

MINUTES OF ACTION

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PUBLIC MEETING OF THE PANEL FOR EDUCATIONAL POLICY

**Long Island City High School
14-30 Broadway,
Long Island City, NY 11106
Thursday, December 18, 2014**

ROLL CALL:

Present:

Hon. Fred Baptiste
Hon. Isaac Carmignani
Hon. T. Elzora Cleveland
Hon. Norm Fruchter
Hon. Vanessa Leung
Hon. Kamillah Payne-Hanks
Hon. Lori Podvesker
Hon. Roberto Soto-Carrión
Hon. Miguelina Zorilla-Aristy
Courtenaye Jackson-Chase, Secretary
Carmen Fariña, Chancellor

Absent:

Hon. Deborah Dillingham
Hon. Robert Powell
Hon. Laura Zingmond

Action was taken as indicated below:

Secretary Courtenaye Jackson-Chase called roll at 6:20 pm. All Panel Members were present except Panel Members Deborah Dillingham, Robert Powell and Laura Zingmond. Before the voting portion of the meeting, Panel Chair Vanessa Leung announced the newly appointed Panel Member, Isaac Carmignani, to replace Panel Member Robert Reffkin, who has resigned from the Panel.

1. Approval of November 25, 2014 Panel Meeting Minutes of Action—Motion to adopt the minutes of action from the November 25, 2014 Panel meeting was made by Panel Member Fruchter. Panel Member Baptiste seconded the motion. Panel

Chair Leung called for a vote. The November 25, 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. Panel Chair Leung announced before the voting portion of the meeting, the Annual Diversity and Inclusion Report will be presented by Executive Director for the Office of Equal Opportunity & Diversity Management, Odelia Levy.
3. Annual Diversity and Inclusion Report—Executive Director for the Office of Equal Opportunity & Diversity Management, Odelia Levy, presented the Annual Diversity and Inclusion Report. After the presentation, Panel Chair Leung called for the public comment portion of the meeting.
4. Approval of Contracts—Panel member Roberto Soto-Carrión presented the Contracts Committee recommendations to the Panel. The Contracts Committee met on December 11, 2014. The Committee unanimously recommended the approval of items 1-3 and 5-13. Before motioning to adopt the resolutions, Chief Administrator, Division of Contracts and Purchasing, James McBride read text into the minutes as Executive Director, David Ross was unable to attend. The text read as follows:

To be read into the minutes of the December 18, 2014 Panel for Educational Policy meeting by James McBride, Chief Administrator, Division of Contracts and Purchasing:

For the December 18, 2014 meeting, I would like to note that I have provided Panel members with technical changes to universal pre-kindergarten contracts and a New York State Education Department 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant 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 for labor and materials for school alarm systems. For Maximum Security Group, the agenda indicates \$3,052,013. The correct amount is \$5,532,670. For Megamax Voice and Data Inc. the agenda indicates \$3,194,000. The correct amount is \$583,000. The changes are reflected in the RA.

Panel Member Podvesker motioned to adopt items 1-3 and 5-13 into one resolution. Panel Member Fruchter seconded the motion. The Panel voted on the contract items, which were approved as follows:

1. *Resolution 1: Items 1-3 and 5-13 was approved unanimously.*

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](#).