



**THE NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF  
EDUCATION**

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PANEL FOR EDUCATIONAL POLICY  
52 Chambers Street – NY, NY 10007

**MINUTES OF ACTION**

**DRAFT**

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

**Bronx High School of Business  
240 East 172 Street  
Bronx, NY 10457  
Wednesday, October 12, 2011  
6:00 PM**

**ROLL CALL:**

**Present:**

Hon. Linda Lausell Bryant  
Hon. Tino Hernandez  
Hon. Jeff Kay  
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. Joe Chan  
Hon. Dmytro Fedkowskyj  
Hon. Freida Foster

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Action was taken as indicated below:

Secretary Michael Best called the roll. All present except for Panel Members Joe Chan, Dmytro Fedkowskyj, and Freida Foster.

Approval of September 14, 2011 Panel Meeting Minutes of Action—*Motion to adopt the minutes of action from the September 14, 2011 Panel meeting was made by Panel Member Eduardo Martí. Panel Member Jeff Kay 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 D37 layoffs, the budget, and contracts. No action was taken.*
2. Strategic Diversity and Inclusion Report—*Presentation by Executive Director of the Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity Management Mecca Santana. Panel Member discussion. No action was taken.*

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Hon. Tino Hernandez, Chairman, Hon. Lisette Nieves, Vice Chair, Hon. Linda Lausell Bryant, Hon. Joe Chan, Hon. Freida Foster, Hon. Dmytro Fedkowskyj, Queens, Hon. Jeff Kay, Hon. Monica Major, Bronx, Hon. Eduardo Martí, Hon. Gbubemi Okotieuro, Brooklyn, Hon. Gitte Peng, Hon. Diane Peruggia Staten Island, Hon. Patrick Sullivan, Manhattan



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3. Approval of Amended Chancellor's Regulations—*Panel Member Lisette Nieves made a motion to adopt the two resolutions for amended Chancellor's Regulations. Panel Member Monica Major seconded the motion. Following general public comment, the Chair called for a vote on each resolution and the resolutions were approved as follows:*
- *Resolution Regarding Approval of Proposed Amendments to Chancellor's Regulation A-831, Student to Student Sexual Harassment was approved unanimously.*
  - *Resolution Regarding Approval of Proposed Amendments to Chancellor's Regulation A-832, Bias-Based Harassment, Intimidation and/or Bullying was approved unanimously.*

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

4. Approval of Proposals for Significant Changes in School Utilization—*Panel Member Lisette Nieves made a motion to adopt the two resolutions for significant changes in school utilization. Panel Member Linda Lausell Bryant seconded the motion. No members of the general public commented on the two proposals. The Chair called for a vote on each resolution and the resolutions were approved as follows:*
- *Resolution Regarding Approval of the Proposed Grade Truncation of P.S. 224 Hale A. Woodruff (19K224) to a K-5 School in 2012-2013 was approved unanimously.*
  - *Resolution Regarding Approval of the Proposed Grade Expansion of P.S. 326 (22K326) to a K-2 School in 2012-2013 was approved unanimously.*

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

5. Approval of Contracts—*Panel Chair Tino Hernandez presented the Contracts Committee's recommendations to the Panel. The Contracts Committee met on October 7, 2011 and unanimously recommended the approval of items 1-2, 4-16, and 18-19 and unanimously recommended the approval of item 17 with two recusals (recused: Foster, Martí). No members of the general public commented on contracts. Panel Member Jeff Kay moved to adopt the resolution containing items 1-2 and 4-19. Panel Member Gitte Peng seconded the motion. Following Panel discussion, items 1-2, 4-8, 10-16, and 18-19 were approved unanimously. Contract item 9 was approved unanimously with one abstention (yea: Bryant, Hernandez, Kay, Major, Martí, Nieves, Okotieuro, Peng, Peruggia; abstention: Sullivan). Contract item 17 was approved unanimously with three recusals (yea: Bryant, Hernandez, Kay, Major, Peng, Peruggia, Sullivan; recused: Martí, Nieves, Okotieuro). Contracts and resolution available via link to the [Panel for Educational Policy website](#).*

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

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

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