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13    ELLEN BIRNBAUM

14    LAURA SCHAEFER

15    DONALD MACKENZIE

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17         Minority Leader

18    ROSE MARIE WALKER

19    DENNIS DUNNE

20    ARNOLD DRUCKER

21    JAMES KENNEDY

22    DELIA DERIGGI-WHITTON

23    CARRIE SOLAGES

24    SIELA BYNOE

25    MICHAEL PULITZER,  
      Clerk of the Legislature

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2 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: We will  
3 begin with Dennis Dunne, please lead us in  
4 the Pledge of Allegiance.

5 (Whereupon, the Pledge of  
6 Allegiance was recited.)

7 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Thank you,  
8 Legislator Dunne. At this point I'm going  
9 to ask the clerk to please call the roll.

10 CLERK PULITZER: Thank you,  
11 Presiding Officer. Deputy Presiding Officer  
12 Richard Nicolello?

13 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Here.

14 CLERK PULITZER: Alternate Deputy  
15 Presiding Officer Howard Kopel?

16 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Here.

17 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Siela  
18 Bynoe?

19 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Here.

20 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator  
21 Carrie Solages?

22 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Here.

23 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator  
24 Denise Ford?

25 LEGISLATOR FORD: Here.

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2 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Laura  
3 Curran?  
4 LEGISLATOR CURRAN: Here.  
5 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator  
6 Vincent Muscarella?  
7 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Here.  
8 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator C.  
9 William Gaylor III?  
10 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Here.  
11 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Ellen  
12 Birnbaum?  
13 LEGISLATOR BIRNBAUM: Here.  
14 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Delia  
15 DeRiggi-Whitton?  
16 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:  
17 Here.  
18 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator James  
19 Kennedy?  
20 LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: Here.  
21 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Laura  
22 Schaefer?  
23 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Here.  
24 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator  
25 Dennis Dunne, Sr.?

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2 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: Here.  
3 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator  
4 Arnold Drucker?  
5 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Here.  
6 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator  
7 Rosemarie Walker?  
8 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Here.  
9 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator  
10 Donald MacKenzie?  
11 LEGISLATOR MACKENZIE: Here.  
12 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator  
13 Steven Rhoads?  
14 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Present.  
15 CLERK PULITZER: Minority Leader  
16 Kevan Abrahams?  
17 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Here.  
18 CLERK PULITZER: Presiding  
19 Officer Norma Gonsalves?  
20 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Present.  
21 CLERK PULITZER: We have a  
22 quorum, ma'am.  
23 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Thank you  
24 very much, Mr. Pulitzer.  
25 Each month, here at the

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2 Legislature, and this is a very special day  
3 for two occasions; one, the Top Cops, and of  
4 course honoring people in the community in  
5 honor of Black History Month.

6 We're going to begin with the Top  
7 Cops. We're going to ask Jim McDermott, who  
8 is now the President of the PBA to introduce  
9 the -- or who is going to do the  
10 introduction? I can easily do it. It's  
11 before me.

12 MR. MCDERMOTT: James McDermott,  
13 Nassau County PBA President. Thank you very  
14 much.

15 I want to introduce Officers  
16 Anthony Porrazzo and Bryan Rodriguez.

17 On July 20th, 2016, these  
18 officers were doubled in RP-319 which  
19 patrols the Westbury area. At approximately  
20 12:10 a.m. they heard a notification go out  
21 for a robbery with a knife that occurred  
22 North Hills in the Sixth Precinct, or Third  
23 Precinct North.

24 The notification stated that two  
25 males robbed a woman outside of her house

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2 and fled in a small red vehicle.

3 At approximately 12:30 a.m., the  
4 officers were on routine patrol and observed  
5 the red vehicle pass an intersection at  
6 Stewart Avenue and Merrick Avenue in  
7 Westbury.

8 The officers then pursued the  
9 vehicle and they did a DMV check of the car  
10 and license plate and found out that the car  
11 was stolen a day earlier in Suffolk County.

12 They continued to pursue the car  
13 which was trying to evade them, and then  
14 eventually crashed on East Meadow Avenue and  
15 Hempstead Turnpike.

16 They immediately apprehended, the  
17 officers, without any further issue. They  
18 found New York State license bearing the  
19 name of the woman who was robbed. They also  
20 found the knife that was used in the  
21 robbery.

22 Because of these officer's quick  
23 actions and keen observation skills, it  
24 resulted in the arrest of two subjects who  
25 were charged with robbery in the first



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2   degree, criminal possession of stolen  
3   property and possession of a dangerous  
4   weapon, and also unlawful fleeing of a  
5   police officer.

6                   I would like to congratulate  
7   these officers for their fine work and I  
8   would also like to personally thank the  
9   County Legislature for honoring these  
10  officers and their continued support.

11                  ACTING COMMISSIONER KRUMPTER:  
12  Legislator Gonsalves, let me just start by  
13  thanking Legislator Gonsalves, Minority  
14  Leader Abrahams, as well as all the  
15  legislators. Your continued support knows  
16  no bounds. So thank you for your continued  
17  support day in and day out.

18                  Every single day, everywhere we  
19  go in the Nassau County Police Department  
20  the administration gets to talk about Nassau  
21  County having the lowest crime since we  
22  started reporting crime stats.

23                  We talk about being among the  
24  safest largest suburban communities in  
25  America, but none of that would be happening

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2 if not for the great work of Police Officer  
3 Porrazzo and Police Officer Rodriguez and  
4 the other 3,600 employees that work in the  
5 Nassau County Police Department. Here's a  
6 perfect example due to their good work and  
7 putting themselves out on the line they  
8 brought this subject to custody and  
9 hopefully he will spend significant time in  
10 jail as he should.

11 Police Officer Porrazzo, and I  
12 also just want to take a minute and thank  
13 Kylie, and just so everyone knows he has his  
14 new born baby here today with him, Olivia,  
15 two months old, so congratulations, and  
16 hopefully you're getting some sleep, and we  
17 know he's that when he's at work he's out  
18 there doing a great job each and every day.  
19 So thank you for all your great work and  
20 thank you to the Legislature.

21 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I want to  
22 know, would Officer Porrazzo and Officer  
23 Rodriguez like to say a few words? It's  
24 your day.

25 ACTING COMMISSIONER KRUMPTER:

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2 They just want to say thanks. Very quiet  
3 guys.

4 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I'm going  
5 to ask you a question. How many years are  
6 you on the job?

7 MR. RODRIGUEZ: For myself, two  
8 years.

9 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: What  
10 precinct are you with?

11 MR. RODRIGUEZ: I'm in the Third  
12 Precinct.

13 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Anthony,  
14 let's go.

15 MR. PORRAZZO: Three years, Third  
16 Precinct as well.

17 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Guess  
18 what? Third Precinct is in my district too.  
19 So congratulations and thank you and most of  
20 all stay safe. Thank you.

21 We do have citations signed by  
22 each and every one of us here in the  
23 Legislature for both of you. We can bring  
24 them down to you or we can certainly have  
25 you come up here. Whichever way you like.

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2 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Not my  
3 choice. It's their day.

4 ACTING COMMISSIONER KRUMPTER:  
5 Why don't we come up there. I think we've  
6 got that down to a science.

7 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Okay,  
8 that's fine. This time we have citations  
9 for you.

10 (Citations awarded.)

11 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: We have  
12 another highlight of the day in honor of  
13 Black History Month. I'm going to ask  
14 Minority Leader Kevan Abrahams to introduce  
15 the honorees and then we will present a  
16 citation signed by all of us to the  
17 honorees.

18 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Thank you,  
19 Madam Presiding Officer.

20 As we all know, the month of  
21 February is dedicated towards celebrating  
22 the achievements of African Americans, Black  
23 Americans throughout our country.

24 Right here in Nassau County we  
25 are honored to have two very distinguished

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2 women. Also, as we approach Women's History  
3 Month next month as well, they would fit  
4 that bill just as much in terms of their  
5 achievements but Lillian and Lisa Dent have  
6 been tremendous in providing service in the  
7 form of their restaurant and their business.

8 If you haven't had a chance to  
9 frequent their business it's located right  
10 down the block from here on Old Country  
11 Road.

12 I can tell you, I've been there  
13 many many times and the food is outstanding.  
14 It's LL Dent named after the ladies we are  
15 honoring today.

16 Today it gives me great honor and  
17 pleasure to recognize them in our annual  
18 event of Black History Month in terms of  
19 their achievement and their business success  
20 in our respective communities. So please  
21 join me in a round of applause in  
22 celebrating their achievements, Miss Lillian  
23 and Lisa Dent. Ladies, please go to the  
24 podium.

25 I was just talking to Legislator

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2 Muscarella. He says "excellent food." He's  
3 been there plenty of times. Please share  
4 with us the amount of years and how long you  
5 have been in business and that kind of  
6 stuff.

7 MS. DENT: Hello, I'm Lillian  
8 Dent and this is my daughter Lisa Dent. We  
9 have been in business for 11 years. We  
10 started in 2006 and we got the restaurant  
11 basically because my daughter finished  
12 culinary school and she is creative. When  
13 you work for other people you can't create.

14 So at the restaurant she can  
15 create whatever she wants and she always  
16 comes up with something new and different.

17 I'm so thankful for Legislator  
18 Abrahams and all of you for honoring us  
19 today and we appreciate all of your support.  
20 We would not have been there 11 years if it  
21 had not been for people like you. Thank you  
22 so much.

23 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Now it's  
24 your turn.

25 MS. LISA DENT: Thank you so

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2 much. I appreciate it. Mom was telling me  
3 a story about Kevan in his early years. I  
4 thought it was so cute. She said that you  
5 wouldn't forget the little people. Thank  
6 you for remembering us.

7 You rang my doorbell in the early  
8 stages and I gave you this mother talk and I  
9 said to you, yes, we will vote for you but  
10 when you move up the ladder, don't forget  
11 the little people. You said, no, ma'am, I  
12 will not.

13 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Well, thank  
14 you so much. But, that being said, would  
15 you join us?

16 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Legislator  
17 Rose Walker.

18 LEGISLATOR WALKER: I would like  
19 to congratulate you also and tell you how  
20 wonderful your restaurant is. Many of us  
21 have been there many times and my mom is  
22 from Charleston, South Carolina.

23 So, when we came to your  
24 restaurant, and I brought my mom who just  
25 turned 92, she just so enjoyed the wonderful

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2 southern home cooking. It was such a  
3 special night for us and you both made it  
4 very, very special for her.

5 But, again, I've been there many  
6 times. Those of you who haven't tried it,  
7 you have to because the food is wonderful  
8 and the hospitality is equally as wonderful.  
9 So thank you and congratulations.

10 MS. DENT: 221 Old Country Road  
11 in Carle Place right next door to Red  
12 Lobster. We are closed on Mondays. Tuesday  
13 through Sunday. Sunday brunch is heavenly.

14 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: We had a  
15 beautiful beginning to today's session.

16 We have several speakers here  
17 today and I know that we a half hour of  
18 public comment. We ask every one who speaks  
19 to keep to the three-minute rule. If you're  
20 told to wrap it up I would appreciate that  
21 you do so.

22 Every one who put in a slip will  
23 have an opportunity to speak today. I know  
24 that it is now quarter to 2:00. 215 usually  
25 will be the end of public comment, but in



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2 the event there are one or two still,  
3 everybody's word is important including  
4 those out in the audience as well as on this  
5 dais. Are we ready? Where is the Minority  
6 Leader, is he here. Okay. Let's have Bruce  
7 Heckman, he's the first speaker.

8 MR. HECKMAN: Good afternoon.

9 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Good  
10 afternoon.

11 MR. HECKMAN: Good afternoon.

12 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Good  
13 afternoon.

14 MR. HECKMAN: My name is Bruce  
15 Heckman, Public Security Unit of Nassau  
16 County. Very quickly, each of you should  
17 have a little packet that was distributed  
18 out, along with the multi color crayon page.

19 It kind of sums up exactly what  
20 our unit does. Some of you may not know, be  
21 aware of what posts.

22 I'm here to tell you we are in  
23 dire straits. I'm here to tell you we are  
24 in a desperate situation.

25 Our requests for staff for

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2 vehicles has gone unheeded for years.

3 Working with CSEA has gone unheeded. I sat  
4 and spoke to you a couple of weeks ago.

5 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: And we  
6 were listening and we're trying.

7 MR. HECKMAN: I get that. Just  
8 be aware of what we cover in Nassau County.  
9 This is fairly comprehensive.

10 Particularly hurting us are the  
11 vehicles that we have assigned to our unit.  
12 We're down to five for 60 officers.  
13 Ridiculous. We can't possibly cover all the  
14 posts in Nassau County.

15 I understand you're having a vote  
16 today on the budget with the police  
17 department. I'd just like to bring to your  
18 attention this last page, this last table  
19 that's yellow highlighted, seventh from the  
20 bottom. There's roughly \$23 million that's  
21 being asked of this county by the police  
22 department to replace their fleet.

23 All I ask is that we get  
24 something out of that. We have not been  
25 getting any of that since 2011. And then

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2 2011 there were two vehicles each close to  
3 100,000 miles. Crazy.

4 I just ask that you do your due  
5 diligence, you vote yes or no on budgets,  
6 but I don't think you understand it's not  
7 filtering down to the rank and file. That's  
8 all I have to say. Thank you for your time.

9 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: You're  
10 welcome, Mr. Heckman. Jerry Laricchiuta.

11 MR. LARICCHIUTA: Thank you,  
12 Presiding Officer.

13 I come today with two issues. I  
14 might ask for a little grace time on the egg  
15 timer. I get it. But we haven't been here  
16 in a while. We have been trying to work  
17 things out internally.

18 What Mr. Heckman just spoke  
19 about, I will be speaking about it a little  
20 more detail in a minute.

21 First, I just want to address  
22 both Republicans and Democrats of our  
23 Legislature about an issue that I find near  
24 and dear to all our hearts here in the CSEA.

25 In 2007, I spoke at this podium

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2 right here. I'm not a fortune teller. I  
3 can't tell the future. You would think I  
4 was Nostradamus when I spoke about the fact  
5 that if we allow Armor Health Care to take  
6 over the health care at the jail, we would  
7 be facing tens of millions of dollars in  
8 lawsuits, inmates will not get the proper  
9 medical care, and the only reason I knew a  
10 lot of this is we did research as a team.

11 I understand that, look, Armor is  
12 working with the county now in order to  
13 extend so that we don't have anybody else  
14 there to provide health care.

15 But I would ask this Legislative  
16 body to seriously consider taking back,  
17 bringing health care back to NUMC which we  
18 did for nearly six decades with an  
19 impeccable record.

20 We had some lawsuits and we had  
21 some problems because it is a jail and there  
22 are issues with jails. But, that being  
23 said, we are right next door. We always  
24 took inmate's health very seriously. They  
25 are under our care, custody, and control.

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2 As a matter of fact, NUMC not  
3 only took care of the inmates, but they  
4 would also take care of the staff if needed  
5 to be, which today does not happen.

6 The fact that we have attorney  
7 generals looking into Armor -- and I read  
8 over the weekend where they're asking for  
9 certain stipulations; one of them being that  
10 the Correction Officers Union be told they  
11 can't say nasty things about them. That's  
12 preposterous. This is a Democracy, this is  
13 America.

14 I said it in 2007 before the ink  
15 was put on the paper and now I'm saying it  
16 in 2017. Armor is not the company for  
17 health care in Nassau County.

18 I don't believe any for-profit --  
19 remember, you're taking two words which  
20 almost becomes an oxymoron, for profit,  
21 health care. Can't do it. When you put a  
22 number on health care, you are limiting how  
23 much health care is going to be given to  
24 those inmates when they hit that number. I  
25 said this in 2007.

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2 They signed an agreement back  
3 then for \$11 million I believe, and  
4 everybody was like, wow, that's a big  
5 savings. So what happens if that 11 million  
6 is reached in August and a new contract  
7 doesn't take effect until December. Well,  
8 I'm not going to make accusations here, but  
9 I believe you don't need to be a rocket  
10 scientist to figure out that you are going  
11 to hold back some services, as a  
12 possibility, I would say, in my opinion.

13 I don't know that to be fact. I  
14 just know that for fact, we did a much  
15 better job at NUMC. We would welcome the  
16 opportunity to help as a union to see if we  
17 can figure something out.

18 I say you don't put a number on  
19 it. I say you cap it whatever cost. Cap it  
20 at \$15 million so you don't go over that.  
21 But, once you put a finalized finite number  
22 on that, you are telling the health care  
23 provider you must keep your costs there for  
24 profit.

25 Also, I learned just today every

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2 inmate that's in there is eligible for  
3 Medicaid. I do not believe they are being  
4 put on the Medicaid roster. That would help  
5 pay for their hospitalization where the  
6 hospital was losing money.

7 I know that the Deputy County  
8 Chuck Levado has been doing a fantastic job  
9 and working very hard. I don't knock him  
10 for what he's trying to do. And now he's  
11 going to put out an RFP for all hospitals.

12 I would like to see, however,  
13 there's a hospital that has a history there  
14 and Mr. Politi needs to start thinking out  
15 of the box. Because, quite frankly, that  
16 hospital is a great hospital. We do a  
17 fantastic job to the residents but the  
18 income needs to be brought up.

19 Any contract that brings in cash  
20 and brings in money and brings in more  
21 patients is a positive and we'll help work  
22 with you guys and them to get that done. I  
23 just want to throw that out there.

24 Now I have to go ne if that's  
25 okay with the Presiding Officer.

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2 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:

3 Presiding Office, can I ask one quick  
4 question?

5 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Let him  
6 finish his presentation. I would prefer you  
7 do that, Legislator DeRiggi-Whitton. Jerry,  
8 move on.

9 MR. LARICCHIUTA: Where I'm  
10 headed next, we have an issue in Nassau  
11 County where basically we have met with the  
12 County Executive and the Chief County  
13 Executive many times, and we've also met  
14 with the legislators, especially Presiding  
15 Officer Norma Gonsalves here.

16 It's about issues related to the  
17 civilian portion of the police department  
18 and it's been going on for years.

19 We are at the point now where we  
20 basically give up. Meaning, we don't give  
21 up the fight, we give up trying to work with  
22 the acting police commissioner. That  
23 doesn't work. We need intervention. We  
24 need help.

25 We need someone else's ears to



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2 listen that has the authority to demand  
3 certain things.

4 I will go over a few things.  
5 What Mr. Heckman was talking about, we have  
6 three public safety officers at TPVA. The  
7 new \$55 fee is coming into effect next week.  
8 Just recently we have angry residents paying  
9 tickets there. They're not there for a  
10 holiday. They wait on line. It's a very  
11 frustrating day for the resident paying his  
12 ticket or fine.

13 What happens is, they get mad,  
14 they take it out on who? The public safety  
15 officers. Literally pushing them, spitting  
16 on them, and we have nobody there to help  
17 us. We have one police officer who is  
18 called a police liaison. She has a job to  
19 do. Her job is to be in a separate area.

20 And so we have been asking for  
21 more public safety officers to be hired.  
22 It's the DSS we need them. We need them in  
23 all the different buildings where there is  
24 contention.

25 Basically we are down to I think

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2 maybe 60 public safety officers and they are  
3 ill equipped. Five cars. Three of them  
4 need to get push started every day. It's an  
5 embarrassment. We are an embarrassment to  
6 ourselves and to the public.

7 My members who are in public  
8 safety are embarrassed to go to work in the  
9 uniforms that they have that have not been  
10 replaced, that are torn, that are ripped.

11 We need Mr. Krumpter, the acting  
12 commissioner, to start paying more  
13 attention.

14 If you want to be the  
15 commissioner, and I've said this before, you  
16 have to encompass the entire department. It  
17 is not just one side or the other. We have  
18 the greatest police officers in the whole  
19 country. I stand by them 100 percent. We  
20 work with them hand in hand.

21 Our 911 people downstairs, they  
22 do a fantastic job. They work hand in hand  
23 with our police officers despite our 162 911  
24 staff instead of 190. Despite the fact that  
25 we are not trained in anything that relates

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2 at all to Homeland Security. We do not know  
3 anything about active shooting.

4 Just today, this morning, there  
5 was an incident where there were threats  
6 against temples, I believe, in various  
7 areas. Our 911 operators are not prepared  
8 to deal with that. They are not trained to  
9 deal with that. They are not trained to  
10 track a bank robber like every other area.  
11 They are not trained to track a pharmacy  
12 robber like every other enhanced 911 center  
13 is.

14 We've been fighting this fight  
15 for about four or five years now. I don't  
16 know what else to do but to bring it to  
17 your attention. You need to know this stuff  
18 because you're the law makers that you might  
19 think, listen, here's what happens. I can't  
20 blame the County Executive no this. I have  
21 been with him. I have been with you, Norma,  
22 where you made a phone call right on the  
23 spot and you were told, it will get fixed.  
24 It never gets fixed. Never. We just keep  
25 doing this roundabout roundabout circle.

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2 Some of the things that 911 --  
3 summertime is coming. Here we go again.  
4 There is one 911 operator on for the whole  
5 night because we never hired the 190 that  
6 they agreed to, that he signed on to. So we  
7 are going to have again the same situation  
8 with people running back and forth.

9 Then we have instances where  
10 there is public service aids and some of  
11 them are experts in narcotics. Some of are  
12 experts in fingerprinting. We are running  
13 low staff in all those areas, every single  
14 area.

15 Now, too, even to Acting  
16 Commissioner Krumpter's credit, he did hire  
17 a year and a half ago, some PSAs. But we  
18 need to keep up with that. We are so  
19 understaffed that it's dangerous. And then  
20 we have to have police officers come in and  
21 do that work, which I don't know if they do  
22 want to do that either. But these are jobs  
23 that are assigned to PSAs and civilians.

24 The AMTs, active shooting  
25 training, sometimes the first person on the

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2 scene, and they are not trained or prepared  
3 or equipped for active shooting. And the  
4 police officers were, and thankfully so.  
5 They deserve that. Why wouldn't our AMTs  
6 who show up sometimes on the scene at the  
7 same time as the police officer have the  
8 same equipment and the same training.

9 I'm painting a picture. I'm  
10 going to stop there because we can go on. I  
11 have titles -- I met with 35 people this  
12 morning in my office. I'm going to stop  
13 there and just say -- I'm not going to ask  
14 for hearings. I know that's not going to  
15 happen.

16 I would ask for a bipartisan  
17 panel both made of Republican, maybe two on  
18 each side, or something, that you guys can  
19 agree to, that would sit down with the union  
20 and allow us to have you hear from the  
21 people that actually do the job. The ones  
22 that are actually in the trenches and figure  
23 out what we need to do to move this  
24 department in the right direction under  
25 Acting Commissioner Krumpter so he learns

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2 out how to control and be a commissioner for  
3 the whole department, not just a third or a  
4 half of the department.

5 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Legislator  
6 DeRiggi-Whitton and then Laura and then the  
7 Minority Leader.

8 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Just  
9 to go back to your first statement. First  
10 of all, I want to also mention that it's  
11 good to hear from you and we appreciate your  
12 insight.

13 But when you mentioned that the  
14 county was reaching out to other hospitals  
15 regarding health care for the jail, do you  
16 know what stage that's in?

17 MR. LARICCHIUTA: I believe the  
18 RFPs are going out this week. That's what I  
19 was told.

20 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:  
21 Really?

22 MR. LARICCHIUTA: That's what I  
23 was told.

24 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: And  
25 is NUMC --

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2 MR. LARICCHIUTA: I believe NUMC,  
3 South Nassau, Northwell, and probably  
4 Winthrop. Most of them aren't going to deal  
5 with it.

6 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Catholic  
7 Hospitals.

8 MR. LARICCHIUTA: Yes. I believe  
9 it's going to be all just hospitals I'm  
10 told.

11 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: That  
12 would be for the primary care as well or  
13 only emergencies?

14 MR. LARICCHIUTA: For the whole  
15 deal. One of the issues we had there was,  
16 we didn't have an infirmary there.

17 So, what happens is, we have what  
18 they call clinical visits. When an inmate  
19 is injured beyond what the medical staff in  
20 the hospital can take care of, they have to  
21 be brought to NUMC which, okay, that makes  
22 sense. It's a thousand yards next door. We  
23 can do that in an efficient manner. I'm  
24 sure we can work with the correction  
25 officers union and CSEA to figure out a best

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2 most efficient way to do this.

3 We want the health care to come  
4 back but we don't want it to cost the county  
5 more money. We want to be able to do in an  
6 efficient way and in a safe way and we  
7 should be proud of that.

8 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: I  
9 think, you know, unfortunately we're not  
10 privy to all the information but I'm  
11 actually very happy to hear that is taking  
12 place.

13 Like you said, sometimes the most  
14 efficient doesn't in the long run turn out  
15 to be so when you're dealing with people's  
16 lives and, like you said, they're all in our  
17 custody. So that's a positive thing. I'm  
18 happy to hear that today.

19 MR. LARICCHIUTA: Thank you. I  
20 hope it happens.

21 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Legislator  
22 Curran.

23 LEGISLATOR CURRAN: Thank you.  
24 You talked about training. From what I  
25 understand, isn't training mandated for



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2 active shooting for your guys?

3 MR. LARICCHIUTA: Yes, I believe  
4 it's mandated -- well, active shooting, I  
5 would be talking out of school if I said  
6 it's mandated for all our positions. The  
7 first responders I believe it is.

8 One of the issues is, this new  
9 thing that came out, this Carfentanyl that  
10 they just talked about, who deals with the  
11 drug addicts more than the AMTs?

12 LEGISLATOR CURRAN: The  
13 Carfentanyl I just read about that in the  
14 paper. I can have Ronnie speak to it  
15 because he is an AMT and a supervisor there  
16 and he would know more than I do but I don't  
17 believe we are trained in that.

18 LEGISLATOR CURRAN: You're not  
19 trained --

20 MR. LARICCHIUTA: Or equipped  
21 with it. The special stuff that you need.  
22 Because that's the one drug that if the  
23 first responder ingests can be harmful to  
24 them. It's unlike any other drug.

25 LEGISLATOR CURRAN: Right. Very

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2 dangerous. Also E-911 training that we all  
3 pay for in our phone bills, is that  
4 happening?

5 MR. LARICCHIUTA: No.

6 LEGISLATOR CURRAN: That's the  
7 enhanced 911.

8 MR. LARICCHIUTA: No. Quite  
9 frankly, Legislator Curran, I would love to  
10 say differently, yes, the surcharge on your  
11 phone goes to the state and goes down to the  
12 various counties for training purposes, and  
13 there are strict rules.

14 I believe it's codes, rules, and  
15 regulations 52001, and actually 001.4 this  
16 is how much I know about this and I'm not a  
17 911 operator. So it's CCR, New York CCR,  
18 52001.4 and on that speaks about mandatory  
19 training every year for 911 operators or you  
20 are in violation of the enhanced PSAP 911  
21 law. We are not in compliance with that  
22 law.

23 LEGISLATOR CURRAN: Is there  
24 other training that is mandated that's not  
25 happening?

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2 MR. LARICCHIUTA: Well, I can  
3 only give you a couple of examples that I'm  
4 told by our 911 staff. If a bank robber  
5 robs a bank today, they used to put the die  
6 in the bag and that still goes on, I think,  
7 but with today's technology, one of the  
8 bills can be a chip, and we are supposed to  
9 be able to zero in on that fellow --

10 LEGISLATOR CURRAN: You're  
11 talking about a chip in a bill that's in a  
12 whole pile of money?

13 MR. LARICCHIUTA: That's right.  
14 Suffolk County can do it. Westchester, New  
15 York City, Nassau cannot. We wouldn't know  
16 the first thing. We can't even get on the  
17 computer.

18 Same with pharmacy. One of the  
19 pills is a chip. If a pharmacist is robbed,  
20 they would call us and say we have a  
21 pharmacy tracker. This is the ID number of  
22 the chip. Our 911 operators know nothing  
23 about it, even how to attempt to do it.

24 We are not trained in the mass  
25 shootings, the active shootings. It just

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2 goes on and on.

3 LEGISLATOR CURRAN: Is that  
4 mandated?

5 MR. LARICCHIUTA: That's all  
6 mandated.

7 LEGISLATOR CURRAN: Now, you  
8 talked also about being under staffed. But  
9 the public safety fee, which was just put in  
10 place, is supposed to go towards hiring more  
11 staff, and I believe that's -- not uniform  
12 but the actual cops and then the people that  
13 you represent as well.

14 MR. LARICCHIUTA: I believe we're  
15 supposed to get 80.

16 LEGISLATOR CURRAN: Has that  
17 started yet?

18 MR. LARICCHIUTA: I don't believe  
19 so. I did get word that they're trying to  
20 hire some PSAs which we desperately need.  
21 And, 911 operators, there is a case that we  
22 went to court in and, instead, we signed an  
23 agreement with the PD in order to increase  
24 the hiring and, Gary, can you speak to that  
25 issue, what's the number?

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2 MR. VOLPE: Gary Volpe, it's  
3 roughly 162, actual operators. We have 184  
4 in the unit, low 20s in supervisors leaving  
5 roughly 160.

6 LEGISLATOR CURRAN: We are  
7 supposed to have how many?

8 MR. VOLPE: Well, through the  
9 agreement, we're supposed to be 190  
10 operators as of January 1.

11 LEGISLATOR CURRAN: Are you  
12 hopeful with this new hiring that this will  
13 happen?

14 MR. VOLPE: We hope, but the  
15 problem is it takes a year to train and  
16 there is attrition. We just lost a  
17 supervisor, Tuesday was the last day. They  
18 are going to move somebody else and to her  
19 place, et cetera.

20 LEGISLATOR CURRAN: Is there  
21 anyone from budget who can speak to this or  
22 from the --

23 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Acting  
24 Commissioner Krumpter wants to address it as  
25 well.

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2 MR. LARICCHIUTA: On the budget  
3 issue or you want me to stop talking?

4 LEGISLATOR CURRAN: Well, just a  
5 question on the budget issue.

6 ACTING COMMISSIONER KRUMPTER:  
7 Just a couple of items. First off, we don't  
8 have 162. The Nassau County payroll system  
9 is showing 178 as I sit here today. We are  
10 getting ready to hire additional PCOs as we  
11 are getting ready to hire additional PSAs,  
12 we have to do background checks and we are  
13 moving that along. We do expect to hire  
14 both PSAs and PCOs. There are through-put  
15 issues that hold us, as it takes over a  
16 year. You can only train so many people --

17 LEGISLATOR CURRAN: What is  
18 through put?

19 ACTING COMMISSIONER KRUMPTER:  
20 Through-put of training. We can only do so  
21 many background checks, and we can only do  
22 so much training in the different titles.  
23 So you have to coordinate all of those  
24 titles.

25 So we are getting ready to hire,

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2 we're just waiting for the group that's  
3 there that we hired several months ago to  
4 finish their radio training. They get two  
5 parts of training. They get the 911  
6 training, the radio training.

7 As far as the training, as far as  
8 the 911 fee, we will start with the 911 fee.  
9 While it is true that money can be used  
10 towards 911 training, it also can be used to  
11 the operating budget of the 911 center.  
12 It's not restricted in that way.

13 As far as the training hours, we  
14 are fully compliant with the training. I am  
15 a little bit baffled as I sit here when I  
16 talk, and Deputy Commissioner Rider,  
17 Commissioner Fox sat down and billed out an  
18 itinerary that was cost curriculum with the  
19 CSEA.

20 Then we engaged outside  
21 consultants to come in and do the training  
22 that they were seeking.

23 As far as not being trained, all  
24 the items they talked to are all within that  
25 curriculum. So they get 22 hours of

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2 training a year. That's what the state  
3 mandate is. We have fulfilled that and they  
4 are going and sitting in a classroom and  
5 they are getting curriculum; if they're not  
6 hearing it, that's something we will have to  
7 work on.

8 LEGISLATOR CURRAN: You're saying  
9 they are getting the mandated training?

10 ACTING COMMISSIONER KRUMPTER:  
11 Every single minute of it. It's 22 hours  
12 and there's topics that you have to touch.  
13 So they have gotten every minute of the  
14 training.

15 LEGISLATOR CURRAN: So there is a  
16 real disconnect here.

17 ACTING COMMISSIONER KRUMPTER:  
18 This is a typical thing. Don't let the  
19 facts get in the way of a good story.

20 Like I said, we are paying in  
21 Nassau County 178 PCOs. That's what we're  
22 paying today. Not 162.

23 We have 21 PCOs that are  
24 supervisors. We have two directors; a  
25 deputy director and a director. And that is



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2 the staffing, as I'm sitting here, that they  
3 just pulled off the payroll system.

4 So, as far as the cars, within  
5 the capital plan that's before you today,  
6 the special vehicles portion of that, the \$1  
7 million, they are getting -- I would have to  
8 pull the actual data, I didn't expect to be  
9 talking about this today, they are getting  
10 either four or five vehicles.

11 One of the problems we discovered  
12 with the public safety officers is that  
13 every unit is responsible when a car breaks  
14 to arrange to have that car brought over to  
15 fleet.

16 Now, public safety is located in  
17 the park and they actually use county fleet.  
18 When this was brought to our attention, we  
19 started moving and addressing the issue  
20 because they were not bringing the cars over  
21 to fleet or coordinating for them to be  
22 towed over to fleet within the park.

23 So we are working on that. Like  
24 a lot of the fleet money is obviously tight  
25 and when you have a fleet of a thousand

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2 cars, the 4.6 million or \$4.8 million for  
3 PDs and the other million dollars for  
4 specialty vehicles will end up replacing 115  
5 or 120 cars out of a fleet of a thousand  
6 vehicles.

7 That is what we need to get by.  
8 This isn't like we have a brand new fleet in  
9 any shape or form. Due to some contractual  
10 entitlements, we can never, and, as we  
11 should, we have to maintain the marked fleet  
12 in a certain way.

13 That's always the first priority  
14 and everything else flows in off of that.  
15 Both for the unmarked fleet that's operated  
16 by civilians as well as sworn members.

17 LEGISLATOR CURRAN: So you're  
18 confident that everyone will have the cars  
19 that they need no matter which part of the  
20 police department they are serving?

21 ACTING COMMISSIONER KRUMPTER:  
22 Obviously we work every day to insure that.  
23 Assistant Commissioner Hart oversees fleet  
24 personally in order to make sure that the  
25 vehicles are out there that they need on a

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2 day in and day out basis.

3 I think I touched on everything.

4 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I'm going  
5 to ask Minority Leader Kevan Abrahams, and  
6 then Denise Ford and then I'm going to go  
7 back to the public who have submitted some  
8 slips and we will get back to you in regard  
9 to that task force. The sooner we do it the  
10 better.

11 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Thank you,  
12 Madam Presiding Officer. Jerry, you  
13 mentioned a couple of points in regard to  
14 the RFP going out this week being designated  
15 for hospitals.

16 MR. LARICCHIUTA: Yes.

17 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Was there a  
18 briefing where you were briefed with the  
19 Presiding Officer because we weren't aware  
20 of --

21 MR. LARICCHIUTA: I got briefed  
22 on the sidewalk outside on my way in.

23 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: So I'm  
24 asking, how did you know about the --

25 MR. LARICCHIUTA: I ran into the

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2 Deputy County Executive that's in charge of  
3 that and I told him up front what I was  
4 planning on saying here. He said, you know  
5 we're sending out an RFP. So he was up  
6 front with us on that. That's how I found  
7 out though. There no secret message sent to  
8 me. I just ran into him on the sidewalk.

9 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I'm going  
10 to interrupt for a minute. There was no  
11 briefing, Kevan, it was word of mouth. This  
12 is what's happening today. Okay?

13 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Okay. I  
14 would strongly suggest that we should  
15 probably get one. I can't agree with you  
16 more. I think, you know, my public comments  
17 in regards to the medical provider that's  
18 currently at the jail, and from that  
19 standpoint and how we go forward, that  
20 contract is getting ready to expire.

21 Obviously the successor to that  
22 agreement is no longer in discussions with  
23 the county in terms of taking over. I would  
24 strongly suggest that we actually have a  
25 briefing to discuss it and go forward.

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2 Unless the administration wants to do it in  
3 a vacuum.

4 The second thing, I can't agree  
5 with you more. I appreciate you being here  
6 today. I can't agree with you more with the  
7 need for hearings. In regards to the  
8 medical provider, we have called for  
9 multiple times for hearings.

10 Unfortunately, what we get,  
11 during public comment session, is we get  
12 unofficial de facto hearing, which the  
13 commissioner is here, you're here, and all  
14 we need is the sheriff to be here and pretty  
15 much all the questions we would have asked  
16 at a hearing would be now. But it hurts the  
17 taxpayers when we don't have the time to ask  
18 them respectfully as well as timely.

19 I would strongly suggest, my  
20 recommendation also to the Presiding Officer  
21 is that we call a hearing to discuss this  
22 very important issue.

23 People at the jail have died.  
24 There is contraband being smuggled into the  
25 jail. All of the time when that happens,

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2 when you would think it would be prudent to  
3 have a hearing to discuss this stuff, stuff  
4 that's going to have impacts on people's  
5 lives as well as people's public safety, I  
6 would think we would be calling hearings in  
7 this place, but we're not.

8 So, unfortunately, what happens  
9 is, it's unfortunate to you, you have to  
10 come down during a public comment, where  
11 there's probably dozens of other speakers  
12 that want to speak today, and this issue  
13 does not the time that it deserves. That's  
14 very unfortunate.

15 Again, I would strongly suggest  
16 that we hold a hearing -- we would be more  
17 than happy to host a hearing to at least be  
18 able to air these issues out.

19 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I'm going  
20 to ask, who is here representing the County  
21 Executive?

22 Mr. Becker, I would ask you to  
23 request on behalf of the County Executive a  
24 briefing on the newest proposal -- I would  
25 ask you to request from the County Executive

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2 a briefing regarding the RFPs that are being  
3 disseminated, I believe it was said this  
4 week, so we know exactly what is part of the  
5 RFPs.

6 MR. BECKER: Happy to do that.  
7 Before the Legislature, the next meeting?

8 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: No. I  
9 would like to have a meeting with the County  
10 Executive in his office.

11 MR. BECKER: So have Deputy  
12 County Executive Rabando call you, Madam  
13 Chair?

14 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: He's not  
15 here, so we want to go upstairs and have a  
16 meeting to discuss this.

17 MR. BECKER: I will tell him and  
18 he will contact your office first thing  
19 tomorrow.

20 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: If he can  
21 contact my office, Fran, and then Norma's  
22 office for her side and my office for my  
23 side.

24 MR. BECKER: Sure.

25 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: And those

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2 of us who can attend will be happy to  
3 attend, but we would like to have a  
4 briefing.

5 MR. BECKER: Will do, Madam  
6 Chair.

7 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Thank you  
8 very much. I'm going to ask you, Jerry, to  
9 wrap it up.

10 MR. LARICCHIUTA: I'm going to  
11 wrap it up. The two things I'm going to  
12 wrap it up with, Presiding Officer Gonsalves  
13 is, one, I would ask that we have some kind  
14 of information coming back and forth to see  
15 if we can actually get this little panel  
16 together. Both Republicans and Democrats to  
17 work on the issues within PD.

18 The other thing I wanted to  
19 finish up with is, I have to rebut this,  
20 maybe that's part of the problem. Maybe  
21 this Acting Commissioner doesn't understand  
22 how to communicate with his department. He  
23 has 162 PCOs that take calls. 178 are on  
24 the books, but the difference do not take  
25 calls, and not a single, I'm saying it on



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2 the record, I would not lie on the record,  
3 not a single 911 operator was ever trained  
4 in anything I just told you about including  
5 hostage negotiations, and a hostage  
6 situation. I will end it there. Thank you  
7 for your time. I look forward to this  
8 panel. I really hope we have some  
9 participation. Thank you, Presiding  
10 Officer.

11 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I'm going  
12 to have a very difficult time. I'm cutting  
13 you guys off. I have two people here. I  
14 want to go back to public comment.

15 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Presiding  
16 Officer, one statement. I'm sorry. No, no.  
17 One second. I'm not trying to get in front  
18 of Denise Ford. I just have one statement  
19 after. That's all.

20 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Guess  
21 what? What about the public that's out  
22 there?

23 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: The only  
24 statement that I was making is that I don't  
25 think we need to create a task force. We

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2     have a public safety committee that's  
3     already in place. That's the only comment I  
4     was making.

5                   CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: We are  
6     going to do that. I just said to Minority  
7     Leader to designate a couple of people and I  
8     will designate a couple of people to be part  
9     of that task force, and if we can get it  
10    started almost like yesterday, we will do  
11    it, okay? That's what it is. It's up to  
12    your leader to decide who's going to be the  
13    two.

14                  LEGISLATOR FORD: Let me say  
15    something. Thank you very much, Jerry, for  
16    coming here. I agree with you. I think  
17    that a panel is needed and the reason why I  
18    said that is you did reference, when we did  
19    have a public hearing, many many years ago.

20                  I know there were a lot of your  
21    members that were reluctant to get up and  
22    speak because they did not know if any  
23    action would be taken against them for their  
24    honesty.

25                  So I feel, Legislator Bynoe, just

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2 to let you know, that sometimes when you do  
3 have a panel where his members can speak  
4 very freely to those of us, knowing that  
5 there will be no repercussions, then it  
6 makes it then as a follow-up we would have a  
7 public hearing and we can speak on behalf  
8 and know many of the issues prior to a  
9 public hearing, so that we can be the voice  
10 of people who are reluctant to speak in  
11 public and that's very, very important.

12 I think that this is what we need  
13 to do and we really need to start stepping  
14 up and working with you and your members to  
15 make sure that they have adequate staffing,  
16 and they have the protection they need.

17 I know that even when I went to  
18 the 911 bureau, I saw some deficiencies  
19 myself and I'm not trained in any of that.

20 I know even speaking to some of  
21 your members there, and I thank you very  
22 much for taking me on the tour that night,  
23 that they too also said they did not have  
24 the adequate training.

25 A lot of times they given the

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2 training almost at the positions where  
3 they're working, not followed up with  
4 documentation and, out of respect to the  
5 Acting Commissioner, I know that I met with  
6 him and reached out to him on some of the  
7 issues, and I don't know if you've received  
8 it but I'm still waiting for that hostage  
9 training manual.

10 MR. LARICCHIUTA: Five years now,  
11 and still have not received it.

12 LEGISLATOR FORD: And I have not  
13 received it. I also would like to know from  
14 you, commissioner, if every other area has  
15 chip technology which will help in a lot of  
16 these situations if Nassau County is  
17 planning on getting that.

18 ACTING COMMISSIONER KRUMPTER:  
19 Quite to the contrary. Not only do we have  
20 chip technology, we are ahead of every  
21 single law enforcement agency than the other  
22 agencies. We own a significant amount of  
23 chips ourselves. Suffolk County doesn't own  
24 any. We own 100 chips.

25 The department personally trained

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2 each and every single member of the unit.  
3 Additionally, with a selection that was  
4 participated with by the CSEA, the unit  
5 president, Volpe, we actually selected a  
6 vendor and brought out an outside vendor to  
7 do critical training in that way, what to do  
8 with the hostage negotiator.

9 So we have done a lot of training  
10 over the last year and they were party to  
11 it. So I'm a little bit taken aback as I  
12 stand here today and hear how no training  
13 has occurred.

14 Every one of their employees came  
15 in on a day off twice last year as part of  
16 the makeup tours, two tours, and they did 22  
17 hours of training. We have the curriculums.

18 I met with Legislator Gonsalves a  
19 little over a week ago. She raised a number  
20 of issues. We have a draft letter that will  
21 be going out either tonight when we get  
22 back, depending on the time, or first thing  
23 tomorrow morning, and going into specific  
24 detail.

25 We will also provide this

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2 Legislative body with all the roll calls and  
3 curriculum for the training on the items  
4 that he's saying we're not training.

5 Perception is something that is  
6 sometimes difficult. But we have do have  
7 roll calls where they've signed in on the  
8 training and we do have records and  
9 documents that will be more than sufficient  
10 to prove to this body that they've received  
11 that training.

12 Like anything else, I do not  
13 understand the motivation today. I really  
14 can't speak to his motivation.

15 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I'm not  
16 going to go down that path. End it now.  
17 Because I'm going to really bring us all  
18 back.

19 LEGISLATOR FORD: I'm going to  
20 help you bring it back. Commissioner, we  
21 are going to have that panel. We are going  
22 to have the public hearings. I will be  
23 willing next week. I'm available now. I'm  
24 here. I'm willing to meet with you and then  
25 we will follow up after speaking with a lot

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2 of these employees we will be meeting with  
3 you as well and hopefully we will get  
4 everything resolved. Thank you.

5 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Two things  
6 that we have committed to today,  
7 Mr. Laricchiuta, listen; number one, we are  
8 going to have a briefing with the County  
9 Executive regarding the RFPs that are being  
10 floated this week for medical care at the  
11 jail requesting hospitals to submit a bid.

12 And then, of course, the other is  
13 to follow through on that task force, but I  
14 want you to know something else. We have a  
15 Public Safety Committee here. They will be  
16 part of that task force. You got it? Is  
17 that okay, are you happy?

18 MR. LARICCHIUTA: Have a good  
19 day. Thank you very much.

20 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Have a  
21 great day. I've got news for you, five  
22 minutes went into 25 minutes. I have to go  
23 back and make sure who has submitted a slip  
24 is heard before we go into the regular  
25 calendar. Joanne Borden, you're next.

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2 MS. BORDEN: Good afternoon. I'm  
3 here today to ask you to put the Gender  
4 Clarification Law to a vote.

5 As a transgender woman, that will  
6 give me the same protection from harmful  
7 discrimination that you have and virtually  
8 every one here has. No one decides to be a  
9 transgender person.

10 Scientists tell us that as soon  
11 as a young child recognizes boys and girls  
12 are different, they don't pick a gender.  
13 Every child knows its gender intuitively,  
14 the same way every animal knows its gender.  
15 No one tells a bull it's a male. No one  
16 tells a cat or a dog its gender. Gender  
17 comes from inside every mammal. It's  
18 intuitive. It's automatic and not a choice.

19 When our gender doesn't match our  
20 genitals, we are called transgender people.  
21 That may be inconvenient to some people but  
22 this is more than an inconvenient to  
23 transgender people.

24 Any one would be stupid to want  
25 to be a transgender person and face the



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2 harmful discrimination of being told our  
3 very existence is not real. We can't be the  
4 other sex. They cast shame on us. They  
5 make us feel guilty for something we neither  
6 asked for, wanted, nor had power over.

7 Even our loved ones tell us our  
8 true existence is not real. So we conform  
9 as best we could and always lived in fear.  
10 Fear of exposure, fear of losing our jobs,  
11 and fear of harmful discrimination and other  
12 life necessities.

13 Some people think we volunteer  
14 for transgenderism and clutch the emotions  
15 of the bathroom issue but they really mask  
16 un-American hate. Hate.

17 Over half our country, more than  
18 180 million people and all our neighbors, 22  
19 million people, live with transgender rights  
20 laws and we don't hear of a single bad  
21 incident.

22 Transgender laws have existed  
23 since 1993, and you would think there would  
24 be at least one incident in two decades,  
25 more than one incident, but not even one.

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2 You should not participate in  
3 this injustice and this un-American and  
4 harmful practice in Nassau County.

5 Put the Gender Clarification Law  
6 to a vote and let every one vote their  
7 conscience. Thank you for letting me scream  
8 at you.

9 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Would you  
10 like some water, you seem to be out of  
11 breath. Okay. Jack McCloy.

12 MR. MCCLOY: Good afternoon,  
13 members of the Legislature. Thank you for  
14 letting me address you today.

15 I hope you got the correspondence  
16 that I gave to the clerk. Do each of you  
17 have a copy of it? I hope so.

18 I would like to read this to you.  
19 Newsday recently published another price  
20 increase proposed by National Grid Keyspan  
21 Gas East, a copy of the proposal is  
22 attached. Please note the highlighted  
23 portion of the price increase proposal  
24 identified as residential heating service,  
25 which is the type of service that most

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2 homeowners are charged.

3 This rate increase reflects an  
4 increase of over 22 percent. Please  
5 consider a bipartisan action to oppose this  
6 increase and help residents of Nassau County  
7 stay in Nassau County by limiting the  
8 injurious increases of costs associated with  
9 residing here.

10 I hope that this situation will  
11 be looked at equally by both sides of the  
12 Legislature because a 22 percent increase in  
13 gas heating costs affects every one, no  
14 matter what their political persuasion is  
15 that uses gas and most of the Nassau County  
16 residents have some type of gas service.

17 I'm asking -- I know it's public  
18 comment, Ms. Gonsalves, that you just listen  
19 and not act, but I'm asking if you might  
20 consider acting on making a statement  
21 stating that a 22 percent increase is just  
22 much too much.

23 If we can get a decree from the  
24 Legislature here, I pledge to go to the  
25 Suffolk County Legislature and ask them to

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2 do the same thing and bring your reply up to  
3 the Albany, I will take the time to do that,  
4 to ask the Legislature, the New York State  
5 Legislature, to not approve the 22 percent  
6 increase that's being asked.

7 And the second paragraph on the  
8 attached page lists the PSC case number,  
9 which is, if you want to note this, if  
10 anybody in the audience wants to note this,  
11 it's 16G0058. I will repeat it in one more  
12 second. This number is the case number that  
13 you can oppose this on the PSC website.

14 I would like to do more than  
15 oppose it on an individual basis or have  
16 some neighbors oppose it on a community  
17 level basis, but ask you as our elected  
18 representatives to also oppose a 22 percent  
19 increase.

20 It's much too much and once again  
21 that number is 16G0058. Thank you.

22 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Thank you,  
23 Mr. McCloy. Heidi, I know you have been  
24 sitting there a long time. And, Pearl, you  
25 want to come up too? You may as well.

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2 MS. SANFT: Good afternoon,  
3 Presiding Officer Gonsalves, and  
4 legislators.

5 As you know, my name is Heidi  
6 Sanft. I'm the first vice president of the  
7 Nostrand Garden Civic Association in  
8 Uniondale, and a member of the Greater  
9 Uniondale Area Action Coalition.

10 I have been coming to the  
11 Legislature's meeting since October  
12 requesting that you put contract B-11-16,  
13 the Uniondale Avenue Streetscaping Project  
14 on your agenda to no avail.

15 This is an old project that has  
16 been bonded for more than a year. As you  
17 know, the contractor was selected more than  
18 a year ago. This project is not part of the  
19 \$250 million in bonding that you are waiting  
20 for approval on.

21 It is not fair that you are  
22 conflating an old project that has been  
23 bonded where the funds are borrowed with  
24 future projects where the funds have not  
25 been borrowed yet.

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2 The project is ready to go. You  
3 have received letters supporting moving  
4 forward with this initiative from Mark  
5 Lesco, vice president for economic  
6 development at Hofstra University, and also  
7 from Kevin Law, president and CEO of the  
8 Long Island Association. I have copies of  
9 the letters if you need them. I can submit  
10 them.

11 Also, I know you received letters  
12 supporting our project from the Uniondale  
13 Chamber of Commerce and also the Council of  
14 Chambers.

15 I urge you to do the right thing.  
16 As you can see, we have support. It's  
17 growing. And that you put the Uniondale  
18 Avenue Streetscaping Project on the agenda  
19 now.

20 Spring is almost here and to keep  
21 this old project on a continuous hold is an  
22 action that will not only hurt Uniondale,  
23 but the surrounding communities,  
24 universities, and businesses.

25 I would also like to add that

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2 being that we are celebrating Black History  
3 month, when the shovel goes into the ground  
4 we will be more than happy, when I say "we"  
5 I mean our civic group, to have a  
6 celebratory meal at LL Dent that's how  
7 progress is made. Thank you.

8 MS. JACOBS: Good afternoon,  
9 everyone. During this Black History month,  
10 I would like to speak on institutional  
11 racism.

12 Institutional racism is defined  
13 as the collective failure of an organization  
14 to provide an appropriate and professional  
15 service to people because of their color,  
16 culture, or ethnic origin.

17 I will rephrase the definition in  
18 order to establish a more precise definition  
19 for this forum.

20 Institutional racism as it  
21 relates to Uniondale in underserved,  
22 de-invested and neglected community is the  
23 collective failure of Nassau County in the  
24 Town of Hempstead to provide appropriate  
25 services and investment to the Uniondale

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2 community due to its diverse and  
3 multicultural demographics.

4 I'm certain that some here today  
5 would take offense to my strong remarks.  
6 Unfortunately, for many residents of Nassau  
7 County, these words speak truth. It brings  
8 me no satisfaction to stand before this  
9 Legislative board and speak during Black  
10 History month that disputes the concept of  
11 Nassau County as a place that embraces  
12 equality and inclusion for all residents.

13 Visual evidence alone would  
14 justify the statement that Nassau County has  
15 failed to obtain fairness for all of its  
16 residents.

17 If an artist were commissioned to  
18 paint a mural of the entire County of  
19 Nassau, the pictures would depict  
20 beautifully manicured homes, landscapes,  
21 waterways and prestigious neighborhoods.

22 This mural would also depict a  
23 squalor, poverty and dilapidated  
24 neighborhood where most of the minority  
25 residents reside.



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2 One would discern that this was  
3 an orchestrated and manipulative attempt to  
4 exclude minority residents from obtaining  
5 similar quality of life standards that most  
6 other communities in Nassau take for  
7 granted.

8 As legislators, unfortunately,  
9 you have demonstrated unethical behavior  
10 towards the residents of Uniondale by  
11 withholding funding that would greatly  
12 assist a marginalized community in moving  
13 forward.

14 I implore this Legislative body  
15 to show your respect and honor for Black  
16 History month through your actions by  
17 placing contract B-11-16 on the Legislative  
18 calendar.

19 I do have a question. And I  
20 would assume that I would not have to ask  
21 the Democratic body but I would like to ask  
22 the Republican Legislative body today by a  
23 show of hands would they vote yes for the  
24 contract B-11-16 for Uniondale  
25 streetscaping?

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2 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Pearl,  
3 they are not at liberty to do that at this  
4 present time.

5 MS. JACOBS: I would take that as  
6 a no vote.

7 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: No, Pearl.  
8 It's not on. You can take it whatever way  
9 you wish. It's not an item on the floor  
10 right now, okay? Until then they do not  
11 have to voice their --

12 MS. JACOBS: It's my opinion that  
13 the community of Uniondale will take that as  
14 a no vote. Thank you.

15 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Thank you.

16 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: If I may?

17 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: York  
18 Roberson.

19 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I would  
20 like to respond to my constituents; is that  
21 possible?

22 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I guess  
23 I'm not going to be able to stop you. Go  
24 ahead.

25 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Thank you,

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2 Madam Presiding Officer. I think, again,  
3 and Heidi pointed it out pretty correctly.  
4 For the last four months, they have come  
5 down requesting that this item be placed on  
6 the calendar for a vote, and for that same  
7 time period, other than politics and  
8 non-answers, they haven't been really given  
9 a correct response.

10 I think if I remember correctly,  
11 one of the responses by one of your members,  
12 Madam Presiding Officer, was that because  
13 the Democrats are withholding bonding for  
14 the 2017 bonding, that that is the reason  
15 why this contract will not go forward.

16 By coincidence today, Heidi and  
17 Pearl, there is bonding that's on the  
18 calendar today. A total of \$26 million,  
19 which our caucus is prepared to support some  
20 of it.

21 The question becomes, does the  
22 finish line again be moved once some bonding  
23 does happen? To me it seems like it's more  
24 of an excuse.

25 I think it ties into the issue

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2     that they really just don't want to do it  
3     out of spite, not anything else. It's petty  
4     politics. Again, you will see our  
5     Legislative caucus take action on some  
6     bonding items that are part of that \$250  
7     million that you talked about, Heidi, and,  
8     still, I'm willing to bet you will come back  
9     in March and this item will still not be on  
10    the calendar because that is not the real  
11    issue.

12                   The issue is, they want to see  
13    all of it be bonded, all the \$215 million  
14    without the proper oversight be bonded or  
15    nothing for areas like Uniondale. That's  
16    what it's really about. But they won't  
17    admit that, but they know in their heart  
18    that's what the real issue is.

19                   This Legislature has bonded. We  
20    have taken the position that we will  
21    consider items for public safety needs. We  
22    have bonded for ambulances, police vests,  
23    you name it, we have done it.

24                   So the argument that we don't  
25    bond or we haven't bonded enough, enough so

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2 they can fuel the kitty of some people in  
3 their park, that's what it's about. Not  
4 about anything else.

5 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: York  
6 Roberson.

7 MR. ROBERSON: My name is York  
8 Roberson and I'm a 40 year resident of  
9 Uniondale. I thank you for being able to  
10 address you.

11 I'm here to echo Heidi and  
12 Pearl's statements regarding Uniondale.

13 Some of the disparities that  
14 exist in Uniondale within Nassau County can  
15 be attributed to the aftermath of huge  
16 foreclosures in Uniondale; the so-called  
17 zombie houses. And the influx and expansion  
18 of our school's population in the Uniondale  
19 community.

20 Our community needs an up lift, a  
21 face-lift. So I respectfully implore you to  
22 move forward with the streetscaping project.  
23 And I thank you very much.

24 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Thank you.  
25 Now, Richard, where are you?

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2 MR. CLOLERY: I will be blunt as  
3 usual.

4 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Take your  
5 time, Richard, the red light is on.

6 MR. CLOLERY: To the Legislature.  
7 I would like to thank the Democratic members  
8 of the Legislature who came to the meeting a  
9 couple of weeks ago even though the cuts  
10 went through. I'm still holding out hope we  
11 will find a solution before our public  
12 transportation situation gets worse starting  
13 in April.

14 To the Republicans of the  
15 Legislature, I'm disappointed that you guys  
16 and girls decided not to show up. What's  
17 the worst that would have happened after  
18 seeing the debacle that has happened to our  
19 system as well as the potential chaos that  
20 will occur if there is no additional  
21 funding.

22 You have had to answer some  
23 extreme questions to those constituents who  
24 were -- that were there who had to make some  
25 extremely unpleasant choices that they will

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2 have to make if there was no additional  
3 funding is found in time.

4 And speaking of choices, the  
5 other day I had to go to store to pick up  
6 some items that I forgot to buy at the store  
7 the day before. The items in question were  
8 of a fragile nature, in other words, eggs.  
9 I didn't want to walk. I decided to take  
10 Uber cab. But I couldn't because the  
11 drivers were scared that if they took me to  
12 a Nassau County location they would get  
13 ticketed.

14 So in the end I did walk from  
15 Stop and Shop. Now before you get mad at me  
16 to use Uber and, for a time, I did use  
17 yellow cab of Long Island, but even before  
18 Uber came along, I felt that yellow cab  
19 service was getting worse, not I have  
20 anything against them, just feel like  
21 pointing out. And their pricing to use the  
22 yellow cab was confusing because they would  
23 say it's one price but then another price  
24 would come up when I get in the cab. You  
25 ever heard of the expression?

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2 Anyway, if you look at the  
3 reviews online for the cab companies that  
4 service Nassau County, you would realize  
5 that the foundation for cab company's  
6 problems has been there long before Uber  
7 ever came along. So, please, help all the  
8 constituents by finding necessary funding to  
9 keep the buses going and stop criminalizing  
10 the drivers of Uber and Lift for trying to  
11 provide a good service to the people here of  
12 Long Island.

13 However, if yellow cab doesn't  
14 prove their standards, I would gladly take  
15 them once again. That's all I have to say.

16 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Thank you,  
17 Richard.

18 MR. CLOLERY: Legislator Bynoe,  
19 I'm grateful that you showed.

20 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Richard,  
21 for your edification, at the beginning of  
22 February, I believe there was a coalition of  
23 Democrats and Republicans at Republic  
24 Airport supporting the restoration or  
25 preventing the restoration of the bus routes



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2 and looking for funding to make them whole  
3 again.

4 So we are together on this issue.  
5 So be assured that because we didn't come to  
6 your forum or your rally, I will tell you  
7 but we were there about two or three weeks  
8 ago a number of the legislators sitting here  
9 on both sides the aisle supporting, keeping  
10 the bus system the way it is. We're there  
11 for you. So don't stress, okay?

12 MR. CLOLERY: Okay. I appreciate  
13 it. I'm just saying what is.

14 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Don't  
15 stress, okay? Thank you. One more. John  
16 Budnick. That's it.

17 MR. BUDNICK: Thank you very  
18 much. We need to create a Mitchel Field  
19 Historic District.

20 Part of that has to include --  
21 this is because of the Black History month,  
22 no mention is made any place of the Santini  
23 portion of the base which was the black  
24 portion of the base south of Hempstead  
25 Turnpike in the Uniondale and East Meadow

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2 area. I find that abhorrent.

3 This is the 55th anniversary of  
4 the closing of that air base and the moving  
5 of Nassau Community College over there.  
6 It's mostly the old Nassau Community College  
7 that needs to benefit from this.

8 The county, together with the  
9 college, and various other private and  
10 public groups have to get together and start  
11 creating this, after all folks, it's the  
12 75th anniversary of World War II and the  
13 100th anniversary of World War I.

14 We have a problem with Governor  
15 Cuomo who keeps talking about the need for  
16 these colleges, his budget currently  
17 contains budget cuts for Nassau Community  
18 College, the state portion of their revenue.  
19 Who is going to make that up? I know that  
20 the county taxpayers are very probably not.  
21 The students will have to take it on their  
22 back as tuition and people will be wondering  
23 why fewer people are going to Nassau  
24 Community college. Thank you, Governor  
25 Cuomo.

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2 Also, has anybody considered  
3 utilizing both the services of the Nassau  
4 County Community College culinary people as  
5 well as the availability of equipment  
6 material at the Nassau County Correctional  
7 Center to create the meals that they need at  
8 Nassau Medical Center, A. Holly Patterson  
9 Home, and the Meals on Wheels and the other  
10 programs that the county supports?

11 Also I must commend you guys for  
12 fighting for more state aid for the NICE  
13 system. It is absolutely absurd how the  
14 MTA, a state agency, just dumped that whole  
15 thing on Nassau County. And we need to  
16 fight, go to each of our legislators and the  
17 governor and demand more state aid for those  
18 people and for those buses.

19 Also, I suggest that we recreate  
20 something that used to exist a number of  
21 years ago, that an employee suggestion  
22 program. It ended up saving millions of  
23 dollars for the county.

24 We need to ask the governor if he  
25 can finally get around to declaring a

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2       special election if the Ninth Assembly  
3       District that's been vacant for a large  
4       number of weeks and he has curiously not  
5       been able to get around to calling a special  
6       election there denying the residents,  
7       including me, of their rights to be  
8       represented in the New York State Assembly.

9                   Thank you very much for your time  
10      and trouble.

11                  CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES:   Thank you,  
12      John.

13                  Now we're going to the calendar  
14      ladies and gentlemen.   We're going to go out  
15      of order primarily because we have a number  
16      of people here who are going to be appointed  
17      to two agencies, one is the Youth Board and  
18      the other is the Board of Visitors.

19                  So we are going to begin with  
20      those appointments.   I'm going to call them  
21      all at once and they can, Maggie Malito, you  
22      may as well come up here so you can  
23      introduce them to us.

24                  I'm going to call Resolution 41,  
25      the confirmation of the appointment of

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2     Jennifer Rose Padilla;  
3                   42, a resolution, the appointment  
4     of Rizwan Quershi to the Youth Board;  
5                   43, resolution, Patrick  
6     Pizzarelli to the Youth Board, that was 43;  
7                   Item 44 is the appointment of the  
8     reappointment of Lynda Parmely to the Youth  
9     Board. I don't like to mispronounce  
10    people's names.  
11                  Item 45, resolution to appoint  
12    Akeela Noel to the Youth Board;  
13                  Item 46, the reappointment of  
14    Charles Nanton to the Youth Board;  
15                  Item 47, resolution to  
16    reappointment Catherine Tully Muscente to  
17    the Youth Board;  
18                  48, the resolution to appoint  
19    Fatimah Mozawalla to the Youth Board;  
20                  49, the resolution to appoint  
21    Jeffrey Lozanoto to the Youth Board;  
22                  Item 50, resolution for the  
23    reappointment of Xiomara Leto to the Youth  
24    Board;  
25                  Item 51, resolution of the

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2 appointment of Denise Lamb;

3 Item 53, a resolution confirming  
4 the reappointment of Lucinda Hurley;

5 54, resolution to reappoint  
6 Kristina Heuser to the Youth Board;

7 Item 55, resolution to reappoint  
8 Danny Grodotzke;

9 Item 56 is an appointment of  
10 Rodolfo Gonzalez;

11 And Item 57 is the reappointment  
12 of Robert Donno to the Nassau County Youth  
13 Board.

14 And I see Item 58 the appointment  
15 of Angel Cepeda, I said that one right, and;

16 Item 59 a resolution to appoint  
17 Magdalonie Campbell to the Youth Board.

18 Item 60, a resolution for the  
19 reappointment of Martin Blum to the Youth  
20 Board.

21 Are we all here? I need a  
22 motion.

23 LEGISLATOR WALKER: So moved.

24 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: Second.

25 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by

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2 Legislator Walker, seconded by Legislator  
3 Dunne. Any questions or any comments from  
4 the legislators?

5 (No verbal response.)

6 Any public comment? Any comment  
7 from you?

8 MS. MALITO: I'm delighted to be  
9 able to present these candidates for your  
10 consideration. They are, as I have said,  
11 during the Rules Committee meeting, they are  
12 leaders of our communities, they are  
13 individuals who have already shown their  
14 dedication and demonstrated very hard work  
15 on behalf of our communities and young  
16 people and our families.

17 I think they are going to do a  
18 fine job and I'm very appreciative that you  
19 have taken the time to read their resumes  
20 and know a little bit about them before you  
21 confirm them.

22 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I know  
23 that at the Rules Committee some of the  
24 appointees did address us, is there anybody  
25 else who would like to say a word or two?

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2 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Before you  
3 do that, did you call 52, because Josh  
4 Lafazan is in the audience and he is in the  
5 audience.

6 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: We did  
7 not call it.

8 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: You did  
9 not?

10 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: No.

11 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Why not?  
12 The gentleman is right here.

13 MS. MALITO: Josh's appointment  
14 was in question simply because we needed to  
15 understand more fully what his ability to  
16 participate going forward was.

17 Josh and I did speak about it at  
18 the beginning of the session. He is just  
19 finishing up his work at Harvard. He is  
20 obviously an individual that has  
21 participated with our board in the past but  
22 going forward I think there was more  
23 information that was requested that I did  
24 not have available at the time.

25 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS:



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2 Mr. Lafazan, would you mind coming to the  
3 podium. I would like to hear it from him.

4 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I believe  
5 he is now going to be attending Harvard  
6 University, correct?

7 MS. MALITO: He's actually  
8 finishing up his work. But he can explain  
9 that.

10 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: You may  
11 explain that.

12 MR. LAFAZAN: Thank you,  
13 Presiding Officer Gonsalves, Minority Leader  
14 Abrahams. I'm at my last class at Harvard.  
15 I'm a current graduate student at the  
16 Harvard Graduate School of Education. It's  
17 on April 26th. I look forward to making the  
18 next two months meetings as I only have  
19 class on Wednesday and Thursday. I look  
20 forward to continuing the good work with  
21 some of my tremendous colleagues on the  
22 Nassau County Youth Board.

23 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Jeffrey, I  
24 think you should work it out with the Youth  
25 Board and then we can return to it at

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2 another date. Hold on. I did not call the  
3 item, Minority Leader, and therefore I was  
4 only too gracious to have Joshua come up  
5 here to speak.

6 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: But, but --  
7 you didn't say anything there would impede  
8 you from serving because you said you'll  
9 graduate in April,

10 MR. LAFAZAN: My last class is in  
11 April. I have class on Wednesdays and  
12 Thursdays. So whether I was at Cornell,  
13 which I graduated last year, I'm currently  
14 at Harvard. I've been able to make the  
15 meetings because they're typically on  
16 Mondays or Thursdays. At the meetings in  
17 which I have class up in Boston, I phone in  
18 on the phone. For the past two months, I  
19 have been excused. I had class at Harvard  
20 and was representing Harvard at the Novele  
21 World Peace Summit in Bogota, Columbia.

22 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Josh, do  
23 you see any scheduling conflicts not being  
24 able to serve?

25 MR. LAFAZAN: No, sir.

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2 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Hold on.

3 Just a moment.

4 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I'm not too  
5 sure I understand what's going on.

6 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Ms.

7 Malito, is he on the Youth Board now?

8 MS. MALITO: He's presently  
9 serving on the Youth Board. Which means he  
10 can continue despite the end of his tenure  
11 he continues unless he is replaced by  
12 another candidate, which is not the case.

13 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: But, Ms.  
14 Malito, his term expires when?

15 MS. MALITO: Expired two years  
16 ago.

17 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: So if  
18 Mr. Lafazan is saying there is nothing  
19 preventing him from serving in the future  
20 and enough of you to send it to the Clerk's  
21 Office for reappointment, why is he not  
22 being reappointed if he's not saying there's  
23 a problem with him serving in the future?

24 MS. MALITO: I do believe members  
25 of the legislature were concerned that the

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2 past participation was not -- in fact did  
3 not -- in fact was not full participation as  
4 he was expected to do.

5 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Let me ask  
6 the next question. Stop. What are you  
7 trying to hide? Tell me what you're trying  
8 to hide. You call 15 people but not one  
9 person?

10 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Excuse me,  
11 Josh, I'm sorry.

12 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Please, Ms.  
13 Gonsalves. Please. I don't know what you  
14 are trying to hide. You got your hand  
15 caught in the cookie jar -- you are going to  
16 explain to us why --

17 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I'm not  
18 going to explain anything.

19 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Let's just  
20 call it for what it is.

21 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Excuse me,  
22 Josh --

23 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Again, let  
24 me make sure I'm clear. It's not that you  
25 feel that you have a problem with your

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2   scheduled commitments and going forward,  
3   it's people up on this body that have  
4   determined that?

5                   MR. LAFAZAN:   Yes.   If I can say  
6   one thing quickly.   I was appointed with  
7   unanimous confirmation in 2013.   I am now up  
8   for confirmation in 2017.   So I ask the  
9   Legislative body what has changed in my  
10   resume since 2013?   Was it my graduation  
11   from Cornell, my acceptance to Harvard?   Was  
12   it my publishing of a book, I believe my  
13   resume is extraordinary for someone of my  
14   age.   I believe I have contributed.   I think  
15   the only thing that's changed is my  
16   announcement as a candidate for this  
17   governing body.

18                  LEGISLATOR SOLAGES:   It's  
19   politics.   Let me tell you why.

20                  CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES:   Excuse me.  
21   All those in favor of appointing the people  
22   to the Youth Board   --

23                  LEGISLATOR SOLAGES:   Is it  
24   because Gina Houser running for city  
25   council, and she's allowed to have this

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2 position? Is it because possibly he might  
3 be running for office against someone on  
4 this body so you just want to protect your  
5 friend. That's all.

6 MS. MALITO: If I may?

7 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Excuse me,  
8 all those in favor --

9 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Let's have  
10 an adult conversation here. The real reason  
11 is because he's possibly considered to run  
12 for legislator against Mr. MacKenzie and  
13 Mr. MacKenzie because of his relentless  
14 bonding and raising taxes and so he's trying  
15 for his position and you don't want an  
16 opponent that --

17 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Mr. Solages,  
18 are you going to continue with this  
19 philosophy?

20 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: I'm not  
21 talking to you, Mr. Rhoads.

22 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Let's give  
23 him some more time to prove that he can.  
24 And instead of -- I understand --

25 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: He can

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2 still sign on the board if he chooses until  
3 his appointment.

4 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Maggie,  
5 tell me, does everybody on the Youth Board  
6 show up over the years?

7 MS. MALITO: The ones that are  
8 present members have had three and a half  
9 years in fact to be at our meetings which  
10 are monthly meetings and committee meetings.  
11 Josh had a position of course of some  
12 substance. He was a committee chair.

13 But, in those cases where he  
14 could not attend, in some cases he was  
15 excused, and in some of those cases he was  
16 absent.

17 I think if it was a legitimate  
18 question on the part of those that are  
19 considering his credentials, whether he will  
20 be participating fully in the future. If  
21 someone doesn't attend three meetings  
22 consecutively usually they are asked to  
23 leave the board.

24 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Ms. Malito,  
25 what is the attendance of the other members?

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2 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Have you  
3 had to cancel any meetings because of a lack  
4 of a quorum?

5 MS. MALITO: No. We've never  
6 cancelled a meeting.

7 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Okay. Now  
8 he still serves on the board?

9 MS. MALITO: He continues on the  
10 board. He's still in his seat.

11 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: So,  
12 there's no problem. I called the question.  
13 All those in favor of appointing -- I'm  
14 sorry. There's one chair. You're talking  
15 to her and I said I'm calling the question.

16 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I have a  
17 question. And I have a question for Mr.  
18 Cepeda if I can since we're changing the  
19 criteria.

20 I would love to hear from Mr.  
21 Cepeda. He has been an announced candidate.  
22 He has run against former Legislator Judy  
23 Jacobs. Since we are making that a criteria  
24 today --

25 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: You are



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2 making it a criteria today.

3 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: You can't  
4 come up with justification singling one  
5 person out of 15 today.

6 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Excuse me.  
7 Excuse me.

8 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I want to  
9 ask Mr. Cepeda, is he running for the county  
10 legislature this year?

11 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: So running  
12 in the past now is your criteria?

13 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: No.  
14 Running for the future because that's why  
15 you're holding up Mr. Lafazan.

16 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: So if he  
17 shows up for meetings, that's all that  
18 matters to me. If the guy is at Harvard, I  
19 don't know how he's going to attend  
20 meetings. That's what he's telling us  
21 because he's going to continue on this board  
22 at some future time we can appoint him after  
23 we watch and see if this gentleman can  
24 actually participate.

25 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: And are you

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2 sure that you voted for every single Youth  
3 Board member in the past that showed up to  
4 meetings? Suddenly you got an epiphany on  
5 the criteria?

6 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: That's a  
7 point, but if something is brought to our  
8 attention, and it is brought to our  
9 attention, it becomes an issue and we have  
10 to delve into it.

11 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: No. It's  
12 been brought to your attention that Mr.  
13 Lafazan decides to run against  
14 Mr. MacKenzie, that's what's brought to your  
15 attention.

16 But, Mr. Cepeda, if you don't  
17 mind, I would love to hear your --

18 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Excuse me.  
19 Excuse me.

20 MR. BECKER: Minority Leader,  
21 we're not going to do that.

22 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: That's it.  
23 I called the question.

24 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: I'm sorry.  
25 You called the question with my hand up

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2 asking you to be acknowledged to ask a  
3 question. I would like to ask a question.

4 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: And I just  
5 called the question.

6 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: My question  
7 is, can we the attendance records of all of  
8 the members of this board. If we're calling  
9 into question one member, what is the  
10 attendance of all of the members? I'm  
11 calling a motion to table it until we have  
12 that information.

13 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: We have  
14 one member who has been away at school. He  
15 still hasn't finished his degree.

16 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: But what about  
17 the attendance of the other members?

18 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: How do you  
19 spend the time if you're going to be away  
20 for part of the time, going to be completing  
21 your studies, it's going to be a difficulty.  
22 You stay on the board for now, and,  
23 eventually, when we see if this works out,  
24 you can be appointed at that point.

25 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES:

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2 Reappointed, how's that?

3 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I have a  
4 feeling that his reappointment will be  
5 determined some time after May after he  
6 announces or doesn't announce. Someone I  
7 have that feeling.

8 But, Mr. Cepeda, if you don't  
9 mind, can you please come to the podium.

10 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I just  
11 called the question.

12 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Since this  
13 item is called --

14 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: No. He's  
15 not coming to the podium.

16 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Mr. Cepeda,  
17 don't listen to -- Mr. Becker is a good  
18 friend. To be respectful to this  
19 Legislature --

20 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: All those  
21 in favor --

22 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: You're  
23 going to break it out, because if Mr. Cepeda  
24 is not going to answer our questions, we're  
25 going to vote no on him as well. Mr.

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2 Cepeda, can you please come to the podium?

3 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: No. He's  
4 not.

5 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Mr. Cepeda,  
6 can you please come to the podium?

7 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: No. I'm  
8 chairing this meeting, not you.

9 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: So you're  
10 saying we cannot ask questions?

11 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: No.  
12 Because I called the question. All those in  
13 favor of the appointees that are standing  
14 there before us signify by saying aye.

15 (Aye.)

16 Any opposed?

17 (Nay.)

18 The appointees pass 12 to 7.

19 Next, let's go. I'm sorry you had to be  
20 indoctrinated this way.

21 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: The kid goes  
22 to Harvard to Christ's sake, he's qualified.  
23 All our young people want to get involved  
24 and this is a very discouraging message to  
25 our young people.

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2 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: What you  
3 just said should not be said on the record.  
4 It's completely inappropriate.

5 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Excuse me. I  
6 didn't vote nay. I'm voting to abstain on  
7 the basis that I don't have information on  
8 any of their attendance and I can't judge  
9 one without judging them all. Thank you.

10 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: So it's  
11 12, six nays, and one abstention. Sorry  
12 about that.

13 Now we have appointments and  
14 reappointments to the Nassau County  
15 Correctional Center Board of Visitors  
16 beginning with Item 35, resolution to  
17 confirm the reappointment of Leon Campo to  
18 the Correctional Center Board of Visitors;

19 Item 36, resolution to confirm  
20 the reappointment of Helen Meittinis to the  
21 Correctional Center Board of Visitors;

22 Item 37, resolution to confirm  
23 the reappointment of Michael Califano to the  
24 Correctional Center Board of Visitors  
25 pursuant to Section 204;

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2 Resolution 38, a reappointment of  
3 Alphonso Albright to the Correctional Center  
4 Board of Visitors;

5 Item 39, a resolution confirming  
6 the reappointment of Michael Ferrandino to  
7 the Correctional Center Board of Visitors;

8 Resolution 40 which is the  
9 appointment of Humberto Chavez to the  
10 Correctional Center Board of Visitors.

11 I believe that's it.

12 Motion, please.

13 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

14 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Second.

15 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by  
16 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator  
17 Walker. I believe we have -- is Alphonso  
18 here?

19 MR. BECKER: Alphonso is on his  
20 way here, Madam Chair. Any questions? Any  
21 comments?

22 (No verbal response)

23 Any public comment? Legislator  
24 Bynoe.

25 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Never part of

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2 my criteria. My question is -- I'm not sure  
3 who to address my questions to.

4 MS. MEITTINIS: I'm Helen  
5 Meittinis, Vice-Chair.

6 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Good  
7 afternoon. I'm going to ask you to identify  
8 exactly who is there.

9 MS. MEITTINIS: I'm Helen  
10 Meittinis.

11 This is superintendent Leon  
12 Campo. This is Michael Califano. We just  
13 met Humberto Chavez. And Alphonso Albright  
14 just called. He said, accident and be there  
15 late. I don't know about the other.

16 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Thank you. So  
17 I'm going to address my questions to you.  
18 But if the other members who are up for  
19 reappointment have the answer they can feel  
20 free to jump in.

21 My question is, how many board  
22 meetings have convened during your term?

23 MS. MEITTINIS: We have one  
24 almost every month or every couple of months  
25 and we have one annual public meeting.



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2 We've only had one of those.

3 We are coming up on another one.

4 We're trying to get a date for that.

5 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: So since the  
6 topic has been on attendance, let me ask  
7 you, of those six meetings, how many have  
8 you attended?

9 MS. MEITTINIS: All of them.

10 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: And your  
11 counterparts?

12 MS. MEITTINIS: I would say all  
13 of they also or when he was in the hospital  
14 and Humberto would be a new member.

15 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: How are these  
16 meetings noticed for the public?

17 MS. MEITTINIS: Actually, it's  
18 the jail that would put out the public  
19 notice for us. We have changed our venue a  
20 little bit to make it a little easier and so  
21 we know that it's been done and so on and so  
22 forth.

23 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Where are the  
24 meetings held?

25 MS. MEITTINIS: The meetings were

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2   held in different places but they will be at  
3   One West Street from here on in. This way  
4   they're in one place.

5                   LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Can you tell  
6   me where the meetings have been held?

7                   MS. MEITTINIS: We have had  
8   meetings here in this building. We have  
9   tried to get a room for -- we were in the  
10   leg actually for our one year public  
11   meeting, and we were at the jail, we had a  
12   conference room over there.

13                  LEGISLATOR BYNOE: You said one  
14   year public meeting, can you explain what  
15   that means?

16                  MS. MEITTINIS: Yes. There's an  
17   annual meeting that you open to the public  
18   and that was according to the bylaws. Now  
19   we're up again.

20                  I have to say that we don't get  
21   much in the way of -- we don't hardly get  
22   anything in the way of letters. That is the  
23   goal to treat the inmates and the families  
24   of the jail with dignity and respect.  
25   That's the basis here. If they're not

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2 treated to their expectations, then they're  
3 welcome to send a grievance.

4 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: How do you do  
5 the outreach? What are your outreach  
6 efforts like?

7 MS. MEITTINIS: It's basically on  
8 the website or it's advertised through the  
9 county somehow. And that's how people who  
10 have --

11 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: So am I clear  
12 that this board has not done any outreach to  
13 the inmates or to their families or in any  
14 way publically?

15 MS. MEITTINIS: We have no --

16 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Do you have a  
17 website?

18 MS. MEITTINIS: They put it on  
19 some kind of county website. We don't have  
20 any kind of staff or funding or anything  
21 like that. That's -- I would think -- we  
22 don't have any rights, you know, to know who  
23 is who and what in the jail.

24 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: But there's no  
25 kind of -- there should be some kind of

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2 flyer or something that you guys create that  
3 gets circulated through the jail so that --  
4 I would argue that people don't even know  
5 you exist.

6 MS. MEITTINIS: Actually it was  
7 part of the County Charter for many many  
8 years and it was never acted upon. I know  
9 that the last administration did not want --  
10 and I had this conversation with Mr. Suozzi,  
11 and he did not want to keep up with that  
12 part of the County Charter. That's it.

13 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: You didn't  
14 exist under Mr. Suozzi?

15 MS. MEITTINIS: No, he didn't --  
16 nobody acted on that.

17 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: You were  
18 created -- appointed in 2013?

19 MS. MEITTINIS: Correct.

20 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: So, under this  
21 administration, my question is, what has  
22 been the outreach efforts by your body?

23 MS. MEITTINIS: Well, we don't  
24 reach out to the public.

25 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: So you made a

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2 statement that you have not to this point  
3 received any correspondence or complaints,  
4 but I would argue that people may not even  
5 know you exist if there has been no outreach  
6 efforts.

7 MS. MEITTINIS: They know we  
8 exist to a certain point because it is out  
9 there that we do exist.

10 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Where is it  
11 out there?

12 MS. MEITTINIS: We don't have  
13 that much hands-on on with. I don't know if  
14 it's corrections. But it's in the county's  
15 hands and it's out there.

16 Obviously some people have  
17 reached out who really, this was not the  
18 board for them to reach out to over time  
19 like, you know, can you deliver a package,  
20 can you deliver a letter, stuff like that.

21 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: So your  
22 talking audience it's the inmates, your  
23 target audience, the folks you're supposed  
24 to field complaints from and the like is --  
25 would be the inmates.

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2 So once they're incarcerated,  
3 some of these people have never had any  
4 issues with the law before. Now they're in  
5 the jail and now they're there, they're in  
6 desperate need of help. They need some  
7 assistance. How would they know you even  
8 exist?

9 MS. MEITTINIS: The only thing I  
10 know is there is a Board of Corrections,  
11 there are ways to get in touch with the  
12 jail. I'm sure they tell them about us.  
13 That's where it goes.

14 MS. MEITTINIS: There in lies the  
15 problem. So let me move on to what would be  
16 to me an obvious way of knowing that people  
17 need help. So Newsday has been publishing  
18 many articles over the years indicating that  
19 inmates are unfortunately dying in record  
20 numbers whether it be from suicides, or if  
21 negligence, based on health care provided by  
22 the current health care provider.

23 So, you're saying that didn't  
24 trigger anything for this body to engage?

25 MS. MEITTINIS: It didn't.

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2 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: But why  
3 wouldn't it?

4 MS. MEITTINIS: Obviously they  
5 don't think that -- they actually know we  
6 are basically we don't have any  
7 administrative powers and basically a  
8 sounding board, and that's not obviously  
9 what these people are looking for.

10 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Let me ask the  
11 question again. I'm saying that your  
12 responsibility, this board's responsibility,  
13 is to field issues regarding health care or  
14 safety conditions, any kind, whether it's  
15 safety based on the facility or based on  
16 healthcare that exist at the jail.

17 MS. MEITTINIS: Anything.

18 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Anything.  
19 Right. So you have stated that you have not  
20 had any contact with inmates who have done  
21 any outreach directly to your body.

22 MS. MEITTINIS: We did a  
23 compliant just recently.

24 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: So my question  
25 is, why didn't this body act without having

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2     to be called just by way of the news media  
3     providing you circumstances, to which, to  
4     me, you should have automatically been  
5     engaged in? Why at that point did you not  
6     engage? I'm asking the appointees.

7                   MR. PODLESAK: Legislator, by  
8     law, this body has been formulated to  
9     respond to complaints, and not to act on an  
10    independent basis as an investigative body.

11                   The State of New York has such  
12    organizations in place to act as  
13    investigators.

14                   The function of the Board of  
15    Visitors is to respond to complaints by  
16    inmates. And the inmates that are in  
17    question -- I should say inmates in pretrial  
18    detainees, all of which who have  
19    representatives in the form of legal counsel  
20    who can and do represent them as far as the  
21    other needs that they may have.

22                   Let's not forget that there are  
23    other organizations within the jail that  
24    have the power to investigate incidents.

25                   LEGISLATOR BYNOE: So it states



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2 here that you have the right to investigate  
3 and review and take such other actions that  
4 are deemed to be necessary or proper with  
5 respect to inmates' complaints or  
6 grievances, right?

7 So you're going to say that the  
8 articles that were in the paper even --  
9 there were articles in the paper where  
10 inmates or people that were in the jail were  
11 then released because the judge said they  
12 wouldn't allow them to continue to be  
13 detained because they weren't getting the  
14 medical attention that they needed. You're  
15 going to say that even those people's  
16 statements to the newspapers weren't  
17 grievances?

18 MS. MEITTINIS: They were not  
19 grievances to this board.

20 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: So you do no  
21 outreach at all?

22 MS. MEITTINIS: No. Do not.

23 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: So you do no  
24 outreach at all. No outreach to the jail.

25 MS. MEITTINIS: Do not. That's

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2 not our --

3 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Let me finish.

4 MS. MEITTINIS: That's not what  
5 our existence is about. Maybe the state  
6 board of corrections. I'm sure. That's  
7 their job.

8 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: I'm just  
9 trying to figure this out. There's no  
10 outreach at all to the inmate population  
11 while they're detained in the jail?

12 MS. MEITTINIS: No.

13 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: You do no  
14 preventive care in terms of hearing issues  
15 that are bubbling up into the media, so I'm  
16 actually confused at what is your primary  
17 function? I mean you said you met six times  
18 within a year. I would be interested to  
19 know what those discussions that this board  
20 is having when they meet. Who is  
21 responsible for the minutes? Who is the  
22 custodial of the --

23 MR. PODLESACK: Legislator Bynoe,  
24 I don't understand how this affects whether  
25 or not these individuals will be appointed

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2 or reappointed to this board. These are  
3 other issues that are irrelevant.

4 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: It affects my  
5 decision making so I have the right to ask  
6 the questions.

7 MR. PODLESACK: How does that  
8 affect their qualifications to sit on this  
9 board?

10 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: I have the  
11 right to ask those questions.

12 MR. PODLESACK: Right. But not in  
13 the context of this hearing.

14 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: I'm going to  
15 continue with my questions. They just made  
16 a determination that someone couldn't  
17 participate on the previous board because he  
18 missed a couple of meetings. I think that  
19 if a body is actually convened and is in  
20 place for the purpose of providing  
21 safeguards to the inmates for the purpose of  
22 providing assistance to the sheriff to  
23 ensure safety and there's adequate care  
24 there and, if they're not able to do that,  
25 and they're not doing it because they are

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2 not outreaching to their target audience,  
3 they're not taking any lead from the media  
4 by way of press, the issues are bubbling up  
5 into the media and they're not taking any  
6 steps to prevent issues, they're directly  
7 impacting care to the inmates, it affects my  
8 decision.

9 MR. PODLESAK: That has nothing  
10 to do with what their job is under the  
11 Charter. The job under the Charter is to  
12 respond to complaints, not to -- and to  
13 grievances, not to be a free wheeling  
14 investigatory body. Those already existed  
15 in the state and they existed in the county.  
16 What this board is supposed to do --

17 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: I'm not  
18 interested in hearing from him. I'm sorry.  
19 Respectfully, I am not.

20 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Siela, you  
21 may not be interested but we are.

22 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: We need to  
23 reappoint. I want to hear from them and  
24 their experiences directly. What he's  
25 saying is not going to impact, that's not

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2 right.

3 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Get to it.

4 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: You invited  
5 him to the podium. I did not invite him to  
6 the podium. With all due respect, I did not  
7 invite him to the podium. No disrespect.  
8 Allow me to ask the questions, please.

9 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Go ahead.

10 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: The questions  
11 that I asked when I was interrupted was, who  
12 is the custodial of the minutes, who has the  
13 minutes for the meetings?

14 MS. MEITTINIS: It is by the  
15 jail. Captain Golio of the jail.

16 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: He takes the  
17 minutes?

18 MS. MEITTINIS: No. Well, we  
19 take the minutes together. Actually it was  
20 the chairperson, sometimes it's myself, the  
21 vice-chair. We give them to him for our  
22 file. But we don't have that many because  
23 we have not had any complaints. I hope I'm  
24 very clear with that until we got one on  
25 January 17th which we have made contact with

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2 the person.

3 Our job is to advise and call the  
4 jail and ask them to take care of the  
5 situation and investigate. That is our  
6 purpose here.

7 If you read the County Charter  
8 that's all it asks for. We are not paid  
9 employees. We don't have any insurance for  
10 liability and such like that.

11 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Well, that's  
12 something that should be in place.

13 MS. MEITTINIS: So, therefore,  
14 this is a community board and if you'd like,  
15 not for anything, you didn't ask me about  
16 myself. I'm an advocate for my community  
17 for over 40 years.

18 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: One second.  
19 I'm sorry. I've actually read your resume.  
20 I've read the resumes of everyone that was  
21 provided.

22 I'm just going to read, since  
23 we're talking about the Charter, I'm just  
24 going to read .6 of the Charter. In this  
25 particular section it says that your role is

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2 also to advise the sheriff in developing  
3 programs for improving correctional center  
4 services and duties for coordinating the  
5 efforts of correctional center officials in  
6 respect to improving conditions.

7 So, could you tell me what some  
8 of those suggestions have been over the  
9 course of the last four years relative to  
10 inmate care, treatment, rehabilitation,  
11 recreation, training, and education?

12 I know that there is a member  
13 there, a school board, Mr. Campo, you, in  
14 particular, what kind of educational  
15 services have you recommended to the county  
16 sheriff?

17 MR. CAMPO: I'm the  
18 superintendent of the East Meadow School  
19 District. We are responsible for the  
20 education that's provided to inmates at the  
21 jail.

22 With those who are incarcerated,  
23 they an option to take advantage and pursue  
24 a GED. We find that our hope is that those  
25 who take advantages of that that it would

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2 have some impact on recidivism and that they  
3 could actually be assimilated into the  
4 larger community as productive citizens. So  
5 that's one of my primary interests, to keep  
6 that program healthy, and it is a healthy  
7 program at this point. That is one of our  
8 important issues, but not as a committee.  
9 That is as a school district we have that as  
10 a mission.

11 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: But that's  
12 actually part of the mission of this board,  
13 by charter, that is part of it.

14 MR. CAMPO: By state law we are  
15 responsible for running that school program,  
16 and I say "we" not this committee, it would  
17 be at East Meadow School District.

18 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: So I'm asking  
19 as a member of that body, of the Board of  
20 Visitors, part of your role is actually  
21 supposed to be to encourage the development  
22 of programs.

23 My question is, and this goes  
24 across a couple of different disciplines,  
25 right? So we're talking about inmate care,



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2 talking about treatment, talking about  
3 safety, rehabilitation, what has been some  
4 of the suggestions that have bubbled up out  
5 of this board and made it's way to the  
6 sheriff and has been implemented or if in  
7 fact they have not been implemented what  
8 have you suggested and I would like to see  
9 that documented as well?

10 MR. CAMPO: As a board, and  
11 forgetting about our role in the school  
12 district for education, but as a board, we  
13 have not been an investigatory body.

14 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: But that's  
15 what you're supposed to be doing according  
16 to the Charter.

17 MR. CAMPO: What I'm saying is,  
18 we have not functioned that way. The way we  
19 function, when complaints or grievances are  
20 received, we take that seriously and coming  
21 from those grievances we can make some  
22 recommendation to the proper authorities we  
23 do.

24 I must say, we have not received  
25 many complaints at all as the vice-chair has

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2 said. We react when we receive a complaint.  
3 We don't solicit the incarcerated population  
4 seeking complaints.

5 We wait and once we receive them  
6 then it's our duty to listen and hear out  
7 those individuals with complaints and then,  
8 if it's appropriate action that we can take,  
9 we will make recommendations and we do.

10 But in the years that I have  
11 served on this board, I must say there's  
12 been, this last one that Ms. Meittinis  
13 mentioned is one that has come to our  
14 attention only recently.

15 So, despite of what you read in  
16 Newsday, those are not the complaints in  
17 which we pick up a newspaper and that's on  
18 the basis of treating that as a complaint.  
19 That's maybe how you would want this board  
20 to act but that's not how it --

21 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: The Charter  
22 requires that. The Charter says you should  
23 investigate complaints that come to you. I  
24 agree with you to the point that that's what  
25 they say is a mechanism for complaints

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2       coming to you. That you're not supposed to  
3       be in the jail milling around looking for  
4       complaints to a degree, because you're  
5       supposed to have an office there and you're  
6       supposed to have access to the jail,  
7       according to what I've read as well, and  
8       walk around and see if you find things that  
9       are out of place, not necessarily engaging  
10      directly with inmates, but you should be  
11      walking around to determine if you find  
12      issues.

13                   I have to tell you that I have  
14      walked that jail along with my colleague,  
15      Legislator Curran, at least three or four  
16      times and we have found issues ourselves.  
17      We found it and we didn't engage with any  
18      inmates, just walking the facility, we found  
19      issue.

20                   But I need you to understand that  
21      part of this Charter, aside from it being  
22      the investigative body, it requires that you  
23      advise the sheriff in developing programs.

24                   So even if you wanted to act as  
25      if you were in a bubble and you weren't

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2 reading Newsday and that wasn't going to  
3 start an investigation for you as that body,  
4 I think that at the very minimum, reading  
5 these issues bubbling up in the press, you  
6 had a responsibility to try to develop  
7 programs and to improve the correctional  
8 facility's medical care and the security.  
9 To me, you failed to hit the mark there.

10 Let me ask Ms. Meittinis made a  
11 point earlier that I didn't ask about your  
12 background. So I'm going to ask a pointed  
13 question.

14 I want to ask specifically, and I  
15 believe it's you, Mr. Campo, and I'm not  
16 sure if it's Mr. Califano or not, but I know  
17 it's you and Mr. Campo that actually served  
18 on another advisory board relative to the  
19 jail.

20 Can you tell me what that body's  
21 mission was?

22 MS. MEITTINIS: That is the jail  
23 advisory that was put in place years and  
24 years ago when that jail was extended and  
25 there was quite a lot of community uproar

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2 because let's face it, we're the only ones  
3 in the county that have a jail in their  
4 backyard.

5 The crime is not only on, well,  
6 brought by people that are in the jail but  
7 on people who come to visit the jail and  
8 there are many arrests made in that parking  
9 lot over the years. That's a big concern to  
10 our community. The safety our community. I  
11 live right there.

12 That's why of course we're  
13 concerned about the safety on the inside of  
14 the inside of the jail because it does leak  
15 on the outside of the jail and that's where  
16 we come into play.

17 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: I would  
18 actually have to argue that that's a double  
19 minded miss that occurs there. We took the  
20 very same people who I'm sure resent the  
21 fact that this jail is in their backyard and  
22 put them on a board and then ask them to  
23 provide protections or provide suggestions  
24 that would protect --

25 MR. BECKER: Legislator Bynoe,

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2 that is totally unfair.

3 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Well, you  
4 can't tell me it's unfair.

5 MR. BECKER: Legislator Bynoe,  
6 that is totally unfair. You're projecting  
7 thoughts and images and telling people how  
8 they think.

9 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Now you're  
10 imposing your own thoughts.

11 MR. BECKER: I don't think that's  
12 fair at all.

13 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: That's what  
14 I'm supposed to do.

15 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: You're  
16 accusing them of having a double standard.

17 MR. BECKER: Legislator Bynoe, I  
18 would like to point out to you --

19 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: I'm telling  
20 you that I think there is an inherent  
21 conflict to put people on a board --

22 MR. BECKER: They're not the very  
23 same people. They're not.

24 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Let me finish.  
25 Mr. Becker, I'm not addressing you.

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2 I think it's an inherent conflict  
3 to put people on a board who are more  
4 interested in probably getting that jail out  
5 of their backyard as opposed to how the  
6 inmates are treated. I think it's an  
7 inherent conflict.

8 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I beg to  
9 differ. That's not the issue right now.

10 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: I yield the  
11 floor.

12 MS. MEITTINIS: Legislator Bynoe,  
13 how dare you put --

14 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Ms.  
15 Meittinis, don't answer. Do not answer.

16 MS. MEITTINIS: You should not  
17 put words in my mouth. I do not put them in  
18 yours.

19 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: I did not put  
20 words in your mouth. I made my own -- I  
21 came to my own conclusion based your  
22 background.

23 MS. MEITTINIS: One committee has  
24 nothing to do with the others.

25 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: I would have

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2 to say your lack of actions with all of  
3 what's happened at that jail has summed up  
4 and really brought me to this conclusion.  
5 I'm done and I yield the floor. Thank you,  
6 Presiding Officer.

7 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Minority  
8 Leader, I'm saying you are not going to be  
9 denied and I'm saying that on the record.

10 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Thank you,  
11 Madam Presiding Officer. It was brought up  
12 in the question and answer period with  
13 Legislator Bynoe that I believe a correction  
14 officer or Lieutenant Golio keeps the  
15 minutes. Am I understanding that correctly?

16 MS. MEITTINIS: Actually he puts  
17 them in a file for us and there's not very  
18 many, Legislator Abrahams. There is not  
19 many at all. There is not that much to talk  
20 about.

21 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Who is the  
22 transcriber of the minutes? Who does the  
23 handwriting?

24 MS. MEITTINIS: We write them out  
25 and the chairperson also had a copy of all



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2 these too.

3 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I  
4 understand.

5 MS. MEITTINIS: The chairperson  
6 writes them out, but he's not here anymore.  
7 This all just happened so --

8 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: The  
9 chairperson is no longer there anymore?  
10 When did he leave?

11 MS. MEITTINIS: He just left.

12 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: He left in  
13 January. So before he left he wrote all the  
14 minutes?

15 MS. MEITTINIS: He wrote the  
16 minutes.

17 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: So when we  
18 contacted Mr. Golio to get a copy of the  
19 minutes, he never responded to us. Are you  
20 sure he's the keeper of the minutes?

21 MS. MEITTINIS: That's as far as  
22 I know. You know what, I don't know. At  
23 this point in time.

24 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Do you have  
25 a copy of the minutes?

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2 MS. MEITTINIS: Not here, no.

3 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Do you one  
4 at home?

5 MS. MEITTINIS: No.

6 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Work?  
7 Anywhere?

8 MS. MEITTINIS: I have my own  
9 notes, yes, that I took, but there's not  
10 that much. That's what I'm trying to say to  
11 you. I can't make up something that's not  
12 there.

13 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I hear that  
14 there's not much and I guess that's part of  
15 the frustration that is going on back and  
16 forth.

17 Before I get into some more line  
18 of questioning. You are familiar with what  
19 is going on at the jail, you do read the  
20 papers?

21 MS. MEITTINIS: Of course.

22 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: So you know  
23 there have been inmate deaths, contraband  
24 smuggled in, you know there are problems in  
25 the jail?

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2 MS. MEITTINIS: Yes.

3 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: And I'm  
4 not asking whether or not you investigate  
5 that, I'm not asking that, but you do  
6 realize there's problems?

7 MS. MEITTINIS: Yes, I do.

8 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: So you  
9 understand some of the frustrations and  
10 concerns that are being brought up here  
11 regarding the jail?

12 MS. MEITTINIS: Yes.

13 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Do you have  
14 an opinion on how the jail is run, do you  
15 think it's run well, poorly?

16 MS. MEITTINIS: This is not  
17 necessary for my job. My job is to read any  
18 grievances that come our way, that come to  
19 us directly, and then we would advise to the  
20 sheriff to take care of the situation,  
21 investigate, and then get back to us.  
22 That's it.

23 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Helen, let  
24 me ask you a different way. You live in the  
25 area, you're a taxpayer?

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2 MS. MEITTINIS: Yes.

3 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: But you  
4 are also being considered for this board?

5 MS. MEITTINIS: Yes.

6 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: As a  
7 taxpayer, do you believe that the jail is  
8 run poorly or run well?

9 MS. MEITTINIS: I can't give my  
10 opinion. My opinion doesn't apply here.

11 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I would  
12 love to hear, if not your opinion, I would  
13 love to hear from Mr. Califano, Mr. Campo,  
14 or whoever would like to share an opinion on  
15 it. You don't have to share an opinion, I'm  
16 just curious to hear or understand what you  
17 believe, but if you don't feel comfortable  
18 answering, that's fine too.

19 MS. MEITTINIS: Are we making  
20 something up of something that doesn't  
21 exist? There's no problems here.

22 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: What do you  
23 mean by that?

24 MS. MEITTINIS: There are no  
25 problems with this committee. These are

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2 upstanding citizens. We been given  
3 something to take on, but if it doesn't come  
4 our way, what are we supposed to do?

5 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I don't  
6 think that anyone is demeaning your  
7 character or the committee's character, but  
8 obviously we need every aspect of the jail  
9 whether it's the sheriff, the board of  
10 visitors, the correction, the union,  
11 everyone to function properly if we are  
12 going to bring the jail back up because we  
13 believe the jail is not being run well, and  
14 I think that's evidenced by what's going on  
15 in there which is a constant barrage of  
16 negativity that's going on.

17 But, in regards to one of the  
18 points of the Charter, in Section 2004, and  
19 I'm going to read the statement and then you  
20 can respond. "To advise the sheriff in  
21 developing programs for improving  
22 correctional center services and duties and  
23 for coordinating the efforts of the  
24 correctional center officials in respect to  
25 improving conditions of inmate care,

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2 treatment, safety, rehabilitation,  
3 correction, training and education."

4 So if we were to dig up the  
5 minutes that Mr. Golio has, would we see any  
6 advisement to the sheriff for developing any  
7 of these programs?

8 MS. MEITTINIS: Yes.

9 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Can you  
10 give me examples?

11 MS. MEITTINIS: Our last letter  
12 that we got, the most recent, and the only  
13 that we got we sent on to the jail, yes, and  
14 we're waiting for an answer.

15 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Can you  
16 share the contents of the letter?

17 MS. MEITTINIS: Not at this time.  
18 I don't think that's a good idea to put that  
19 out in public. This person hasn't been  
20 given a chance -- the person who grieved has  
21 not been given a chance to address us.

22 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: That sounds  
23 like -- I wasn't aware, but that sounds like  
24 a grievance.

25 What I just read in the Charter

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2 has nothing to do with the grievance. I'll  
3 read it again. It's to advise the sheriff  
4 in the developing programs, everybody, for  
5 improving correctional center services and  
6 duties and coordinating the efforts of the  
7 correctional center officials in respect to  
8 the improvement conditions of inmate care,  
9 treatment, safety, rehabilitation,  
10 recreation, training, and education.

11 This sounds like to me more about  
12 advising the sheriff on programs that are  
13 more policy oriented.

14 MS. MEITTINIS: When you are  
15 given the problem, like this past problem.  
16 There is advice there. There was a problem  
17 put before us.

18 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Helen, do  
19 you want me to bring this down to you. I'm  
20 really trying to be fair. Nothing here  
21 identifies that you have to be presented  
22 with a problem. This is proactive.

23 MS. MEITTINIS: In other words --  
24 how about the state Board of Corrections?  
25 That's what they do. They're on the

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2 payroll.

3 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I

4 understand, but you're also responsible for

5 doing this. Maybe you are not aware of

6 that, that you should be responsible for

7 doing this and that may be part of the

8 problem and maybe you're not aware of it,

9 but you are responsible for doing this, and

10 it doesn't sound like you've been doing it.

11 MS. MEITTINIS: I stand by my

12 answer because that's what we have.

13 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: That's what

14 I'm saying. It sounds like to me that the

15 Board of Visitors is run on a grievance

16 based capacity which is great, that address

17 a few points.

18 MS. MEITTINIS: Yes. And that's

19 what we understand.

20 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: But you're

21 not fulfilling your full mission if you are

22 not addressing all these points.

23 MS. MEITTINIS: That's your

24 opinion.

25 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Helen, it's



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2 not my opinion. It's right here in black  
3 and white. It's right here. You want to  
4 read it? It's not my opinion. I'm not  
5 making this up.

6 MS. MEITTINIS: I'm going to  
7 stand by my answer, Kevan.

8 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: But this is  
9 fact. I want to make sure we're clear for  
10 the record. I'm not making something up.  
11 This is in the Charter. It's fact.

12 I do have a question for Mr.  
13 Califano. Mr. Califano, in reading your  
14 resume, it says that your experience is in  
15 County of Nassau from September 1983 to  
16 present.

17 MR. CALIFANO: Right.

18 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: You're  
19 presently employed in which department in  
20 the county?

21 MR. CALIFANO: In the county I  
22 was in the budget office. I was manager of  
23 the budget analysis.

24 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: You were?

25 MR. CALIFANO: I'm retired.

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2 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: You're  
3 retired. So this resume is flawed? Is this  
4 resume incorrect?

5 MR. CALIFANO: No. I'm retired.  
6 Right now I'm working part time in the jail  
7 in their budget area.

8 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: So you are  
9 working --

10 MR. CALIFANO: Part time.

11 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Part time.  
12 So it says here you are the manager of  
13 budget analysis. So who do you report to?

14 MR. CALIFANO: The sheriff.

15 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: It says  
16 you're manager of budget analysis --

17 MR. CALIFANO: That's how it was  
18 when I was a full-timer. As a full-time  
19 employee, I was the manager of the budget  
20 analysis department.

21 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Yes. But  
22 you know what, maybe you should reflect the  
23 resume a little bit differently. Because  
24 the way I read this, it reflects that you're  
25 doing all these things currently. It says

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2 1983 to present and has all your duties  
3 underneath.

4 MR. CALIFANO: Okay. That was  
5 written a long time. Nobody has asked for a  
6 resume I'd say in the last ten years. So  
7 it's old.

8 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Okay. So  
9 it's an old resume. I got you. Let me ask  
10 you, then you're currently a civil service  
11 employee?

12 MR. CALIFANO: Yes.

13 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: The  
14 question becomes, how would you demonstrate  
15 to this Legislative body that you have the  
16 ability to have independence to be critical  
17 of the administration, if I may finish, you  
18 have the ability to have the independence to  
19 be critical of the administration's  
20 management or the correctional center if you  
21 find such criticisms as Helen brought up  
22 earlier?

23 MR. CALIFANO: I'm known as an  
24 open speaker. I say what I think.

25 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Can you

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2 demonstrate examples of when you did that?

3 MR. CALIFANO: In 1996, I was in  
4 the correctional center to try to control  
5 overtime. We wrote a report. We were asked  
6 to do a study. We did the study. We gave  
7 the study to the sheriff at that time, to  
8 the Legislature at that time, and that's  
9 where it stood.

10 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: You did  
11 that in your capacity as --

12 MR. CALIFANO: A manager of  
13 budget analysis.

14 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: No, no.  
15 I'm asking you in your capacity as the Board  
16 of Visitors.

17 MR. CALIFANO: No, no. This is  
18 when I worked at the county, I was a full  
19 time employee at the county.

20 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS:  
21 Mr. Califano, if I may, when I directed the  
22 question to you, I was directing the  
23 question to you in terms of your  
24 independence as well as you being critical  
25 of the administration, the folks that you

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2 work for in your part time capacity, in your  
3 capacity as Board of Visitors.

4 So I'm asking you in your  
5 capacity as a Board of Visitor member, can  
6 you be critical of the administration --

7 MR. BECKER: Minority Leader  
8 Abrahams, I mean, you're asking -- this  
9 inquisition is getting a little bit  
10 ridiculous. These people are volunteers,  
11 simple citizens trying to do a job for the  
12 county, and you come and say give me an  
13 example of when you criticized the  
14 administration. That is stupid, please  
15 forgive me, but these are simple citizens  
16 and I really think you're being totally  
17 unfair to them.

18 What you are trying to do, and  
19 you're trying to make this political and  
20 you're trying to put full weight of the  
21 problems or not of what's happening at the  
22 jail.

23 I would suggest if there are some  
24 recommendations that you have and ideas for  
25 the board, I know that they would be more

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2 than happy to listen if we're truly  
3 interested in making things better at the  
4 jail.

5 So I ask you to change your line  
6 of questioning. Don't forget that these are  
7 regular people who are trying to serve this  
8 county on a volunteer basis and I feel that  
9 your line the questioning, your inquisition  
10 of them is totally unfair.

11 Asking a question about their,  
12 give me a demonstration of your independence  
13 and when you criticized the administration,  
14 I mean, that's ridiculous, that's totally  
15 not fair.

16 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Thank you,  
17 Mr. Becker. If you can relinquish the  
18 podium now.

19 Mr. Califano, in regards to .6 --  
20 and I'm sure Mr. Gaylor you would love to  
21 call for a vote -- you want to shut down  
22 public comment in the process? You want to  
23 shut down the question and answer? Which  
24 one is it?

25 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: It's not an

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2 appropriate line of questioning.

3 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: How is it  
4 not appropriate? Do you believe that the  
5 correctional center is run well?

6 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: But that's  
7 not --

8 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: No, no.  
9 Mrs. Schaefer, please put on your  
10 microphone.

11 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: That has  
12 nothing to do with appointing these people  
13 to the board. The item before us is  
14 appointing or not appointing them. And then  
15 we're ready to take a vote. They are not  
16 there to deal with all the issues at the  
17 jail. They have one task. That's what  
18 they're doing.

19 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Yes, you're  
20 right, but --

21 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: And they're  
22 handling the task that they're given. If  
23 you feel they're not then don't appoint  
24 them.

25 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Have you

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2 had a chance to read the Charter?

3 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Yes, I have  
4 read the Charter.

5 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: And it's  
6 also subject to interpretation.

7 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: So when the  
8 point comes up to advise the sheriff int eh  
9 development of programs, improving the  
10 correctional center services, what do you  
11 think that means? Do you think that means  
12 they do nothing or do you think they  
13 actually give ideas to the sheriff?

14 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: They said  
15 that that's what they were doing.

16 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: Was that the  
17 Charter when you were in control of the  
18 majority? No. Because you didn't think you  
19 needed a board. And now we have a board  
20 that's doing an incredible job and you're  
21 attacking their integrity. That's just  
22 preposterous. It's outrageous what you are  
23 doing to these people that are volunteering  
24 their time to take care of the jail. They  
25 are not the state. They are a local board.



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2 This is nuts. I take offense.

3 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Your  
4 position is indefensible. I wouldn't want  
5 to be in your position either because you  
6 allowed the jail to run amuck --

7 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: What? Who  
8 allowed the --

9 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: You allowed  
10 the sheriff to stay in the capacity --

11 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: When you had  
12 the chance you didn't have a board. You  
13 said you were okay.

14 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: -- to stay  
15 in the capacity where there have been six  
16 inmate deaths and contraband is being  
17 smuggled into the jail.

18 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: Wasn't when  
19 you were in charge. Now, all of a sudden,  
20 not that you're not in charge anymore --

21 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Dennis, it  
22 just happened last year. Where have you  
23 been?

24 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: It's been  
25 happening for years.

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2 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: And while  
3 all of that happens, the Presiding Officer  
4 has chosen not to call one hearing. I  
5 wouldn't be happen too happy with your  
6 record either.

7 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Did you  
8 go? Have you visited?

9 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I have been  
10 to the jail plenty of times.

11 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: When?

12 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Just last  
13 year.

14 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Well, I  
15 visited it on Friday.

16 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: Once or twice?  
17 How many times?

18 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I visited  
19 the jail plenty of times. Try dozens,  
20 Dennis. I've been here for 15 years. Give  
21 me a break, I go in with Reginald Benjamin  
22 and go see the inmates on Friday as much as  
23 possible, more than you do.

24 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I'm  
25 calling the question. Excuse me. I'm going

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2 the question.

3 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I'm not  
4 done with the questions.

5 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I am.  
6 Every single question should be answered and  
7 asked.

8 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: No.

9 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Okay, so  
10 we're just being --

11 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: You're  
12 being repetitious.

13 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Point of  
14 order, I would like to speak.

15 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: And you're  
16 being confrontational. And you also have to  
17 look at every word that's in this Charter.  
18 I apologize to Humberto Chavez. I really  
19 and truly apologize to you and I'm hoping  
20 that you're not sorry that you're going to  
21 be doing this. And, you know what? I think  
22 if you have anything to contribute today, I  
23 would be happy to hear from you. Other  
24 than, Helen, that's it. That goes for you,  
25 everybody else. I would like to hear from

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2 Humberto because he is the new kid on the  
3 block.

4 MR. BECKER: Humberto just told  
5 me he quits.

6 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I don't  
7 think so. Humberto, what do you bring to  
8 this, to the Board of Visitors?

9 MR. CHAVEZ: Being the chair of  
10 New York Racing and dealing with a lot of  
11 folks and a lot of different issues, and,  
12 yes, not only in Belmont, Aqueduct and  
13 Saratoga, and dealing obviously as well with  
14 different city laws and all that, I can't  
15 thank you enough to take the challenge to be  
16 on this board. I think we could make things  
17 happen by the Charter.

18 I think if we move forward, we  
19 will see a brighter day for our inmates, for  
20 the facility itself, and hopefully we can  
21 work here together. Thank you.

22 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: On that  
23 note, I'm going to call the question, let's  
24 go, all those in favor of appointing I  
25 believe Leon Campo, Helen Meittinis, Mike

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2 Califano, Humberto Chavez, Mike Ferrandino,  
3 and, of course, Alphonso Albright, all those  
4 in favor signify by saying aye.

5 (Aye.)

6 Any opposed?

7 (Nay.)

8 Seven nays? You're voting nay?  
9 Remember that, Humberto.

10 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: What does  
11 that mean? You guys are a comedy today.

12 LEGISLATOR DUNNE:

13 Congratulations. Thank you for serving.

14 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Somebody  
15 should be embarrassed and not Legislator  
16 MacKenzie.

17 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I got news  
18 for you. I'm sorry that you had to --

19 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: This place is  
20 being turned into a circus. Come on,  
21 everyone.

22 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: We have a  
23 consent calendar and we are going to go  
24 through the consent calendar. I'm going to  
25 call the items and these were items that

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2 were heard in committees. I believe they  
3 were voted on unanimously I believe.

4 I will call all the items and  
5 then I will ask for a motion and a second  
6 and then if there's any further discussion  
7 on these items there will be an opportunity  
8 to do so.

9 Beginning with Item 21, Ordinance  
10 25; Item 22, Ordinance 26; Item 23,  
11 Ordinance 27; Item 24, Ordinance 28; Item  
12 25, Ordinance 29; Item 26, Ordinance 30;  
13 Item 27, Ordinance 31; Item 28, Ordinance  
14 32; Item 29, Ordinance 33; Item 30,  
15 Ordinance 34; Item 31, Resolution 21; Item  
16 32, Resolution 22; Item 33, Resolution 23;  
17 Item 34, Resolution 24;

18 The others were appointments.  
19 Item 61, Resolution 51; Item 62, Resolution  
20 52; Item 63, Resolution 53; Item 64,  
21 Resolution 54; Item 65, Resolution 55; Item  
22 66, Resolution 56; Item 67, Resolution 57;  
23 Item 68, Resolution 58; Item 69, Resolution  
24 59; Item 70, Resolution 60; Item 71;  
25 Resolution 61; and the last one is Item 72,

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2 Resolution 62.

3 Motion, please.

4 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

5 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Second.

6 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by  
7 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator  
8 Walker.

9 Any questions or comments  
10 regarding these items?

11 (No verbal response.)

12 Is there any public comment?

13 (No verbal response.)

14 There being none, all those in  
15 favor of the items just called signify by  
16 saying aye.

17 (Aye.)

18 Any opposed?

19 (No verbal response.)

20 The items pass unanimously.

21 Now, let's go back to the  
22 beginning of the calendar. It's the first  
23 one which is a hearing on proposed local law  
24 to amend the Administrative Code of Nassau  
25 County to require the analysis and approval

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2     of a professional engineer prior to the use  
3     of heavy equipment on or over bridges in  
4     Nassau County.

5                   Motion to open the hearing,  
6     please.

7                   LEGISLATOR DUNNE:    So moved.

8                   LEGISLATOR WALKER:   Second.

9                   CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES:   Moved by  
10    Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator  
11    Walker.   All those in favor of opening the  
12    hearing signify by saying aye.

13                   (Aye.)

14                   Any opposed?

15                   (No verbal response.)

16                   The hearing is now opened.

17                   I know we have someone here to  
18    speak on this.   Donna Boyle.

19                   MS. BOYLE:   Donna Boyle, civil  
20    engineer, Nassau County Department of Public  
21    Works.   This local law is being proposed in  
22    order to ensure that heavy equipment that  
23    exceeds the scope of work on a bridge  
24    project is not utilized, that New York State  
25    DOT requirements are adhered to and our



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2 bridges do not receive additional damage  
3 during the rehabilitation work.

4 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Any  
5 questions of Ms. Boyle?

6 (No verbal response.)

7 Is there any public comment  
8 regarding this item?

9 (No verbal response.)

10 There being none, all those in  
11 favor of closing the hearing signify by  
12 saying aye.

13 (Aye.)

14 Any opposed?

15 (No verbal response.)

16 The hearing is now closed. Now  
17 for the item itself which is a local law to  
18 amend the Administrative Code of Nassau  
19 County to require the analysis and approval  
20 of a professional engineer prior to the use  
21 of heavy equipment on or over bridges in  
22 Nassau County.

23 Motion, please.

24 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

25 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Second.

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2 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by  
3 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator  
4 Walker. Any questions or comments from the  
5 legislators?

6 (No verbal response.)

7 Any public comment?

8 (No verbal response.)

9 There being none, all those in  
10 favor of the local law signify by saying  
11 aye.

12 (Aye.)

13 Any opposed?

14 (No verbal response.)

15 The item passes unanimously.

16 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: Thank you.

17 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Move to  
18 Item 20, Ordinance 24, an ordinance to  
19 review a lease of a portion of the right of  
20 way located at the northwest corner of  
21 Wantagh Avenue and Merrick Road, Wantagh,  
22 New York to Wantagh 3215 LLC, and  
23 authorizing the County Executive of the  
24 County of Nassau to execute said lease and  
25 all pertinent documents in connection

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2 therewith.

3 Motion, please.

4 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: So moved.

5 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: Second.

6 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by

7 Legislator Rhoads, seconded by Legislator

8 Dunne. Any questions or comments from the

9 legislators?

10 (No verbal response.)

11 Is there any public comment?

12 (No verbal response.)

13 There being none, all those in

14 favor of Item 20 signify by saying aye.

15 (Aye.)

16 Any opposed?

17 (No verbal response.)

18 The item passes unanimously.

19 I'm going to ask my colleagues

20 because there are some changes in the next

21 items that need to be perused and so I'm

22 going to ask for at least a ten minute

23 recess. Hopefully then we can get back

24 here, all right?

25 (Whereupon, the Full Legislative

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2 Committee recessed at 3:58 p.m. and  
3 reconvened at 4:59 p.m.)

4 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moving on  
5 with the calendar, beginning with Item 3, a  
6 resolution declaring a capital budget  
7 emergency pursuant to 310-D of the County  
8 Government Law of Nassau County.

9 Motion, please.

10 LEGISLATOR WALKER: So moved.

11 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: Second.

12 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by  
13 Legislator Walker, seconded by Legislator  
14 Dunne. Any questions or comments regarding  
15 Item 3 on the calendar?

16 (No verbal response.)

17 Any public comment?

18 (No verbal response.)

19 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: This is  
20 Item 3?

21 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Item 3 is  
22 a resolution declaring a capital budget  
23 emergency pursuant to 310-D of the County  
24 Government Law of Nassau County.

25 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: We did not

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2 do it. We're doing it now and we will make  
3 the amendments after? Okay.

4 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: It's not  
5 the item. I have to call these before I  
6 call the emergency items. Got it?

7 Any questions regarding Item 3?

8 (No verbal response.)

9 Is there any public comment?

10 (No verbal response.)

11 Who would like to talk about Item  
12 3? Mr. Becker, do we have anybody to talk  
13 about Item 3?

14 MR. PODLESIAK: Item 3 is  
15 necessary in order to make an amendment to  
16 the capital budget. It has to be declared a  
17 capital budget emergency. It's pro forma.  
18 Required by the Charter. I think it was at  
19 the last section I mentioned that this is  
20 probably a poor choice of nomenclature as  
21 far as it being an emergency. It's just an  
22 additional step that has to be taken to  
23 amend the capital budget.

24 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Do you  
25 have any questions now?

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2 (No verbal response.)

3 Is there any public comment?

4 (No verbal response.)

5 There being none, all those in  
6 favor of Item 3 signify by saying aye.

7 (Aye.)

8 Any opposed?

9 (No verbal response.)

10 Unanimous. Item 4, Resolution  
11 20, declaring a capital emergency pursuant  
12 to 310-D of the County Government Law of  
13 Nassau County. A motion, please.

14 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

15 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Second.

16 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by  
17 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator  
18 Schaefer. Is this the same scenario?

19 MR. PODLESACK: Yes, it is, they  
20 cover different items to be amended. That's  
21 why there's two of them.

22 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Any  
23 questions of Mr. Podlesack?

24 (No verbal response.)

25 Any public comment? Who has a

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2 question? Legislator Curran.

3 LEGISLATOR CURRAN: I'm sorry.

4 I'm not clear on what's happening. Can you  
5 say that again?

6 MR. PODLESACK: In order to add a  
7 new project to the capital budget, it's a  
8 two step process, you have to declare the  
9 capital budget emergency, and then you amend  
10 the capital budget. It's only for  
11 additional projects. Each one of these  
12 covers at least one additional project. The  
13 one that was voted on before and then this  
14 one also.

15 LEGISLATOR CURRAN: Thanks.

16 MR. PODLESACK: It's not really an  
17 emergency. It's just that's the  
18 nomenclature that was adopted in order to  
19 make a further change to the budget.

20 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Madam  
21 Presiding Officer, may I be recognized?

22 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Minority  
23 Leader.

24 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Gerry, if I  
25 understand this correctly, just to clarify

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2 for the record, I know the answer, it  
3 requires 13 votes?

4 MR. PODLESAK: Actually I don't  
5 know that for a fact. All I know is what  
6 the reason is, it is 13.

7 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I am  
8 confused by the terminology of emergency.

9 MR. PODLESAK: It is 13.

10 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Oh, that's  
11 why.

12 MR. PODLESAK: It's 13 votes for  
13 the emergency and ten votes for the change  
14 to the budget.

15 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Any other  
16 comments or questions?

17 (No verbal response.)

18 Is there any public comment?

19 (No verbal response.)

20 There being none, all those in  
21 favor of Item 4 signify by saying aye.

22 (Aye.)

23 Any opposed?

24 (No verbal response.)

25 The item passes unanimously.



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2 Item 5, Ordinance 9, an ordinance  
3 to amend Ordinance 13, 2016, adopting the  
4 capital budget for the year 2016 for the  
5 county of Nassau corresponding to the first  
6 year the four year capital plan pursuant to  
7 provisions of Section 310 of the County  
8 Government Law of Nassau.

9 Motion, please.

10 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

11 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Second.

12 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by  
13 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator  
14 Walker. I need to ask for an amendment in  
15 the nature of a substitution.

16 A motion, please.

17 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

18 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Second.

19 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by  
20 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator  
21 Walker. The amendment in the nature of a  
22 substitution is adding a project for  
23 sheriff's vehicle replacement.

24 Any questions regarding the  
25 amendment?

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2 (No verbal response.)

3 Is there any public comment?

4 (No verbal response.)

5 There being none, all those in  
6 favor of the amendment signify by saying  
7 aye.

8 (Aye.)

9 Any opposed?

10 (No verbal response.)

11 Now I didn't hear anything over  
12 there.

13 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Unanimous.

14 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: The item  
15 is Item 5 as amended, all those in favor  
16 signify by saying aye.

17 (Aye.)

18 Any opposed?

19 (No verbal response.)

20 The item passes unanimously.

21 Now at this point I'm going to  
22 ask, we have nine items that require an  
23 emergency. That's Item 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11,  
24 16, 17 and 18.

25 I need to establish an emergency

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2 please. Motion, please.

3 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: So moved.

4 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Second.

5 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by  
6 Legislator Gaylor, seconded by Legislator  
7 Rhoads.

8 All those in favor of  
9 establishing an emergency for the items I  
10 just called, signify by saying aye.

11 (Aye.)

12 Any opposed?

13 (No verbal response.)

14 Now I will read into the record  
15 the items which would be Item 6, Ordinance  
16 10. It's an capital expenditure authorizing  
17 \$600,000 of bonds County of Nassau to  
18 finance said expenditure pursuant to the  
19 Local Finance Law of New York and the County  
20 Governmental Law of Nassau County;

21 Item 7, a bond ordinance  
22 authorizing \$4,600,000 of bonds of the  
23 County of Nassau to finance said  
24 expenditures pursuant to the Local Finance  
25 Law of New York and the County Governmental

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2 Law of Nassau County;

3 Item 8, Ordinance 12, a capital  
4 expenditure authorizing \$1,200,000 of bonds  
5 of the County of Nassau to finance said  
6 expenditure pursuant to the Local Finance  
7 Law of New York and the County Governmental  
8 Law of Nassau County;

9 Item 9, Ordinance 13 is a capital  
10 expenditure to finance the capital projects  
11 identified herein authorizing \$5,109,000 of  
12 bonds;

13 I got it. This is a capital  
14 expenditure authorizing \$6,609,000 of bonds  
15 of the County of Nassau to finance said  
16 expenditure pursuant to the Local Finance  
17 Law of New York and the County Governmental  
18 Law of Nassau County;

19 Item 10, Ordinance 14, a capital  
20 expenditure authorizing \$1,000,000 of bonds,  
21 and;

22 Item 11, a capital expenditure  
23 authorizing \$1,000,000 of bonds of the  
24 County of Nassau County;

25 And Item 16, Ordinance 20, a

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2 capital expenditure authorizing \$3,000,000  
3 of bonds County of Nassau to finance said  
4 expenditure pursuant to the Local Finance  
5 Law of New York and the County Governmental  
6 Law of Nassau County;

7 Item 17, Ordinance 21, a capital  
8 expenditure authorizing \$1,000,000 of bonds  
9 County of Nassau;

10 And Item 18, Ordinance 22, a  
11 capital expenditure authorizing \$1,000,000  
12 of bonds County of Nassau.

13 Now these are all amendments that  
14 I just called. A motion, please, on these  
15 items.

16 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

17 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Second.

18 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by  
19 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator  
20 Schaefer. Any questions regarding these  
21 items?

22 (No verbal response.)

23 Ladies and gentlemen, any  
24 questions on these items? I guess not.

25 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Yes. I

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2 just want to re-emphasize for the record, I  
3 think Mr. Denion is here, just wanted to  
4 make sure and re-emphasize for the record  
5 that each of these items we are bonding for  
6 that the purpose can only be -- the proceeds  
7 of the bond can only be used for the  
8 purposes that have been identified for each  
9 of the bond items. So they cannot cross  
10 over to any other particular level of  
11 bonding. So if Mr. Denion can just  
12 re-emphasize that for the record.

13 MR. DENION: Conal Denion, County  
14 Attorney's Office. That's correct. The  
15 ordinances that were filed today, the  
16 amendments, if that's the form we're talking  
17 about that was discussed with counsel,  
18 that's correct.

19 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Satisfied?  
20 Legislator Nicoletto.

21 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Mr.  
22 Denion, just a couple of quick questions.  
23 Is that arrangement acceptable to NIFA?  
24 NIFA will approve the change?

25 MR. DENION: My understanding is

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2 NIFA takes the position that it would prefer  
3 it the other way, but it's not going to  
4 prevent us from going in this direction.

5 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Is that  
6 the same position they're had throughout?  
7 My understanding from our staff earlier on  
8 was that they would not approve this.

9 MR. DENION: I don't want to  
10 characterize their position. I know that we  
11 had changed the way we did it in response to  
12 NIFA's -- discussions with NIFA on that, and  
13 that was about two years ago.

14 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: All right.  
15 That's it. Thank you.

16 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Minority  
17 Leader.

18 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Just for a  
19 point of clarity. Conal, is this the way we  
20 did it before with the Nassau County  
21 Community College? Wasn't it done in this  
22 similar format with this language?

23 MR. DENION: Was it project  
24 specific, yes.

25 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Did the

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2 NIFA board reject that?

3 MR. DENION: I don't know what  
4 you mean by rejected but when we went to  
5 borrow --

6 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Yes, they  
7 allowed it?

8 MR. DENION: They didn't do that,  
9 no, but they don't review bond ordinances,  
10 per se, they only approve borrowing.

11 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: But they  
12 allowed us to borrow is what I'm trying to  
13 say?

14 MR. DENION: I would have to  
15 check and see if we've actually borrowed  
16 yet, but I don't believe that they would or  
17 did hold us up over it.

18 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I just  
19 wanted to make sure.

20 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Any other  
21 comments or questions? Legislator Birnbaum.

22 LEGISLATOR BIRNBAUM: Just a  
23 quick question on Item 54-17, village  
24 police. Of course we are supporting all the  
25 initiatives for public safety but I'm just



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2 curious about the village police 911 system.  
3 How that one got amended, the amount that  
4 was amended?

5 ACTING COMMISSIONER KRUMPTER:

6 Yes, the amount that was amended with that,  
7 so what happens is, the bunker has a number  
8 of environmental issues. We have determined  
9 we are not putting any equipment or  
10 personnel in the bunker going forward.

11 The bunker for those that don't  
12 know is across the street, about 30 feet  
13 underground, has significant number of  
14 environmental conditions down there.

15 It doesn't really have a server  
16 or equipment room with cooling or the proper  
17 sprinkler system, a Haylon Sprinkler System.

18 So when we put critical equipment  
19 into these locations, and it's not just this  
20 911 system that will be servers, it's also  
21 our records management system, our computer  
22 aided dispatch system, et cetera.

23 So what we were going to do is  
24 use the county's server farm out in Bethpage  
25 but when we started to do an assessment on

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2 that, we discovered there was a significant  
3 number of environmental issues related that  
4 it would be inappropriate to put our  
5 critical infrastructure of public safety in  
6 there.

7 So the additional amount allows  
8 us to mitigate those issues either in one or  
9 two ways. The ideal situation is, if we can  
10 do it in a cost feasible way, we will move  
11 that into the Morelli Center which has 24  
12 hour policing protection and that will  
13 provide security for the critical  
14 infrastructure consistent with law.

15 The alternative if we can't will  
16 be put it into the current system and update  
17 and upgrade that facility.

18 So the original item was, we were  
19 going to put it there and it was going to be  
20 no cost. The reason we don't want to put it  
21 in the bunker is because there's leaks in  
22 the bunker and it would literally, after  
23 discussions with Sheila Shah, the  
24 Commissioner of DPW, it would literally be  
25 millions of dollars to mitigate those

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2   environmental issues. That's just one  
3   environmental issue. So that is the reason  
4   for the amendment as we are digging into  
5   this.

6                   CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Any other  
7   questions or comments?

8                   (No verbal response.)

9                   Is there any public comment?

10                  (No verbal response.)

11                  There being none, all those in  
12   favor of Items 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 16, 17,  
13   18 signify by saying aye.

14                  (Aye.)

15                  Any opposed?

16                  (No verbal response.)

17                  The items pass unanimously.

18                  I believe there's only one more  
19   emergency and that's the end of today's  
20   calendar.

21                  The emergency has been sent down  
22   to us. I need a motion to establish an  
23   emergency for Item 117-17, an ordinance  
24   providing for a capital expenditure to  
25   finance the capital projects identified

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2       herein within the County of Nassau and  
3       authorizing \$600,000 of bonds of the County  
4       of Nassau to finance such expenditure  
5       pursuant to the Local Finance Law of  
6       New York and the County Government Law of  
7       Nassau County.

8                   Motion to establish the  
9       emergency, please.

10                  LEGISLATOR WALKER:    So moved.

11                  LEGISLATOR MACKENZIE:   Second.

12                  CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES:   Moved by  
13       Legislator Walker, seconded by Legislator  
14       MacKenzie.   All those in favor of  
15       establishing the emergency signify by saying  
16       aye.

17                  (Aye.)

18                  Any opposed?

19                  (No verbal response.)

20                  Now for the item.   Clerk item  
21       117-17, as I just read, a capital  
22       expenditure authorizing \$600,000 of bonds of  
23       the County of Nassau.   A motion for the item  
24       to put it on the floor.

25                  LEGISLATOR DUNNE:    So moved.

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2 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Second.

3 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by  
4 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator  
5 Nicolello. Any comments or questions  
6 regarding this item? Who is here to speak  
7 on this Item 117.

8 MR. ARNOLD: Ken Arnold, Public  
9 Works. Item 117-17 is a bond ordinance for  
10 \$600,000 to address the emergency at the  
11 correctional facility. The current water  
12 main infrastructure has failed three times  
13 in the last 18 months.

14 The department is looking for  
15 capital funding to replace the water main  
16 and also add second feet to the facility to  
17 help with redundancy so if the water main  
18 does fail in the future, most of the  
19 facility will be still under water service  
20 and fire protection service.

21 The department is currently  
22 looking to put forth an emergency contract  
23 to address this work in the near future.

24 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Any  
25 questions of Mr. Arnold? Any comments or

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2 public comment? Legislator Curran.

3 LEGISLATOR CURRAN: So I have  
4 been hearing about water main breaks in the  
5 jail. I guess this is what this is  
6 addressing?

7 MR. ARNOLD: That's correct.

8 LEGISLATOR CURRAN: Thanks.

9 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Real  
10 quickly. Is there currently water service  
11 to the jail? Do they have high fire  
12 suppression service, et cetera?

13 MR. ARNOLD: Yes, the systems are  
14 all up and running, but with the brakes, we  
15 go down for quite a bit of time during the  
16 repairs and it makes it quite difficult.

17 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Thank you.

18 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Any other  
19 comments or questions?

20 (No verbal response.)

21 Is there any public comment?

22 (No verbal response.)

23 There being none, all those in  
24 favor of Item 117-17 signify by saying aye.

25 (Aye.)

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2 Any opposed?

3 (No verbal response.)

4 The item passes unanimously. Now  
5 a motion to adjourn.

6 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

7 LEGISLATOR FORD: Second.

8 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by  
9 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator  
10 Ford. All those in favor of adjourning  
11 signify by saying aye.

12 (Aye.)

13 Any opposed?

14 (No verbal response.)

15 We are adjourned.

16 (Whereupon, the Full Legislative  
17 Committee adjourned at 5:21 p.m.)

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