



**NEW YORK CITY
BOARD OF CORRECTION**

MAY 12, 2026 EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

Members Present

Felipe Franco, Interim Chair
Helen Skipper, Vice Chair
Dr. Lauren Stossel, Member
Hon. Barry A. Cozier (Ret.), Member
Jude Torchenaud, Member

The executive session to discuss the appointment of an Acting Executive Director, pursuant to Section 105(1) of the New York State Open Meetings Law, was duly convened upon motion, second, and unanimous vote of members in attendance.

Vote on Acting Executive Director

Board members discussed candidates put forth to perform the position of Acting Executive Director. Interim Chair Franco made a motion for a vote on to appoint Melissa Cintrón Hernández, the current Deputy Executive Director and General Counsel, as Acting Executive Director. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Skipper and Board Member Stossel. The Board members voted unanimously in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

Vote on Proposed Hiring Panel

Vice Chair Skipper moved to create a hiring panel to facilitate the search for a permanent Executive Director. The purpose of the panel will be to work with Board staff to develop a targeted outreach strategy and consider retention of an executive search firm, if necessary. Interim Chair Franco (ex officio), Vice Chair Skipper, Board Member Cozier, and Board Member Stossel volunteered to serve on the hiring panel, which will operate with support of Board leadership and staff.

The motion was seconded and the Board members voted unanimously in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

Vote on Personnel Matter

Board member Stossel made a motion for a vote to approve an increase in salary of 10% to Melissa Cintrón Hernández, as Acting Executive Director, for as long as she serves in the acting position. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Skipper. The Board members voted unanimously in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

The executive session concluded after the motion by Interim Chair Franco, seconded by Board Member Cozier to end the session and return to the public meeting. The Board members voted unanimously in favor of the motion. The motion passed.