



Minutes for the June 22nd, 2026, Hearing of the Commission on Government Efficiency

A duly noticed meeting of the New York City Commission on Government Efficiency was held at NYC Department of Design and Construction, at 30-30 Thomson Ave, Long Island City, NY at 5:00pm on June 22nd, 2026.

Chair Gaspard called the meeting to order at approximately 5:18pm. Also present were the following members of the Commission:

- Marco Carrion
- Ruth Messinger
- Dawn Pinnock
- Henry Garrido
- Susan Kang
- Marc Shaw
- Ana Oliveira
- Kathy Wylde
- Esther Rosario
- Theodore Moore
- Emma Wolfe
- Barika Williams
- Carlina Rivera
- Kapil Longani on Zoom

The Chair opened the floor for testimony, limited to three minutes per speaker.

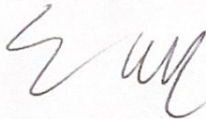
- Council Member Frank Morano testified over Zoom in favor of letting City Council members appoint one-half of Community Board members and making community district boundaries coterminous with City Council districts.
- Michelle Craven, Associate Deputy Commissioner, Cityscape & Franchises at DOT, provided expert testimony on revocable consents.
- Eric Beaton, Deputy Commissioner for Transportation, Planning, and Management, provided expert testimony on streamlining processes on major transportation projects.
- Ligia Guallpa, Executive Director, Worker's Justice Project testified on how we can design safe public spaces for deliveristas.
- Annemarie Gray from Open New York testified in favor of allowing DOB to make changes to building code via rulemaking process and reforming the landmark preservation process.
- Antonio Martinez Solis from Los Deliveristas Unidos testified on lack of public space for delivery workers and in favor of deliverista hubs.
- Ashley Graber from Cool Hand Movers testified over Zoom on parking fines for trucks due to lack of parking space.
- Sumana Harihareswara from Changeset Consulting testified over Zoom on using open-source software.
- Cordell Schachter of the Transit Tech Lab testified in favor of improving technology management across City government and reforming how agencies use technology.
- Honda Wang testified against reforming civil service through the Charter revision process.
- Pei Wei, restaurant co-owner, testified on the challenges of outdoor dining for small business owners due to application fees and legal requirements.
- Rajesh Sankat of 3x3 testified on creating community-led data centers and broadening the definition of efficiency in AI to build systems that are publicly accountable.
- Helen Zhang, Owner of Ziggy's Roman Cafe, testified on Zoom to remove outdoor dining from the revocable consent process to make permitting more efficient.
- Michael Kelly, restaurant consultant, testified over Zoom to bring back temporary DOT outdoor dining operating letters to create jobs and tax revenue.
- Megan Rickerson, from Someday Bar, testified over Zoom on the cost of outdoor dining applications for small business restaurants.
- Prishaa Shrimali testified on amending Charter 57 to develop remediation plans for superfund sites.
- Deborah Green testified in favor of opening primaries.
- Merih Anil testified on term limits.
- Damien Archbold from Doctors Council SEIU testified on public spaces and roads as a public health issue.

- Henry Smith from the Long Island City Partnership testified over Zoom on high insurance requirements, contracting processes, and lack of long-term maintenance plans for public spaces.
- City Councilmember Phil Wong testified on the upcoming budget gap in favor of multi-year budget lines and fixing the rainy-day fund.
- India Bee testified on creating dedicated sensory spaces for neurodivergent children and adults.
- Allen Cox, community health outreach worker, testified in favor of open primaries.
- Taiwan Green, a DOE vendor, testified on the coordination of agencies to respond to quality-of-life issues, including sanitation and public restroom availability.
- Terri Renae Hewitt-Green recommended the commission more broadly promote public hearings to get more community representation and attendance.
- Zachary Thomas of Manhattan Community Board 3 testified on tree guards in Tompkins Square Park and increasing hiring in NYC Parks to decrease response times.
- Robert Brown testified on open primaries, building more housing, and small business economic reform.

After hearing from members of the public, Chair Gaspard announced the date and time of the next hearing and closed the public comment portion of the meeting. The meeting was adjourned on motion by the Chair, seconded by Susan Kang, and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Nicole Rogers

Adopted:



**Emma Wolfe, Vice Chair
New York City Commission
on Government Efficiency**