



Minutes for the July 1st, 2026, Hearing of the Commission on Government Efficiency

A duly noticed meeting of the New York City Commission on Government Efficiency was held at the Lovinger Theater at CUNY Lehman College, at 250 Bedford Ave W in the Bronx at 5:00pm on July 1st, 2026.

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

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

Ruth Messinger motioned to approve the minutes from the Commission's June 22, 2026 and June 23, 2026 public hearings. Dawn Pinnock seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously. The Chair opened the floor for testimony, limited to three minutes per speaker.

- Matthew Bridge, who serves as the Corporation Counsel's designee on the Franchises and Concessions Review Committee (FCRC), presented on the processes of the FCRC.

- Katherine Winningham testified on the history of the FCRC, challenges with awarding exclusive and non-exclusive concessions, and proposed recommendations to the merchandised concessions process.
- Katie Denny Horowitz, Executive Director of the North Brooklyn Parks Alliance testified in favor of allowing the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) to retain a certain portion of the revenue from Concessions.
- Rebecca Macklis of the Municipal Arts Society testified in favor of compensation planning for DPR concessions.
- Heather Lubov of City Parks Foundation testified in favor of treating non-profits differently in the concessions process than for profit companies.
- Anna Berlanga of Transportation Alternatives testified in favor of expediting safety redesigns like bus and bike lanes.
- Deborah Kirchner of the Prospect Park Alliance testified in favor of creating a guide for non-profits navigating the FCRC, and in favor of letting agencies use different types of design build construction processes.
- Pedro Suarez of the Third Avenue BID testified in favor having separate contracting processes for non-profits.
- Eric Soriano Perez testified on the ways that the City can increase trust in government, in favor of permitting work from home for City employees, and empowering City agencies to do more without contractors.
- Belkis Perez testified in favor of open primaries.
- Michael Tagriella testified in favor of open primaries.
- Bre Doldron testified in favor of open primaries.
- James Goebel testified to clarify details on the concessions process.

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 at 6:57. The meeting was adjourned on motion by the Chair, seconded by Susan Kang, and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Solomon Medintz

Adopted:



**Susan Kang, Secretary
Commission on
Government Efficiency**