

MINUTES OF ACTION

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PUBLIC MEETING OF THE PANEL FOR EDUCATIONAL POLICY

**Michael J. Petrides School
715 Ocean Terrace
Staten Island, NY 10301
Wednesday, February 12, 2014**

ROLL CALL:

Present:

Hon. Fred Baptiste
Hon. T. Elzora Cleveland
Hon. Deborah Dillingham
Hon. Norm Fruchter
Hon. Vanessa Leung
Hon. Kamillah Payne-Hanks
Hon. Lori Podvesker
Hon. Robert Powell
Hon. Robert Reffkin
Hon. Laura Zingmond
Hon. Miguelina Zorrilla-Aristy
Courtenaye Jackson-Chase, *Secretary*
Carmen Fariña, *Chancellor*

Action was taken as indicated below:

Secretary Courtenaye Jackson-Chase called roll at 6:05 p.m. The following Panel Members were present: T. Elzora Cleveland, Deborah Dillingham, Norm Fruchter, Vanessa Leung, Kamillah Payne-Hanks, Lori Podvesker, Robert Powell, Robert Reffkin, Laura Zingmond and Miguelina Zorrilla-Aristy. Panel Member Fred Baptiste arrived during the contracts portion of the meeting. Secretary Courtenaye Jackson-Chase welcomed newly appointed members Miguelina Zorrilla-Aristy, Deborah Dillingham and Kamillah Payne-Hanks to the Panel for Educational Policy.

1. Approval of January 22, 2014 Panel Meeting Minutes of Action—Motion to adopt the minutes of action from the January 22, 2014 Panel meeting was made by Panel Member Norm Fruchter. Panel Member Robert Powell seconded the motion. Panel Chair Leung called for a vote. The January 22, 2014 Minutes of Action were approved unanimously, noting the absence of Panel Member Baptiste.

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

2. Chancellor's Update—Chancellor Carmen Fariña shared general updates and invited newly appointed Panel Members to make introductory remarks. After updates concluded, Panel Chair Leung called for the General Public Comment portion of the meeting.
3. Approval of Contracts—Contracts Committee Member Norm Fruchter presented the Contracts Committee recommendations to the Panel. The Contracts Committee met on February 10, 2014. The Committee unanimously recommended the approval of items 1-10, 11, 12-29 and 30. 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 February 12, 2014 Panel for Educational Policy meeting by David Ross, Executive Director, Division of Contracts and Purchasing:

A change has been made to the contract term in item 17 of this month's agenda, the contract for conflict resolution and peer mediation. The agenda indicates a term of 6 months. The correct term is 1 year as reflected in the RA.

A change has been made to the contract term in item 22 of this month's agenda, the contract for conflict resolution around the game of basketball. The agenda indicates a term of 9 months. The correct term is 1 year as reflected in the RA.

A change has been made to the contract term in item 24 of this month's agenda, the contract for anti-drug/anti-gang workshops. The agenda indicates a term of 9 months. The correct term is 1 year as reflected in the RA.

A change has been made to the contract term in item 26 of this month's agenda, the contract for a mentoring program for students. The agenda indicates a term of 10 months. The correct term is 1 year as reflected in the RA.

A change has been made to the annual amount in item 29 of this month's agenda, the contract for discount tickets for the Big Apple Circus. The agenda indicated \$35,000. The correct amount is \$30,000 as reflected in the RA.

A change has been made to the annual amount in item 30 of this month's agenda, the contract for the replacement of bankrupt bus contractors. The following changes have been made and are correctly reflected in the RA:

- *For Quality Transportation Corp, the agenda indicated \$21,770,528. The correct amount is \$22,960,000*
- *For Mountainside Transportation, the agenda indicated \$2,225,699. The correct amount is \$2,939,382.*

The updated agenda also indicates that some vendors have been withdrawn. A change has been made to the classes awarded in item 11 of this month's agenda. This item is for the award of trade book materials to six vendors in three classes. Classes B and C are being withdrawn, and only class A is being put forth at this time. The following changes have been made and will be reflected in an updated agenda:

*Steps to Literacy LLC - withdrawn
Lectorum Publications Inc. - \$7,900,000
Advanced Educational Publishing - \$7,900,000
GL Group - \$7,900,000
Perfection Learning Corp. - withdrawn
Classroom Library Co. - withdrawn*

Panel Member Norm Fruchter motioned to adopt the three resolutions. Panel Member Lori Podvesker seconded the motion. After public comment, and panel discussion, the Panel voted on the contract items, which were approved as follows:

1. *Resolution 1: Item 30 was approved unanimously, noting that Panel Member Powell was not seated at this time.*
2. *Resolution 2: Item 11 was approved 9-0 with one recusal (Baptiste, Cleveland, Dillingham, Fruchter, Leung, Payne-Hanks, Podvesker, Powell, Reffkin, and Zorrilla-Aristy: recused: Zingmond). Note that Panel Member Powell was not seated at this time.*
3. *Resolution 3: 1-10, 12-29 was approved unanimously.*

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

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 p.m.

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