



Minutes for the June 30th, 2026, Hearing of the Commission on Government Efficiency

A duly noticed meeting of the New York City Commission on Government Efficiency was held at Medgar Evers College, at 1650 Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn 11255, NY at 5pm on June 30th, 2026.

Chair Gaspard called the meeting to order at approximately 5:20 pm. Also present were the following members of the Commission:

- Patrick Gaspard, Chair
- Emma Wolfe, Vice Chair
- Ruth Messinger
- Kapil Longani
- Barika Williams
- Esther Rosario
- Marco A. Carrión
- Theodore Moore
- Marc Shaw on Zoom
- Absent: Carlina Rivera, Dawn Pinnock, Ana Olivera, Susan Kang and Kathryn Wylde

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

- Commissioner Nadia Shihata of the Department of Investigations (DOI) testified in favor of four Charter reforms to increase DOI independence and efficacy: amend the charter to establish an independent budget for DOI; amend the charter to expand the necessary cause for removal of the DOI Commissioner; amend the charter to establish a tenure of five-years for DOI Commissioners; amend the charter to codify rules set forth through previous mayoral executive orders.

- PJ Berg, Deputy Commissioner of Real Estate Services at the Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS) testified in favor of streamlining approval processes for leasing vacant city-owned lots for private, non-City uses.
- Fabricio Caro, Chief of Staff to the FDNY Commissioner testified in support of reforming processes for transferring development rights for landmarked FDNY property and making capital improvements to both active and landmarked FDNY property.
- Ronald Shiffman testified in favor of reforming the structure and accountability frameworks of quasi-independent agencies and public benefit or development authorities to democratize development.
- Eve Baron testified in favor of a city-wide comprehensive plan and for more holistic establishment of climate, equity, and development goals.
- Caroline Donnola testified in support of open primaries.
- Nancy Wang testified in favor of adopting outcomes-based procurement evaluation to increase the value of procured vendor contracts and increase taxpayer benefits.
- Celina Su testified in support of increased budget transparency and participatory budgeting practices across the City.
- Saunders Ruffin testified in support of codifying language in the Charter for creating, measuring, and interpreting more meaningful performance metrics beyond the Mayor's Management Report.
- Olivia Goldberg testified on how the City and the Department of Parks and Recreation can better preserve the street tree canopy.
- Paul Hoti testified in favor for making the Office of Personnel Investigation division of the Department of Education more efficient.
- Yvonne Murray testified in support of open primaries.
- Vanessa Rudin testified in support of open primaries.
- Liz Peralta testified in support of a City-supported grocery hub that provides shared purchasing which would provide independent grocers the purchasing power of larger, corporate grocery stores.
- Caroline Salguero testified in support of EDC reforms and establishing a new agency specifically for maritime management.
- Tamara Al-Sharji testified in support of increasing cleanliness across the City and improving public transportation.
- Pritha Mukherji testified in support of expanding public restroom access and the provision of menstrual products in those bathrooms as well as expanding job markets for international students.
- Mayna Bragdon testified in support of open primaries.
- Angel Martinez testified in support of open primaries.
- Jonathan Burke testified in support of increased budget transparency and community engagement in budget making.

- Juan Carlos Castanede testified in favor of bike registration, bike rider permits, mandatory safety equipment, and codifying bike transit rules.

Commissioner Messinger motioned to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:23, seconded by Vice Chair Wolfe, and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michael Deeter

Adopted:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Susan Kang", written in a cursive style.

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