

## MINUTES OF ACTION

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## PUBLIC MEETING OF THE PANEL FOR EDUCATIONAL POLICY

**Prospect Heights Campus  
883 Classon Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11225  
Tuesday, March 18, 2014**

### ROLL CALL:

**Present:**

Hon. Milady Baez  
Hon. Fred Baptiste  
Hon. T. Elzora Cleveland  
Hon. Deborah Dillingham  
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*

**Absent:**

Hon. Norm Fruchter

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Action was taken as indicated below:

Secretary Courtenaye Jackson-Chase called roll at 6:05 p.m. The following Panel Members were present: Milady Baez, Fred Baptiste, Deborah Dillingham, Vanessa Leung, Kamillah Payne-Hanks, Lori Podvesker, Robert Powell, Laura Zingmond and Miguelina Zorrilla-Aristy. Panel Member T. Elzora Cleveland arrived during the Capital Plan portion of the meeting. Panel Member Robert Reffkin arrived after the approval of the Minutes of Action portion of the meeting.

1. Approval of February 12, 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 Fred Baptiste. Panel Member Robert Powell seconded the motion. Panel Chair Leung called for a vote. The February 12, 2014 Minutes of Action were approved 9-0, noting the temporary absence of Panel Members T. Elzora Cleveland and Robert Reffkin.

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

2. Chancellor's Update—Chancellor Carmen Fariña shared general updates. After updates concluded, Panel Chair Leung called for the General Public Comment portion of the meeting. Panel Member Robert Reffkin arrived after the approval of the February 12, 2014 Panel Meeting Minutes of Action.

3. Proposed Fiscal Year 2015-2019 Five Year Capital Plan—Motion to adopt the Fiscal Year 2015-2019 Five Year Capital Plan was made by Panel Member Fred Baptiste. Panel Member Robert Powell seconded the motion. Panel Chair Leung called for a vote. Panel Member T. Elzora Cleveland arrived during this portion of the meeting. The Proposed Fiscal Year 2015-2019 Five Year Capital Plan was approved unanimously.
4. Approval of Proposals for Significant Changes in School Utilization— Panel Member Robert Powell made a motion to adopt the only resolution for significant changes in school utilization. Panel Member Lori Podvesker seconded the motion. Panel Chair Leung called for a vote and the resolution were approved as follows:
  1. *Resolution Regarding the Proposed Temporary Partial Re-Siting and Co-Location of P.S. 056 Norwood Heights (10X056) with New School (10X077) and a District 75 School (75XTBD) in New Building X177 for Two Years Beginning in the 2014-2015 School Year was approved unanimously.*

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5. Approval of Contracts—Contracts Committee Chair Fred Baptiste presented the Contracts Committee recommendations to the Panel. The Contracts Committee met on March 17, 2014. The Committee unanimously recommended the approval of items 1-3 and 5-16. 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 March 18, 2014 Panel for Educational Policy meeting by David Ross, Executive Director, Division of Contracts and Purchasing:*

*A change has been made to item eight (8) of this month's agenda. The contract is for foreign language interpretation services. The agenda indicates the vendor's name is Geneva Temps. The vendor's legal name is Geneva Worldwide.*

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

1. *Resolution 1: Items 1-3 and 5-16 was approved 10-0 with one recusal (Yay: Baez, Cleveland, Dillingham, Leung, Payne-Hanks, Podvesker, Powell, Reffkin, Zingmond, Zorrilla-Aristy; recused: Baptiste).*

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

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