

**TRANSCRIPT OF THE NEW YORK CITY  
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE TRIALS AND HEARINGS (OATH)  
PUBLIC HEARING**



**DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING: December 21, 2021**

**TIME: 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

**WebEx Video Conference**

1. ***Joy Thompson: Okay, for the record, this is the public hearing on***
2. ***OATH's Proposed Rule Regarding Public Petitions for Rulemaking.***
3. ***At this moment, I know that those who are attending see my***
4. ***name as Frank Ng. I am not Frank Ng. My name is Joy***
5. ***Thompson and I'm an Assistant General Counsel.***
6. ***I will start. I want to give a few minutes to let anybody who***
7. ***cares to join from the public to join. Currently, we have three***
8. ***attendees. They are all employees of OATH. So, I'm just going***
9. ***to start officially at 11:05, just to give anyone else a chance***
10. ***to join.***
11. **Good morning, it is 11:05. We are officially beginning this public**
12. **hearing. Again, this is a public hearing regarding OATH's Proposed**
13. **Rule for Public Petitions for Rulemaking. I am Joy Thompson.**
14. **Catherine Jakubik: Oh, Joy, its Catherine. I'm sorry to bother**
15. **you. I think you're just on mute.**
16. **Joy Thompson: Thank you. Let's start this over again.**
17. **Good morning, it is officially the start of the public hearing for**
18. **OATH's Proposed Rule Regarding Public Petitions for Rule Making.**
19. **My name is Joy Thompson. I am the Assistant General Counsel for**
20. **OATH. I am signed into this meeting as Frank Ng. Frank Ng is not**
21. **present.**
22. **We started at 11:05 to give perhaps more people a chance**
23. **to join. But so as not to delay any further, we are officially starting**

24. at 11:05. Again, thank you for attending today's hearing. OATH  
25. is conducting *this hearing in accordance with the requirements of*  
26. *the City Administrative Procedure Act . The purpose of this hearing*  
27. *is to receive comments* from the public on OATH's Proposed Rule  
28. Regarding Public Petitions for Rulemaking.  
29. OATH proposes to add a new Chapter 8 to Title 48 of the Rules of the  
30. City of New York to comply with Section 1043(g) of the City  
31. Administrative Procedure Act, which permits any person to petition a  
32. city agency to consider the adoption of a rule, and requires each  
33. agency to have rules creating a procedure for such petitions.  
34. The proposed Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Rules of the City of New  
35. York would set forth the procedures that petitioners must follow to  
36. petition OATH to consider a new rule. It also would set forth the  
37. procedures OATH must follow in considering and responding to  
38. these petitions. In addition, it would require OATH to deny or  
39. approve petitions within 60 days and would set forth procedures for  
40. denying or granting petitions.  
41. OATH's proposed rule was published in The City Record on  
42. November 17, 2021. OATH e-mailed the rule to the Speaker of  
43. the City Council; every Member of the City Council; all community  
44. board managers; the news media; as well as civic organizations. In  
45. addition, OATH posted the proposed rule on OATH's website; the  
46. New York City Rules website and the City Records online website.

47. OATH has been accepting written comments on the proposed rule  
48. since the date it was published in The City Record and will  
49. continue to accept written comments through the close of business  
50. today.

51. At this hearing, you may present an oral statement concerning  
52. the proposed rule. Before you begin speaking: Please state your  
53. name and affiliation whether you are with an agency, the media, etc.  
54. Please speak slowly and clearly, so that your statement can be  
55. accurately recorded. Please limit your statement to no more than  
56. three minutes.

57. Shortly after today's hearing, copies of all written comments  
58. received by OATH, concerning this proposed rule, and a  
59. summary of the statements given today, will be made  
60. available to the public on OATH's website at the following website  
61. address. I am going to add it to the chat. But I am also going to read  
62. it for those who are not participating in this meeting via video.

63. <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/oath/about/legal-resources-and-rule-making.page>

64. Again, I will add that to the chat for those who are joining us  
65. via the WebEx.

66. Before issuing its Final Rule, OATH will carefully consider the  
67. statements presented at today's hearing, as well as all written  
68. comments received by the close of business today.

69. The floor is open now for comments. Is there any discussion?

70. All right considering that the only people attending this hearing

71. are OATH employees, thank you, Liz Nolan, thank you, Catherine,  
72. for attending.  
73. I am going to close right now so and just say, as there are no  
74. comments on OATH's Proposed Rule Regarding Public Petitions for  
75. Rulemaking, this meeting is now adjourned. Thank you for  
76. attending and please be safe and well. It is 11:12.

## CERTIFICATION

**This is to certify that I have typed the above record by listening to the Webex video conference in the State of New York and that to the best of my knowledge and belief the above record that is typed by me is a true and accurate record of the Webex video.**

*Elizabeth Nolan*

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**Date Transcribed: January 6, 2022**