

MINUTES OF ACTION

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PUBLIC MEETING OF THE PANEL FOR EDUCATIONAL POLICY

**Michael J. Petrides
715 Ocean Terrace,
Staten Island, NY
Tuesday, September, 2015**

ROLL CALL:

Present:

Hon. Fred Baptiste
Hon. Isaac Carmignani
Hon. Deborah Dillingham
Hon. Norm Fruchter
Hon. Vanessa Leung
Hon. Kamillah Payne-Hanks
Hon. Lori Podvesker
Hon. Benjamin Shuldiner
Hon. Laura Zingmond
Courtenaye Jackson-Chase, Secretary
Carmen Fariña, Chancellor

Absent:

Hon. T. Elzora Cleveland
Hon. Robert Powell
Hon. Roberto Soto-Carrión
Hon. Miguelina Zorrilla-Aristy

Action was taken as indicated below:

Secretary Courtenaye Jackson-Chase called roll at 6:00 pm. All Panel Members were present except Panel Members: Elzora Cleveland, Robert Powell, Roberto Soto-Carrión and Miguelina Zorrilla-Aristy.

1. Chancellor's Update—Chancellor Carmen Farina delivered general updates. Panel Chair Leung called for the public comment portion of the meeting.

2. Approval of August, 26 2015 Panel Meeting Minutes of Action—Motion to adopt the minutes of action from the August 26, 2015 Panel meeting was made by Panel Member Lori Podvesker. Panel Member Kamillah Payne- Hanks seconded the motion. Panel Chair Leung called for a vote. The August 26, 2015 Minutes of Action were approved unanimously.

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 Lori Podvesker motioned to table the Discussion on Race & Diversity in School Admissions. Panel Member Fred Baptiste seconded the motion. Panel Chair Leung called for a vote. The motion was approved unanimously 9-0 (yay: Baptiste, Carmignani, Dillingham, Fruchter, Leung, Payne-Hanks, Podvesker, Shuldiner, Zingmond).

3. Approval of Contracts—Panel Member Fred Baptiste presented the Contracts Committee recommendations to the Panel. The Contracts Committee met on Thursday, September 17, 2015. The Committee unanimously recommended the approval of items 1-29. 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 September 29, 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.

For item 20 of this meeting's agenda, the provider name of Young Men's And Young Women's Hebrew Association of Washington Heights is incorrect in the agenda. The correct name is Young Men's And Young Women's Hebrew Association of Washington Heights & Inwood Inc., as indicated in the Request for Authorization.

At its May 20, 2015 meeting, the Panel approved contracts with Grandpa's Bus Co., Inc. (among 17 other vendors) under Item 1 of the contract Agenda with an estimated annual amount of \$20,540,363. That item was for 2-year contract extensions for buy-against winter bus and escort services, plus a 1-year DOE option. At its June 10, 2015 meeting, item 8 on the Agenda sought approval for making those contracts 3-years without a DOE option to extend. Item 8, however, did not include Grandpa's Bus Co. in the agenda, even though it was correctly included in the Request for Authorization that supported the item with an Estimated Annual Amount of \$21,156,574.

At its June 10, 2015 meeting, the Panel approved a contract with Little Lisa Bus Company (among 25 other vendors) under Item 10 of the contract Agenda for a 3-year contract extension of school bus service of special and general education pupils during the school year. The PEP Agenda stated the Estimated Annual amount as \$68,405,556. Due to a misplaced decimal the correct amount is

\$6,840,557, the same amount in the Request for Authorization that supports the Agenda Item.

At the August 12, 2015 meeting, item 2, the Panel approved a contract with Redeemer St. John's Nursery School in the amount of \$227,160. This contract was also submitted and approved at the August 26, 2015 meeting under item 15. We are withdrawing this contract from the August 26, 2015 agenda.

Panel Member Norm Fruchter motioned to adopt items 1-29 into three resolutions. Panel Member Laura Zingmond seconded the motion. The Panel voted on the contract items, which were approved as follows:

- 1. Resolution 1: Items 1-10, 12-18 was approved unanimously 9-0 (yay: Baptiste, Carmignani, Dillingham, Fruchter, Leung, Payne-Hanks, Podvesker, Shuldiner, Zingmond).*
- 2. Resolution 2: Items 11, 19-23 was approved 9-0 (yay: Baptiste, Carmignani, Dillingham, Fruchter, Leung, Payne-Hanks, Podvesker, Shuldiner, Zingmond).*
- 3. Resolution 3: Item 24-29 was approved unanimously 9-0 (yay: Baptiste, Carmignani, Dillingham, Fruchter, Leung, Payne-Hanks, Podvesker, Shuldiner, Zingmond).*

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](#).