

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT RESOLUTION

2025-2026 Panel for Educational Policy

Meeting:

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Sponsorship:

Chairperson Gregory W. Faulkner

Vice Chairperson Dr. Angela Green

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of New York is situated on the ancestral lands of the Lenape people, who are the original Indigenous inhabitants of this region; and

WHEREAS, the Lenape Nation and other Indigenous nations, including the Munsee, Wappinger, and other Algonquian-speaking peoples, have lived on and cared for these lands for thousands of years; and

WHEREAS, these Indigenous nations have contributed significantly to the history, culture, and spiritual legacy of this region, and their enduring presence continues today; and

WHEREAS, it is vital for all residents, educators, students, and institutions to recognize and honor the indigenous communities who have stewarded these lands for generations; and

WHEREAS, as we begin this new school year, it is an opportunity to acknowledge their contributions, honor their sovereignty, and commit to fostering understanding and respect for Indigenous histories and cultures;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the New York City Panel for Educational Policy hereby recognizes and honors the Lenape Nation and all Indigenous peoples who originally inhabited and continue to be connected to the lands now known as New York City; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we pledge to incorporate Indigenous history, perspectives, and voices into our educational curriculum and practices—like those found in Civics for All and Social Studies curriculums—fostering a more inclusive and respectful environment for all students; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this acknowledgment serves as a reminder of our ongoing responsibility to respect Indigenous sovereignty, promote reconciliation, and build a future rooted in awareness, understanding, and respect for Indigenous communities.