



THE NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
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PANEL FOR EDUCATION POLICY
52 Chambers Street – NY, NY 10007

MINUTES OF ACTION

PUBLIC MEETING OF THE PANEL FOR EDUCATIONAL POLICY

**Brooklyn Technical High School
29 Fort Greene Place
Brooklyn, NY, 11217
Tuesday, November 16, 2010
6:00 PM**

ROLL CALL:

Present:

Hon. Philip Berry
Hon. Joe Chan
Hon. Joan Correale
Hon. Dmytro Fedkowskyj
Hon. Tino Hernandez
Hon. Monica Major
Hon. Tomás Morales
Hon. Lisette Nieves
Hon. Gbubemi Okotieuro
Hon. Gitte Peng
Hon. Robert Reffkin
Hon. Patrick Sullivan
Anton Mararenko, Student Member
Joel I. Klein, *Chancellor*
Michael Best, *Secretary*

Absent and Excused:

Hon. Linda Lausell Bryant

Action was taken as indicated below:

Secretary Michael Best called the roll. All present except for Panel Member Linda Lausell Bryant.

Election of new Chairperson – *Vice Chair Philip Berry called for nominations. Panel Member Monica Major nominated Panel Member Patrick Sullivan; nomination seconded by Panel Member Sullivan. Panel Member Lisette Nieves nominated Panel Member Tino Hernandez; nomination seconded by Panel Member Tomás Morales. Panel Member Sullivan received 2 votes; Panel Member Hernandez received 10 votes. Panel Member Hernandez was elected Chair.*

Approval of October 7th Panel Meeting Minutes of Action—*Motion to adopt the minutes of action from the October 7th, 2010 Panel meeting was made by Vice Chair Philip Berry and seconded by Panel Member Joe Chan. The minutes were approved 9-0 with three abstentions (abstention: Major, Reffkin, and Fedkowskyj).*

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(Minutes attached via link to the [Panel for Educational Policy website](#)).

1. Chancellor's Update—Presentation by Chancellor Joel I. Klein on the announcement of his resignation and the NYC Retrospective. No action was taken.
2. Resolution Proposed by Panel Member Sullivan Regarding Role of Panel for Educational Policy in Waiver Process – *The Panel heard public comment on this item. Panel Member Monica Major made a motion to adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded by Panel Member Patrick Sullivan. The motion was defeated 10-2 (yea: Major, Sullivan; nay Hernandez, Berry, Chan, Correale, Fedkowskyj, Morales, Nieves, Okotieuro, Peng, Reffkin).*
3. Approval of Proposals for Significant Changes in School Utilization – *The Panel heard public comment on the proposals for significant changes in school utilization. Panel Member Joe Chan made a motion to adopt the five resolutions; the motion was seconded by Panel Member Philip Berry. Following Panel discussion, the Chair called for a vote on each resolution. The resolutions were approved as follows:*
 - *Resolution Regarding Approval of the Proposed Grade Expansion of P.S. 157 Benjamin Franklin (14K157) to a K-8 School was approved 11-0 (yea: Hernandez, Berry, Chan, Correale, Fedkowskyj, Major, Morales, Nieves, Okotieuro, Peng, Reffkin; abstention: Sullivan);*
 - *Resolution Regarding Approval of the Proposed Grade Expansion of P.S. 45 Horace E. Greene (32K045) to a K-8 School was approved 11-0 (yea: Hernandez, Berry, Chan, Correale, Fedkowskyj, Major, Morales, Nieves, Okotieuro, Peng, Reffkin; abstention: Sullivan);*
 - *Resolution Regarding Approval of the Proposed Temporary Re-siting and Co-location of a Portion of One Grade Level of an Existing School, P.S. 16 (24Q016), with an Existing School, Pioneer Academy (24Q307) and a D75 School, P255Q, in Building Q260 for the 2010-2011 School Year was approved 10-0 (yea: Hernandez, Berry, Chan, Correale, Fedkowskyj, Major, Morales, Nieves, Okotieuro, Peng, Reffkin; abstention: Major, Sullivan);*
 - *Resolution Regarding Approval of the Proposed Grade Truncation of P.S. 104 The Bays Water School (27Q104) to a K-5 School was approved 10-0 (yea: Hernandez, Berry, Chan, Correale, Fedkowskyj, Major, Morales, Nieves, Okotieuro, Peng, Reffkin; abstention: Major, Sullivan);*
 - *Resolution Regarding Approval of the Proposed Grade Truncation of P.S. 144 Col Jeromus Remsen (28Q144) to a K-5 School was approved 10-0 (yea: Hernandez, Berry, Chan, Correale, Fedkowskyj, Major, Morales, Nieves, Okotieuro, Peng, Reffkin; abstention: Major, Sullivan).*

Resolutions available via link to [Panel for Educational Policy website](#).

Approval of Contracts—Contracts Committee Chair Joe stated the Contracts Committee recommended the Panel consider approval of items 1 through 3 on one resolution and approval of items 4 through 15 on a second resolution. The Panel heard public comment. Panel Member Dmytro Fedkowskyj moved to adopt the resolutions. Panel Member Joan Correale seconded the motion. Following panel discussion, items 1 through 3 were approved by a vote of 10-1 (yea: Hernandez, Berry, Chan, Correale, Fedkowskyj, Major, Morales, Nieves, Okotieuro, Peng, Reffkin; nay: Sullivan; abstention: Major). On item number 4, the vote was 6-0 for approval, with five recusals (yea: Hernandez, Chan, Correale, Fedkowskyj, Peng, Sullivan; abstention: Major);

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recused: Berry, Morales, Nieves, Okotieuro, Reffkin), so no action was taken. The Chair stated that this item would be considered again next month, after the general Counsel seeks advice from the Conflicts of Interest Board regarding the need for recusals. Items 5-15 were approved by a vote of 12-0 (yea: Hernandez, Berry, Chan, Correale, Fedkowskyj, Major, Morales, Nieves, Okotieuro, Peng, Reffkin, Sullivan; abstention: Major). Executive Director of Contracts and Purchasing David Ross provided an update regarding a resolution the Panel adopted and approved on June 22, 2010: contract Item 3, Our Lady Queen of Peace, providing universal pre-kindergarten programs for four-year-olds. That item incorrectly stated the annual amount at \$142,000. The correct annual amount should be \$144,000, or \$2,000 more.

Contracts and resolutions are attached via link to the [Panel for Educational Policy website](#).

4. *General Public comment.*

The meeting adjourned at 8:59 pm.

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

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