

**MINUTES OF ACTION**

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**PUBLIC MEETING OF THE PANEL FOR EDUCATIONAL POLICY**

**High School of Fashion Industries  
225 West 24<sup>th</sup> Street,  
Manhattan, NY 10011  
Tuesday, November 25, 2014**

**ROLL CALL:**

**Present:**

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

**Absent:**

Hon. Kamillah Payne-Hanks  
Hon. Robert Reffkin

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**Action was taken as indicated below:**

Secretary Courtenaye Jackson-Chase called roll at 6:05 pm. All Panel Members were present except Panel Members Kamillah Payne-Hanks and Robert Reffkin. The Student Panel Members were announced: Noel Cruz and Stephanie Ng.

1. Approval of October 29, 2014 Panel Meeting Minutes of Action—Motion to adopt the minutes of action from the September 23, 2014 Panel meeting was made by Panel Member Fruchter. Panel Member Powell seconded the motion. Panel Chair Leung called for a vote. The October 29, 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 and welcomed Student Panel Members Noel Cruz and Stephanie Ng. Panel Chair Leung called for the public comment portion of the meeting after the vote of the minutes of action portion of the meeting.
3. Approval of Proposals for Significant Changes in School Utilization—Motion to adopt the seven proposals for significant changes in school utilization was made by Panel Member Powell. Panel Member Cleveland seconded the motion. After the public comment portion of the meeting and Panel discussion Panel Chair Leung called for a vote. The resolutions was approved as follows:
  1. *Resolution Regarding the Proposed Re-siting and Co-location of a Portion of P.S. 130 The Parkside (15K130) with a New District Middle School (15KTBD) and a District 75 Program (75K053) in New Building K437 Beginning in the 2015-2016 School Year was approved unanimously.*
  2. *Resolution Regarding the Proposed Re-siting of Kindergarten and First Grade of P.S. 112 Lefferts Park (20K112) in New Building K768 Beginning in the 2015-2016 School Year was approved unanimously.*
  3. *Resolution Regarding the Proposed Re-siting of The Peck Slip School (02M343) from Building M860 to New Building M343 in the 2015-2016 School Year was approved unanimously.*
  4. *Resolution Regarding the Proposed Re-siting of Beacon High School (03M479) to New Building M912 and Co-Location with P.S. 35 (75M035) Beginning in the 2015-2016 School Year was approved unanimously.*
  5. *Resolution Regarding the Proposed Re-Siting and Co-location of P.S. 110 (24Q110) with a New Site of an Existing District 75 School P.S. Q277 (75Q277) in New Building Q315 Beginning in the 2015-2016 School Year was approved unanimously.*
  6. *Resolution Regarding the Proposed Grade Expansion of P.S. 305 Learners and Leaders (24Q305) from a K-3 to a K-5 School, and the Partial Re-Siting of P.S. 305 Learners and Leaders to Building Q320, Beginning in the 2015-2016 School Year was approved unanimously.*
  7. *Resolution Regarding the Proposed Grade Expansion of P.S. 251 (29Q251) from a K-3 to a K-5 School Beginning in 2015-2016 was approved unanimously.*
4. Approval of Contracts—Panel member Robert Powell presented the Contracts Committee recommendations to the Panel. The Contracts Committee met on November 20, 2014. The Committee unanimously recommended the approval of items 3-11 and 13-15. Before motioning to adopt the resolutions, Executive Director, Division of Contracts and Purchasing, David Ross read text into the minutes. The text read as follows:

*To be read into the minutes of the November 25, 2014 Panel for Educational Policy meeting by David Ross, Executive Director, Division of Contracts and Purchasing:*

*I note that we have provided Panel members with technical changes and addendums to universal pre-kindergarten contracts that have been approved by the Panel at prior meetings. These changes also have been posted on the web.*

*A change has been made to the contract amount in item 6 of this month's agenda; the contract is with Environmental Rating Scale Institute, Inc. The agenda indicates the contract amount is \$1.2 million. The correct amount is \$1,177,187 as reflected in the RA.*

*A change has been made to the contract term in item 13 of this month's agenda; the contract is with Strategic Inquiry Consulting, LLC. The agenda indicates the term is 1 year. The correct term is 9 months, as reflected in the RA.*

*A change has been made to the contract amount in item 14 of this month's agenda; the contract is with Follet School Solutions. The agenda indicates \$1,601,922. The correct amount is \$228,846, as reflected in the RA.*

*At its June 24, 2014 meeting, the Panel approved a contract for educational software, indicating the vendor's name as Sunburst Technology. The vendor's legal name is Sunburst Digital.*

*At its July 30, 2014 meeting, the Panel approved a contract for labor support unit consultants. The agenda indicated the contract amount for Joseph Belesi was \$40,000. The correct amount is \$45,000, as reflected in the RA.*

Panel Member Robert Powell motioned to adopt items 3-11 and 13-15 into three resolutions. Panel Member Baptiste seconded the motion. The Panel voted on the contract items, which were approved as follows:

- 1. Resolution 1: Items 3-6 was approved unanimously.*
- 2. Resolution 2: Items 7-10 was approved unanimously.*
- 3. Resolution 3: Items 11, 13 and 15 was approved 9-0 with one recusal (yay: Baptiste, Cleveland, Dillingham, Fruchter, Leung, Podvesker, Powell, Zingmond and Zorilla-Aristy; recused Soto-Carrión).*

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

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:30 p.m.

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