

MINUTES OF ACTION

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PUBLIC MEETING OF THE PANEL FOR EDUCATIONAL POLICY

**Taft Educational Campus
240 East 172nd Street,
Bronx, NY 10457
Thursday, January 29, 2015**

ROLL CALL:

Present:

Hon. Fred Baptiste
Hon. Isaac Carmignani
Hon. T. Elzora Cleveland
Hon. Deborah Dillingham
Hon. Norm Fruchter
Hon. Vanessa Leung
Hon. Kamillah Payne-Hanks
Hon. Robert Powell
Hon. Roberto Soto-Carrión
Hon. Laura Zingmond
Hon. Miguelina Zorilla-Aristy
Courtenaye Jackson-Chase, Secretary
Carmen Fariña, Chancellor

Absent:

Hon. Lori Podvesker

Action was taken as indicated below:

Secretary Courtenaye Jackson-Chase called roll at 6:35 pm. All Panel Members were present except Panel Member Lori Podvesker.

1. Approval of December 18, 2014 Panel Meeting Minutes of Action—Motion to adopt the minutes of action from the December 18, 2014 Panel meeting was made by Panel Member Fruchter. Panel Member Baptiste seconded the motion. Panel Chair Leung called for a vote. The December 18, 2014 Minutes of Action were approved unanimously.

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

2. Chancellor's Update—Chancellor Carmen Fariña delivered general updates.
3. Approval of Local 891 Agreement with the City of New York—Panel Member Fruchter motioned to adopt the Resolution Approving Proposed Agreement Made and Entered Between the City of New York and Local 891, International Union of Operating Engineers, AFL-CIO, covering School Custodian Engineers Levels I and II. Panel Member Soto-Carrión seconded the motion. Before calling for a vote, Panel Chair Leung allowed time for public comment. The resolution was approved unanimously.
4. Approval of Proposals for Significant Changes in School Utilization—Panel Member Fruchter motioned to adopt the two resolutions for significant changes in school utilization. Panel Member Baptiste seconded the motion.

1. Resolution Regarding the Proposed Grade Expansion of Central Park East II (04M964) from K-5 to K-8 and the Proposed Co-location of Central Park East II's Middle School Grades with P.S. 108 Assemblyman Angela Del Toro (04M108) in Building M108 Beginning in the 2015-2016 School Year was approved unanimously.

2. Resolution Regarding the Proposed Grade Truncation of P.S. 152 Gwendoline N. Alleyne School (30Q152) from a K-6 School to a K-5 School Beginning in the 2015-2016 School Year was approved 8-3 (yay: Baptiste, Carmignani, Cleveland, Fruchter, Leung, Payne-Hanks, Soto-Carrión, Zorilla- Aristy; nay: Dillingham, Zingmond, Powell).

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5. Approval of Contracts—Panel member Robert Powell presented the Contracts Committee recommendations to the Panel. The Contracts Committee met earlier today on Thursday, January 29, 2015. The Committee unanimously recommended the approval of items 1-7, 9-20 and 24-27. 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 January 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 its meeting on December 18, 2014, the Panel approved a Negotiated Services award for Universal Prekindergarten with Congress of Italian American

Organizations, Inc. d/b/a Seeds of Unity Day Care Center for 15 seats at \$9,995.33, as reflected in the agenda and RA. As a Negotiated Services Award, this was presented to the Committee on Contracts on January 12, 2015 and now requires Panel approval.

Panel Member Dillingham motioned to adopt items 1-7, 9-20 and 24-27 into one resolution. Panel Member Cleveland seconded the motion. The Panel voted on the contract items, which were approved as follows:

1. Resolution 1: Items 1-7, 9-20 and 24-27 was approved unanimously.

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The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:00 p.m.

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