



THE NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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PANEL FOR EDUCATIONAL POLICY
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MINUTES OF ACTION

PUBLIC MEETING OF THE PANEL FOR EDUCATIONAL POLICY

The Michael J. Petrides School
715 Ocean Terrace
Staten Island, NY
Wednesday, September 14, 2011
6:00 PM

ROLL CALL:

Present:

Hon. Joe Chan
Hon. Dmytro Fedkowskyj
Hon. Freida Foster
Hon. Jeff Kay
Hon. Tino Hernandez
Hon. Monica Major
Hon. Eduardo Martí
Hon. Lisette Nieves
Hon. Gbubemi Okotieuro
Hon. Gitte Peng
Hon. Diane Peruggia
Hon. Patrick Sullivan
Dennis M. Walcott, *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 Members Linda Lausell Bryant, Gbubemi Okotieuro, and Patrick Sullivan.

Approval of August 17, 2011 Panel Meeting Minutes of Action—*Motion to adopt the minutes of action from the August 17, 2011 Panel meeting was made by Panel Member Lisette Nieves. Panel Member Dmytro Fedkowskyj seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously. The minutes are available via link to [Panel for Educational Policy website](#).*

1. Chancellor's Update—*Presentation by Chancellor Dennis M. Walcott on school opening, alternate learning centers, and busing. Panel Member Patrick Sullivan joined the meeting during the Chancellor's update. No action was taken.*
2. Approval of the Proposed Diversity and Inclusion Policy—*Panel Member Lisette Nieves made a motion to adopt the resolution. Panel Member Jeff Kay seconded the motion. No members of the general public commented on the diversity and inclusion policy. Executive Director of the Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity Management Mecca Santana presented on the Diversity and Inclusion Policy. The Resolution Regarding Approval of Proposed Diversity and Inclusion Policy*

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was adopted unanimously. Resolution available via link to the [Panel for Educational Policy website](#).

3. Approval of Contracts—*Contracts Committee Chair Freida Foster stated the Contracts Committee recommended the Panel consider approval of contract items 1-2, 4-6, and 11-12 on one resolution, item 3 on a second resolution, and item 7 on a third resolution. No members of the general public commented on contracts. Panel Member Lisette Nieves moved to adopt the resolution containing items 1-2, 4-6, and 11-12. Panel Member Gitte Peng seconded the motion. Following Panel discussion, items 1, 4-6, and 11-12 were approved unanimously. Item 2 was approved 10-1 (yea: Chan, Fedkowskyj, Foster, Hernandez, Kay, Major, Martí, Nieves, Peng, Peruggia; nay: Sullivan). Executive Director of the Division of Contracts and Purchasing David Ross presented on items 3 and 7. Panel Member Lisette Nieves moved to adopt the resolution containing item 7. Panel Member Jeff Kay seconded the motion. Item 7 was approved unanimously with one recusal (yea: Chan, Fedkowskyj, Foster, Hernandez, Kay, Major, Martí, Nieves, Peng, Peruggia; recused: Sullivan). Panel Member Jeff Kay moved to adopt the resolution containing item 3. Panel Member Lisette Nieves seconded the motion. Item 3 was approved unanimously. Contracts and resolution available via link to the [Panel for Educational Policy website](#).*

Panel Member Gbubemi Okotieuro joined the meeting during general public comment.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 pm.

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

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