 Panel meeting, the Panel approved a contract with CORO New York Leadership Center. This contract is for training in leadership skills for high schools students. The agenda indicated the annual amount is \$99,560. The correct amount is \$265,936, as reflected in the Request for Authorization.*

At the May 20, 2015 Panel, the Panel approved a contract for class B library books. The RA lists the estimated annual amount as \$4,281,079 and the total contract amount as \$21,405,395. The correct estimated annual amount should read \$5,039,732 and the correct total contract amount should read \$25,198,660. At the April 29, 2015, May 20, 2015, June 10, 2015 and June 23, 2015 Panel meetings, the Panel approved contracts for Universal Prekindergarten programs. The agenda indicated these as full value contracts. These are requirements contracts, as reflected in the Requests for Authorizations. At the June 10, 2015 Panel meeting, the Panel approved a contract for Universal Prekindergarten programs. The agenda indicated that the contract type is full value with a 1 year term. The contract type is requirements with for a term of 3 years with a 2 year option, as indicated in the request for authorization.

Panel Member Elzora Cleveland motioned to adopt items 1-5, 6, 10-13, 14, 16-34 into four resolutions. Panel Member Soto-Carrión seconded the motion. Before the Panel voted, Executive Director of Community Schools, Chris Caruso gave an overview regarding the New Visions contract. The Panel voted on the contract items, which were approved as follows:

- 1. Resolution 1: Items 1-5 was approved 9-0 (yay: Baptiste, Carmignani, Cleveland, Dillingham, Leung, Podvesker, Shuldiner, Soto-Carrión, Zingmond).*
- 2. Resolution 2: Items 6 was approved 8-0 with one recusal (yay: Baptiste, Carmignani, Cleveland, Dillingham, Leung, Podvesker, Soto-Carrón, Zingmond; recused: Shuldiner).*
- 3. Resolution 3: Items 10-13 was approved 9-0 (yay: Baptiste, Carmignani, Cleveland, Dillingham, Leung, Podvesker, Shuldiner, Soto-Carrión, Zingmond).*
- 4. Resolution 4: Items 14, 16-34 was approved 9-0 (yay: Baptiste, Carmignani, Cleveland, Dillingham, Leung, Podvesker, Shuldiner, Soto-Carrión and Zingmond).*

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The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:00 p.m.

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