

MINUTES OF ACTION

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PUBLIC MEETING OF THE PANEL FOR EDUCATIONAL POLICY

**Murry Bergtraum High School
411 Pearl Street,
New York, NY 10038
Tuesday, October 27, 2015**

ROLL CALL:

Present:

Hon. Isaac Carmignani
Hon. T. Elzora Cleveland
Hon. Deborah Dillingham
Hon. Norm Fruchter
Hon. Vanessa Leung
Hon. Lori Podvesker
Hon. Robert Powell
Hon. Benjamin Shuldiner
Hon. Roberto Soto-Carrión
Hon. Miguelina Zorrilla-Aristy
Courtenaye Jackson-Chase, Secretary
Carmen Fariña, Chancellor

Student Panel Members:

Hon. Jonathan Aung
Hon. Karilyn Nieves

Absent:

Hon. Fred Baptiste
Hon. Kamillah Payne-Hanks
Hon. Laura Zingmond

Action was taken as indicated below:

Secretary Courtenaye Jackson-Chase called roll at 6:00 pm. All Panel Members were present except Panel Members: Fred Baptiste, Kamillah Payne-Hanks, and Laura Zingmond. Noting the temporary absence of Panel Member Robert Powell and Panel Member Deborah Dillingham.

1. Chancellor's Update—Chancellor Carmen Farina delivered general updates. Panel Chair Leung introduced Student Panel Members Jonathan Aung and Karilyn Nieves. Panel

Chair Leung called for the public comment portion of the meeting before the Arts Advisory Committee presentation made by Executive Director of Arts & Special Projects, Paul King and Arts Committee Chair, Jerrold Ross.

2. Approval of September 29, 2015 Panel Meeting Minutes of Action—Motion to adopt the minutes of action from the September 29, 2015 Panel meeting was made by Panel Member Norm Fruchter. Panel Member T. Elzora Cleveland seconded the motion. Panel Chair Leung called for a vote. The September 29, 2015 Minutes of Action were approved 8-0 (yay: Carmignani, Cleveland, Fruchter, Leung, Podvesker, Shuldiner, Soto-Carrión, Zorrilla-Aristy)

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

Approval of Discussion on Race & Diversity in School Admissions—Motion to adopt the Discussion on Race & Diversity in School admissions was made by Norm Fruchter. Panel Member T. Elzora Cleveland motioned adopt the resolution. Panel Chair Leung called for a vote. Panel Members approved the resolutions as follows:

Resolution to Discuss Race & Diversity in School Admissions in Consideration for the Removal of Footnote 1 of Chancellor's Regulation A-101 was approved 10-0 (yay: Carmignani, Cleveland, Fruchter, Leung, Payne-Hanks, Podvesker, Powell, Shuldiner, Soto-Carrión, Zorrilla-Aristy).

3. Approval of Aggregation of Community District Budgets—Motion to adopt the Aggregation of Community District Budgets Together with a Proposed Budget for Administrative Expenditures of the City Board and the Chancellor was made by Panel Member Fruchter. Panel Member Powell seconded the motion. Panel Chair Leung called for a vote. The resolution was approved 10-0 (yay: Carmignani, Cleveland, Fruchter, Leung, Payne-Hanks, Podvesker, Powell, Shuldiner, Soto-Carrión, Zorrilla-Aristy).
4. Approval of Contracts—Panel Member Isaac Carmignani presented the Contracts Committee recommendations to the Panel. The Contracts Committee met on Thursday, October 22, 2015. The Committee unanimously recommended the approval of items 1-17. Before motioning to adopt the resolution, Executive Director of Contracts and Purchasing, David Ross read text into the minutes. The text read as follows:

To be read into the minutes of the October 27, 2015 Panel for Educational Policy meeting by David Ross, Executive Director, Division of Contracts and Purchasing: First, I note that I have provided Panel members with technical changes to universal pre-kindergarten contracts that have been approved by the Panel at prior meetings and that these changes have been posted on the web. An additional technical change is included herewith.

At its June 10, 2015 meeting, item 6, the Panel approved a contract with Questar Assessments, Inc. to provide assessment materials and support for the Middle School Quality Initiative. The Panel agenda listed the amount incorrectly as \$339,938. The correct contract amount, as listed on the RA is \$368,227.50. At its July 29, 2015 meeting, item 14, the Panel approved a contract with SCAN - New York Volunteer Parent-Aides Association to provide conflict resolution,

family support and student health programs. The agenda indicated that the annual amount was \$40,000; however the RA reflected the correct amount of \$80,000.

The agenda for item 3 on this month's agenda incorrectly indicates the vendor's name as Teachers College, Columbia University, Teachers College Reading and Writing Project. The correct name is Teacher's College, Columbia University Center for Technology and School Change as indicated on the Request for Authorization.

The agenda for item 1 on this month's agenda, a contract with Vanguard Direct, indicates the term is "3," without specifying the units. The correct term is three years as indicated on the Request for Authorization.

The agenda for item 12 on this month's agenda, a contract with The Learning Connection, incorrectly indicates the annual amount as \$316,626. The correct annual amount is \$316,712 as indicated on the Request for Authorization.

The agenda for item 7 on this month's agenda, a contract with Teacher Created Materials, incorrectly indicates the annual amount as \$3,018,694. The correct annual amount is \$1,524,400 as indicated on the Request for Authorization.

Panel Member Norm Fruchter motioned to adopt items 1-17 into three resolutions. Panel Member Robert Powell seconded the motion. The Panel voted on the contract items, which were approved as follows:

- 1. Resolution 1: Items 1-3 was approved unanimously (yay: Carmignani, Cleveland, Fruchter, Leung, Payne-Hanks, Podvesker, Powell, Shuldiner, Soto-Carrión, Zorilla-Aristy).*
- 2. Resolution 2: Items 4-13 was approved unanimously (yay: Carmignani, Cleveland, Fruchter, Leung, Payne-Hanks, Podvesker, Powell, Shuldiner, Soto-Carrión, Zorilla-Aristy).*
- 3. Resolution 3: Item 14, 16, 17 was approved unanimously (yay: Carmignani, Cleveland, Fruchter, Leung, Payne-Hanks, Podvesker, Powell, Shuldiner, Soto-Carrión, Zorilla-Aristy).*

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](#).