

**MINUTES OF ACTION**

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

**Prospect Heights High School  
883 Classon Ave.  
New York, NY 11225  
Wednesday, March 23, 2016  
6:00 PM**

**ROLL CALL:**

**Present:**

Hon. Fred Baptiste  
Hon. Isaac Carmignani  
Hon. T. Elzora Cleveland  
Hon. Deborah Dillingham  
Hon. Vanessa Leung  
Hon. Gary Linnen  
Hon. Lori Podvesker  
Hon. Benjamin Shuldiner  
Hon. Stephanie Soto  
Hon. Laura Zingmond  
Hon. Miguelina Zorrilla-Aristy  
Hon. Karilyn Nieves  
Ursulina Ramirez, Secretary  
Carmen Fariña, Chancellor

**Absent:**

Hon. Jonathan Aung  
Hon. Kamillah Payne-Hanks

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**Action was taken as indicated below:**

Panel Chair Leung introduced Secretary Ursulina Ramirez. Secretary Ramirez called roll at 6:00 pm. All Panel Members were present except Panel Member Kamillah Payne-Hanks.

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 February 24, 2016 Panel Meeting Minutes of Action—Motion to adopt the minutes of action from the February 24, 2016 Panel meeting was made by Panel Member Baptiste. Panel Member Podvesker seconded the motion. Panel Chair Leung called for a

vote. The February 24, 2016 Minutes of Action were approved 11-0 (yay: Baptiste, Cleveland, Carmignani, Dillingham, Leung, Linnen, Podvesker, Shuldiner, Soto, Zingmond, Zorrilla-Aristy).

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

3. Proposals for Significant Changes in School Utilization- Panel Member Podvesker motioned to adopt the Proposals for Significant Changes in School Utilization. Panel Member Shuldiner seconded the motion. The proposals was approved as follows:
  1. *Proposed Consolidation of Globe School for Environmental Research (11X272) with the School of Diplomacy (11X370) in Building X113 Beginning in the 2016-2017 School Year was approved 11-0 (yay: Baptiste, Cleveland, Carmignani, Dillingham, Leung, Linnen, Podvesker, Shuldiner, Soto, Zingmond, Zorrilla-Aristy).*
  2. *The Proposed Grade Truncation of Brooklyn School for Global Studies (15K429) in Building K293 from a 6-12 School to a 9-12 School Beginning in the 2016-2017 School Year was approved 11-0 (yay: Baptiste, Cleveland, Carmignani, Dillingham, Leung, Linnen, Podvesker, Shuldiner, Soto, Zingmond, Zorrilla-Aristy).*
  3. *The Proposed Opening and Co-Location of a New Site of an Existing District 75 School P.S. K140 (75K140) with P.S. 026 Jesse Owens (16K026) and Madiba Prep Middle School (16K681) in Building K026 Beginning in 2016-2017 was approved 11-0 (yay: Baptiste, Cleveland, Carmignani, Dillingham, Leung, Linnen, Podvesker, Shuldiner, Soto, Zingmond, Zorrilla-Aristy).*
  4. *The Proposed Consolidation of The Urban Assembly Institute for New Technologies School (05M410) with Renaissance Leadership Academy (05M286) in Building M043 Beginning in the 2016-2017 School Year was approved 11-0 (yay: Baptiste, Cleveland, Carmignani, Dillingham, Leung, Linnen, Podvesker, Shuldiner, Soto, Zingmond, Zorrilla-Aristy).*
  5. *The Proposed Re-siting and Co-Location of Alternate Learning Center - M.S. 53 (88Q996) with Existing Schools Channel View School for Research (27Q262), Rockaway Park High School for Environmental Sustainability (27Q324), Rockaway Collegiate High School (27Q351), and P.S. Q256 (75Q256) in Building Q410 Beginning in the 2016-2017 School Year was approved 9-2 (yay: Cleveland, Carmignani, Leung, Linnen, Podvesker, Shuldiner, Soto, Zingmond, Zorrilla-Aristy abstain: Baptiste, Dillingham)*
4. Approval of Contracts—Panel Member Zingmond presented the Contracts Committee recommendations to the Panel. The Contracts Committee met on Tuesday, March 22, 2016. The Committee unanimously recommended the approval of items 1-39, items 8,

17, 27, and 29 were withdrawn. 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 March 23, 2016 Panel for Educational Policy meeting by David Ross, Executive Director, Division of Contracts and Purchasing:*

*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.*

Panel Member Baptiste motioned to adopt items 1-39 into five resolutions. Panel Member Linnen seconded the motion. The Panel voted on the contract items, which were approved as follows:

1. *Resolution 1: Items 1, 2, 11-13, 19-22, 32 was approved 11-0 (yay: Baptiste, Cleveland, Carmignani, Dillingham, Leung, Linnen, Podvesker, Shuldiner, Soto, Zingmond, Zorrilla-Aristy).*
2. *Resolution 2: Items 15, 16, 26, 28, and 30 was approved 11-0 (yay: Baptiste, Cleveland, Carmignani, Dillingham, Leung, Linnen, Podvesker, Shuldiner, Soto, Zingmond, Zorrilla-Aristy).*
3. *Resolution 3: Items 3-5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 14, and 25 was approved 11-0 (yay: Baptiste, Cleveland, Carmignani, Dillingham, Leung, Linnen, Podvesker, Shuldiner, Soto, Zingmond, Zorrilla-Aristy).*
4. *Resolution 4: Items 31-38 was approved 11-0 (yay: Baptiste, Cleveland, Carmignani, Dillingham, Leung, Linnen, Podvesker, Shuldiner, Soto, Zingmond, Zorrilla-Aristy).*
5. *Resolution 5: Items 18, 23, 24, and 39 was approved 11-0 (yay: Baptiste, Cleveland, Carmignani, Dillingham, Leung, Linnen, Podvesker, Shuldiner, Soto, Zingmond, Zorrilla-Aristy).*

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

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