



Minutes for the June 11th, 2026 Hearing of the Commission on Government Efficiency

A duly noticed meeting of the New York City Commission on Government Efficiency was held at Brooklyn Law School, at 150 Joralemon Street, New York at 5pm on June 11th, 2026.

Chair Gaspard called the meeting to order at approximately 5:15pm. Also present were the following members of the Commission:

- Emma Wolfe
- Susan Kang
- Marco A. Carrión
- Henry A. Garrido
- Kapil Longani
- Ruth Messinger
- Dawn Pinnock
- Esther Rosario
- Marc V. Shaw
- Barika X. Williams
- Kathryn Wylde
- Absent: Theodore Moore and Carlina Rivera
- Ana Oliveira on Zoom

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

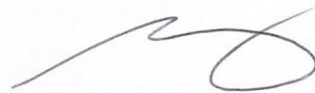
- Margaret Brown shared concerns about artificial intelligence (AI) regarding data security and potential job losses.
- Jessica Ariel-Wamala testified about bureaucratic hurdles for HRA SNAP appointments, and how integrating new technologies into this process could lead to greater efficiency.
- Carl Hammersburg with SAS testified about utilizing data thoughtfully to identify risks and opportunities within the procurement and vendor ecosystem.
- Andrew Rein, President of Citizen's Budget Commission, testified in favor of creating a resident feedback survey, making changes to the Mayor's Management Report, and standardizing procedures around the Rainy Day fund.
- Leah Bannon testified in favor of empowering City agencies to hire in-house digital service teams and discouraging large Information Technology (IT) contracts.
- Dr. Jessie Fields testified in favor of open primaries so independent voters can participate fully in democracy.
- Brian Chen testified in favor of moving cautiously in adoption of AI tools, open source tools, and public participation in decisions on AI.
- Robert Gordon, Vice President of the Coding America Fund, testified about the unnecessary complexity of the City hiring process.
- Louisa Chafee, Director of the Independent Budget Office (IBO), testified about restructuring the Procurement Policy Board (PPB) and contract extensions.
- Julie Swoope of Mayor Mamdani's Technology Transition Committee testified about overreliance on public sector contracting with private technology.
- Julie Samuels, President of TechNYC, testified about procurement reform, prompt payment, and updating the Mayor's Management Reform.
- John Manning testified in support of putting a referendum on the ballot to create an open primary.
- Spencer Williams, from of Brooklyn Borough President Antonio Reynoso's staff, testified in favor of developing a comprehensive affordable housing land use plan and a Community Board central office.
- Jordan Shapiro of BetaNYC testified in favor of digital sovereignty and urges the City to own and control its own digital infrastructure rather than relying on private vendors and consultants.
- Robert Joyce of Abundance New York testified in favor of requiring the Mayor to submit a five year civil workforce plan.
- Andrew Roche, founder of Civic Hall Union Square, testified in favor of updating the City's technology infrastructure by establishing a Chief Digital Officer.
- Julia Stoyanovich, professor of computer science at NYU and director of the Center for Responsible AI, testified in favor of codifying AI governance in the City Charter.
- Sherry Shuang testified about inefficiencies in the way the City hires, pays, and manages City workers and how technology could support City HR departments.

- Hugh Francis of HeyMamdaniNYC testified about making NYC technology open and participatory for residents.
- David Lee testified in favor of making fiscal and budgetary data accessible by imposing machine-readability requirements for the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) and the need for more granularity within units of appropriations.
- Charlotte Munn-Wood testified on the overreliance on police response to mental health and addiction crises and the need to establish an Office of Community Safety.
- Stacey Bode testified in favor of establishing more comprehensive data infrastructure to reduce inefficiencies and spending on services for students with disabilities.
- Robin Graham testified in favor of access to tablets for incarcerated New Yorkers and how Securus Technology has become a monopoly in prison after purchasing JPay.
- Rebecca Haywood testified about holding vendors responsible for the tech products and projects they deliver and the need to update hiring practices for in-house digital teams.
- Robert Sheldon, a member of Community Board 1 in Manhattan and a South Street Seaport preservation group, testified about public input being ignored at EDC public engagement events.
- Yvonne Lee testified in favor of open primaries.
- Ralph Chiaso testified about the budget growing exponentially and the need for increased transparency and disclosure of the City budget.
- Lola Star about public land being governed by EDC and handed to private management without the input or participation of residents.
- Sergio Marrero testified about how the City should work with residents to foster data transparency.

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 Esther Rosario, and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Ilana Luther

Adopted:



**Susan Kang, Secretary
New York City Commission
on Government Efficiency**