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NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

RICHARD NICOLELLO, Presiding Officer

ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT,
LABOR & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

THOMAS MCKEVITT, Chairman

1550 Franklin Avenue
Mineola, New York

Monday, January 5, 2018
2:38 P.M

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2 A P P E A R A N C E S :

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4 THOMAS MCKEVITT,
 Chairman

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6 JOHN FERRETTI,
 Vice Chairman

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8 STEVE RHOADS

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10 DENISE FORD

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12 SIELA BYNOE
13 Ranking

14 ELLEN BIRNBAUM

15 DEBRA MULE

16 MICHAEL C. PULITZER,
17 Clerk of the Legislature

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1 Economic Development/1-5-18

2 CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: At this time
3 I'm going to call the Economic and Community
4 Development and Labor and Transportation
5 Committee to order. I will act as clerk and
6 call the roll. Ranking Minority member
7 Legislator Bynoe?

8 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Here.

9 CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: Legislator
10 Birnbaum,

11 LEGISLATOR BIRNBAUM: Here.

12 CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: Legislator
13 Mule?

14 LEGISLATOR MULE: Here.

15 CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: Legislator
16 Ford?

17 LEGISLATOR FORD: Here.

18 CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: Legislator
19 Rhoads?

20 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Present.

21 CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: Legislator
22 Ferretti?

23 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Here.

24 CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: And I am
25 present as well. We have a quorum. We have

1 Economic Development/1-5-18
2 two items on the agenda. They are
3 Procedural Resolutions Number 1 and Number
4 2.

5 Procedural Resolution 2-2018 is a
6 resolution to adopt the proposed rules of
7 the procedure of the Economic, Community
8 Development, Labor and Transportation
9 Committee pursuant to the Rules and
10 Procedure of the Nassau County Legislature.

11 Procedural Resolution 1-2018 is a
12 resolution to adopt the proposed statement
13 of purpose for the Economic, Community
14 Development, Labor and Transportation
15 Committee pursuant to the Rules and
16 Procedure of the Nassau County Legislature.

17 May I have a motion, please?

18 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: So moved.

19 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Second.

20 CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: Moved by Mr.
21 Ferretti, and seconded by Mr. Rhoads. These
22 two items are before us. Is there any
23 debate or discussion from the Legislature?

24 (No verbal response.)

25 Any public comment?

1 Economic Development/1-5-18

2 MS. MEREDAY: Yes.

3 CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: Please come
4 forth and say your name for the record.

5 MS. MEREDAY: Meta Mereday,
6 Baldwin resident.

7 Yes, these all tie in together as
8 it pertains to me as far as economic
9 development transportation; all of this
10 starts with me with regard to our
11 underserved veterans and the need to improve
12 our veteran development component.

13 Two years ago, the former
14 legislator now, County Executive Laura
15 Curran and I put forth legislation that this
16 body passed unanimously, but has been
17 gathering dust.

18 I'm hoping that that gets
19 revived, and I'm hoping that we can go
20 boldly into 2018 with some economic
21 empowerment and transportation
22 infrastructure projects that are geared
23 towards providing support and resources, not
24 only for our struggling veteran business,
25 and many of you may not know, even the

1 Economic Development/1-5-18

2 County Executive was surprised to find out
3 that on paper, according to the Census
4 Bureau, that there is over 11,000 veteran
5 owned businesses just in Nassau County.
6 \$11,000.

7 We have no idea what they do, how
8 big they are, how many people they employ,
9 that's sad that we have that. We have over
10 80,000 veterans in Nassau County. We need
11 to do better.

12 Again, there is a two year old
13 bill that again has been gathering dust that
14 was unanimously approved and signed by the
15 previous county executive to begin the
16 process to develop a clearinghouse, a
17 directory and training services to empower
18 our veteran owned businesses who can then
19 hire veterans who are leaving here in bulk
20 and reinforce the veteran community on a
21 regular basis, as opposed to just on those
22 special holidays.

23 Again, I'm hoping that those
24 individuals who are serving on these
25 committees will kind of think outside the

1 Economic Development/1-5-18

2 box because we have people that are living
3 in dire straits. Thank you.

4 And for those who say I keep
5 leaving time on the clock, I'm just getting
6 warmed up for the year

7 CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: Any other
8 public comment?

9 MS. JACOBS: Pearl Jacobs,
10 Uniondale. Viable transportation is key to
11 a sustainable and viable community.

12 For example, the development
13 that's going on at the hub which is located
14 in Uniondale, perhaps with the extension of
15 the rail that already is in existence there
16 that crosses over Quentin Roosevelt
17 Boulevard, that would be a good and viable
18 solution to transportation issues at the hub
19 and it would bring economic and sustainable
20 development to the hub and would have a
21 positive impact on the economic development
22 of Uniondale as well. Thank you.

23 CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: Any other
24 public comment?

25 (No verbal response.)

1 Economic Development/1-5-18

2 There being none, all those in
3 favor of adopting these rules please signify
4 by saying aye.

5 (Aye.)

6 The ayes have it. The items pass
7 unanimously.

8 There being no other business in
9 front of this committee, may I have a motion
10 to adjourn.

11 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: So moved.

12 LEGISLATOR FORD: Second.

13 CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: Moved by
14 Legislator Rhoads, seconded by Legislator
15 Ford. All those in favor?

16 (Aye.)

17 Therefore, the committee is now
18 adjourned.

19 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Next
20 committee is Minority Affairs, the Chair is
21 Steve Rhoads.

22 (Whereupon, the Economic and
23 Community Development, Labor and
24 Transportation Committee adjourned at 2:43
25 p.m.)

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NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

RICHARD NICOLELLO,
Presiding Officer

FINANCE COMMITTEE

HOWARD KOPEL, Chairman

1550 Franklin Avenue
Mineola, New York

Monday, January 5, 2018
3:02 P.M.

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2 A P P E A R A N C E S :

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4 HOWARD KOPEL,
Chairman5 VINCENT MUSCARELLA,
Vice Chairman

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THOMAS MCKEVITT

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ROSE MARIE WALKER

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9 ELLEN BIRNBAUM,
Ranking

10 ARNOLD DRUCKER

11 DEBRA MULE

12 MICHAEL PULITZER,
Clerk of the Legislature

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1 Finance Committee/1-5-18

2 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: I will call the
3 Finance Committee to order and I will call
4 the roll. Legislator Walker?

5 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Here.

6 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Legislator
7 McKeivitt?

8 LEGISLATOR MCKEVITT: Here.

9 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Legislator
10 Muscarella?

11 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Here.

12 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Ranking Member
13 Birnbaum?

14 LEGISLATOR BIRNBAUM: Here.

15 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Legislator
16 Drucker?

17 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Here.

18 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Legislator Mule?

19 LEGISLATOR MULE: Here. We have
20 a quorum.

21 We have two items on the agenda.
22 They are Procedural Resolutions Number 1 and
23 Number 2. Procedural Resolution 1-2018 is a
24 resolution to adopt a proposed statement of
25 purpose for the Finance Committee pursuant

1 Finance Committee/1-5-18
2 to the rules of procedure of the Nassau
3 County Legislature.

4 May I have a motion?

5 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: So moved.

6 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Second.

7 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Moved by
8 Legislator Muscarella, seconded by
9 Legislator Walker. Do we have any debate or
10 public comment? Legislator Birnbaum.

11 LEGISLATOR BIRNBAUM: I sit on
12 several committees and this one I am the
13 ranking chair. I would like to address you
14 as chair of the committee and other chairs
15 of the committees that, in the spirit of
16 bipartisanship, I think it would be
17 recommended to recognize a member of the
18 minority to either make a motion or second a
19 motion on these committees.

20 Chairman, did you hear what I
21 said?

22 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Yes, of course.

23 LEGISLATOR BIRNBAUM: I was
24 making a recommendation that the chair, in
25 the spirit of bipartisanship, either would

1 Finance Committee/1-5-18

2 allow a member of the minority to either
3 second a motion or make a motion.

4 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Okay. Sounds
5 like a plan. I've got one more item.

6 Procedural Resolution 2-2018 is a
7 resolution to adopt the proposed rules of
8 procedure of the Finance Committee pursuant
9 to the rules of procedure of the Nassau
10 County Legislature.

11 LEGISLATOR BIRNBAUM: So moved.

12 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Second.

13 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: That motion is
14 by Legislator Birnbaum, seconded by
15 Legislator Walker. All those in favor of
16 those two motions now?

17 (Aye.)

18 Anybody opposed?

19 (No verbal response.)

20 Adopted unanimously.

21 There are no other items before
22 the committee so there is a motion to
23 adjourn.

24 LEGISLATOR BIRNBAUM: So moved.

25 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Second.

1 Finance Committee/1-5-18

2 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Moved by
3 Legislator Birnbaum, seconded by Legislator
4 Drucker. All those in favor?

5 (Aye.)

6 Anyone opposed?

7 (No verbal response.)

8 We're adjourned. Thank you.

9 (Whereupon, the Finance Committee
10 adjourned at 3:05 p.m.)

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NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

FULL LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

RICHARD NICOLELLO,
Presiding Officer

1550 Franklin Avenue
Mineola, New York

Monday, January 5, 2018
2:10 P.M.

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2 A P P E A R A N C E S:3 RICHARD NICOLELLO,
4 Presiding Officer5 HOWARD KOPEL,
6 Alternate Deputy Presiding Officer

7 DENISE FORD, Alt. Deputy Presiding Officer

8 STEVEN RHOADS

9 DEBRA MULE

10 C. WILLIAM GAYLOR III

11 VINCENT MUSCARELLA

12 ELLEN BIRNBAUM

13 LAURA SCHAEFER

14 THOMAS MCKEVITT

15 KEVAN ABRAHAMS,
16 Minority Leader

17 ROSE MARIE WALKER

18 JOHN FERRETTI, JR.

19 JOSHUA LAFAZAN

20 ARNOLD DRUCKER

21 JAMES KENNEDY

22 DELIA DERIGGI-WHITTON

23 CARRIE SOLAGES

24 SIELA BYNOE

25 MICHAEL PULITZER,
 Clerk of the Legislature

1 Full Legislature/1-5-18

2 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: I'd like to
3 call the organizational meeting to order.
4 Please take your seats.

5 I'm going to call the first
6 meeting of the 12th term of the Nassau
7 County Legislature to order. I'm going to
8 ask that all members of the Legislature and
9 everyone present in the chamber to please
10 rise and join us in the Pledge of Allegiance
11 led by Legislator Gaylor.

12 (Whereupon, the Pledge of
13 Allegiance was recited.)

14 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: I'm going to
15 call the roll of the legislators. Minority
16 Leader Kevan Abrahams?

17 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Here.

18 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Legislator
19 Siela Bynoe?

20 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Here.

21 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Legislator
22 Carrie Solages?

23 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Here.

24 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Legislator
25 Denise Ford?

1 Full Legislature/1-5-18
2 LEGISLATOR FORD: Here.
3 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Legislator
4 Debra Mule?
5 LEGISLATOR MULE: Here.
6 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Legislator
7 C. William Gaylor III?
8 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Here.
9 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Legislator
10 Howard Kopel?
11 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Here.
12 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Legislator
13 Vincent Muscarella?
14 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Here.
15 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: I am here.
16 Legislator Ellen Birnbaum?
17 LEGISLATOR BIRNBAUM: Here.
18 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Legislator
19 Delia DeRiggi-Whitton?
20 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:
21 Here.
22 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Legislator
23 James Kennedy?
24 LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: Here.
25 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Legislator

1 Full Legislature/1-5-18

2 Thomas McKeivitt?

3 LEGISLATOR MCKEVITT: Here.

4 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Legislator

5 Laura Schaefer?

6 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Here.

7 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Legislator

8 John Ferretti, II?

9 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Here.

10 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Legislator

11 Drucker?

12 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Here.

13 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Legislator

14 Rosemarie Walker?

15 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Here.

16 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Legislator

17 Josh Lafazan?

18 LEGISLATOR LAFAZAN: Here.

19 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Legislator

20 Steven Rhoads?

21 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Present.

22 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: All 19

23 members of the Nassau County Legislature are

24 present in the Legislative chamber.

25 Our first order of business is a

1 Full Legislature/1-5-18
2 resolution as to procedure to appoint a
3 clerk pro temp of the Nassau County
4 Legislature pursuant to Nassau County
5 Charter Section 110, Subsection 1.

6 I hereby nominate Michael
7 Pulitzer as clerk pro temp of the Nassau
8 County Legislature. Is there a second?

9 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Second.

10 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Legislator
11 Walker seconds that motion. Are there any
12 other nominations?

13 (No verbal response.)

14 There being no other nominations,
15 I'll entertain a motion to close the
16 nominations.

17 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: So moved.

18 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Second.

19 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Moved by
20 Legislator Muscarella, seconded by
21 Legislator Rhoads. All those in favor of
22 closing the nominations signify by saying
23 aye.

24 (Aye.)

25 Those opposed?

1 Full Legislature/1-5-18

2 (No verbal response.)

3 The nominations are closed.

4 I think the next order of
5 business is a vote for Mr. Pulitzer as clerk
6 pro temp. All in favor signify by saying
7 aye.

8 (Aye.)

9 Those opposed?

10 (No verbal response.)

11 Carries unanimously. Obviously
12 your bagel Tuesdays are very popular.

13 CLERK PULITZER: Thank you,
14 Legislator Nicoletto.

15 The next order of business is
16 procedural resolution 2-2018 which is the
17 election of the Presiding Officer pursuant
18 to Section 106 of the Nassau County Charter.

19 The legislator who receives the
20 highest number of votes shall be the
21 Presiding Officer and the legislator who
22 receives the second highest shall be the
23 Minority Leader.

24 Is there a nomination for
25 Presiding Officer by the majority? Yes,

1 Full Legislature/1-5-18

2 sir.

3 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: I nominate
4 Richard Nicoletto.

5 CLERK PULITZER: Is there a
6 second?

7 LEGISLATOR FORD: I second it.

8 CLERK PULITZER: Thank you,
9 ma'am. Are there any other nominations for
10 that post?

11 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: I
12 believe this is the right way to do this,
13 correct?

14 CLERK PULITZER: Yes.

15 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: I
16 nominate one of the most fairest leaders I
17 know, Kevan Abrahams, to be Majority Leader
18 Presiding Officer.

19 CLERK PULITZER: Is there a
20 second?

21 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: I second.

22 CLERK PULITZER: Thank you,
23 Ms. Bynoe. Are there any other nominations?

24 (No verbal response.)

25 Seeing none, is there a motion to

1 Full Legislature/1-5-18

2 close the nominations?

3 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: So moved.

4 CLERK PULITZER: Is there a
5 second?

6 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Second.

7 CLERK PULITZER: All those in
8 favor of closing nominations for Presiding
9 Officer please say aye.

10 (Aye.)

11 Opposed?

12 (No verbal response.)

13 The nominations of Richard
14 Nicolello and Kevan Abrahams are now before
15 this Legislature for a vote.

16 I will now call the roll.

17 Legislator Abrahams, you have a vote, sir?

18 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Yes.

19 CLERK PULITZER: Who might that
20 be?

21 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I
22 apologize. Abrahams.

23 CLERK PULITZER: Thank you, sir.
24 Legislator Bynoe?

25 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Abrahams.

1 Full Legislature/1-5-18
2 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator
3 Solages?
4 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Abrahams.
5 CLERK PULITZER: Thank you.
6 Appreciate it. Legislator Ford.
7 LEGISLATOR FORD: Nicolello.
8 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Mule?
9 LEGISLATOR MULE: Abrahams.
10 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator
11 Gaylor?
12 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Nicolello.
13 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator
14 Kopel?
15 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Nicolello.
16 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator
17 Muscarella?
18 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA:
19 Nicolello.
20 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator
21 Nicolello?
22 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: I vote for
23 myself.
24 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator
25 Birnbaum?

1 Full Legislature/1-5-18
2 LEGISLATOR BIRNBAUM: Abrahams.
3 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator
4 DeRiggi-Whitton?
5 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:
6 Abrahams.
7 CLERK PULITZER: Thank you,
8 ma'am. Legislator Kennedy?
9 LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: Nicolello.
10 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator
11 McKevitt? Welcome.
12 LEGISLATOR MCKEVITT: Nicolello.
13 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator
14 Schaefer?
15 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Nicolello.
16 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator
17 Ferretti?
18 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Nicolello.
19 CLERK PULITZER: Thank you and
20 welcome. Legislator Drucker?
21 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Abrahams.
22 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator
23 Walker?
24 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Nicolello.
25 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator

1 Full Legislature/1-5-18

2 Lafazan?

3 LEGISLATOR LAFAZAN: Abrahams.

4 CLERK PULITZER: Thank you, sir.

5 Legislator Rhoads?

6 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Nicolello.

7 CLERK PULITZER: Ladies and
8 gentlemen, and members of this Legislature,
9 by a vote of 11 to 8, Richard Nicolello is
10 hereby elected to serve as Presiding Officer
11 of the Nassau County Legislature.

12 And, ladies and gentlemen, and
13 members of this Legislature, Kevan Abrahams
14 has received the second highest number of
15 votes cast and is elected to serve as
16 minority leader of the Nassau County
17 Legislature.

18 I will now call on Presiding
19 Officer Nicolello to preside and appoint
20 members to serve as Deputy Presiding Officer
21 and Alternate Presiding Officer.
22 Congratulations, gentlemen.

23 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Thank you,
24 Mr. Pulitzer.

25 At this time, it's my privilege

1 Full Legislature/1-5-18

2 to appoint a Deputy Presiding Officer and
3 alternate Deputy Presiding Officer.

4 I'm proud to appoint Legislator
5 Howard Kopel as Deputy Presiding Officer,
6 and Legislator Denise Ford as alternate
7 Deputy Presiding Officer. Congratulations
8 to the both of you.

9 The next item of business is
10 Procedural Resolution 3, that's 2018, which
11 is a resolution as to procedure to appoint
12 Michael Pulitzer as Clerk of the Legislature
13 pursuant to the County Government Law of
14 Nassau County.

15 Can I have a motion?

16 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: So moved.

17 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Second.

18 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Moved by
19 Legislator Rhoads, seconded by Legislator
20 Gaylor. Do we have any debate or
21 discussion?

22 (No verbal response.)

23 Hearing none, all those in favor
24 signify by saying aye.

25 (Aye.)

1 Full Legislature/1-5-18

2 Those opposed?

3 (No verbal response.)

4 Motion carries unanimously.

5 Congratulations, Mr. Pulitzer.

6 CLERK PULITZER: Thank you, sir.

7 I would like to thank the Presiding Officer
8 and the entire Legislative body for
9 expressing their faith in me. It's an
10 absolute pleasure to serve all of you and I
11 do appreciate you as well. Thank you.

12 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Thank you.

13 The next item of business is
14 Procedural Resolution 4 of 2018 which is a
15 resolution as to procedure to adopt and
16 establish the rules of procedure of the
17 County of Nassau County Legislature pursuant
18 to County Government Law of Nassau County.

19 Do I have a motion?

20 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: So moved.

21 LEGISLATOR MCKEVITT: Second.

22 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Moved by
23 Legislator Muscarella, seconded by
24 Legislator McKevitt. Do we have any debate
25 or discussion on this motion as to

1 Full Legislature/1-5-18

2 procedural rules?

3 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Presiding
4 Officer, we have also have put forth some of
5 our own amendments to the rules of the
6 procedure for the Nassau County Legislature.

7 I just would ask that at this
8 time that, even though I know some of our
9 things probably need a little bit more
10 clarity and a little more understanding and
11 more explanation, and I would ask that my
12 counsel, Pete Kleins, get an opportunity to
13 meet with your counsel, Mr. Ostuni, to be
14 able to discuss those things in the hopes
15 they can be advanced even though we are
16 voting on the rules of the procedure of the
17 Legislature today, it's moot understanding
18 that we can vote and change these things
19 throughout the year. So I would hope that
20 Mr. Ostuni and Mr. Kleins can meet to
21 further to discuss that.

22 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: We agree to
23 that. There's going to have to be at least
24 one technical change to the rules in any
25 event in the next few weeks.

1 Full Legislature/1-5-18

2 So we will be definitely be
3 willing to sit down with you and discuss
4 your proposed changes and see where that
5 goes.

6 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: And then
7 one of the other things, one of your
8 amendments is in regards to the mailing
9 which, in the past, we've had put forward
10 legislation and we are of the belief that
11 you need to do this or we need to do this by
12 a local law, not by a rule of the procedure.

13 We are going to support it today,
14 as we are supporting all of the rules of
15 procedure that you are putting forth, but,
16 at the same time, we do think this would
17 require further discussion because it's our
18 understanding that this change would require
19 a local law change than just the rules of
20 procedure.

21 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: We will take
22 a look at that.

23 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: And we also
24 believe there should be a 60 day moratorium.

25 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: That is one

1 Full Legislature/1-5-18
2 of the substantive changes in the rules that
3 we're making today which would be to
4 prohibit mass mailings by county legislators
5 within 45 days of an election or within 30
6 days of a special election or primary.

7 There are some exceptions in the
8 event there are events in the district but
9 this is the substantive change that we are
10 making which we certainly will be willing to
11 be discuss with you whether a local law is
12 required.

13 Our understanding at this point,
14 it's not, but if that in fact is the case
15 then we will certainly be moving by local
16 law to adopt this. And we think 45 days is
17 a reasonable time period.

18 There is currently no rule or law
19 in place in the county that prohibits mass
20 mailings right up until the day of the
21 election so this is intended to prevent that
22 type of mail to go out too close to the
23 election, a mail that's paid for with
24 taxpayer funds.

25 Is there anyone who wants to

1 Full Legislature/1-5-18

2 discuss this matter at all?

3 (No verbal response.)

4 Hearing no further discussion, I
5 would ask for a vote. All in favor signify
6 by saying aye.

7 (Aye.)

8 Those opposed?

9 (No verbal response.)

10 The rules carry unanimously.

11 We now move on to Procedural
12 Resolution 5 of 2018, a resolution as to
13 procedure to establish a calendar for
14 meetings of the Legislature for the calendar
15 year 2018. Is there a motion?

16 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: So moved.

17 LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: Second.

18 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Moved by
19 Legislator Schaefer, seconded by Legislator
20 Kennedy. The calendar is before us. Any
21 debate or discussion?

22 (No verbal response.)

23 Is there any public comment?

24 (No verbal response.)

25 All those in favor signify by

1 Full Legislature/1-5-18
2 saying aye.
3 (Aye.)
4 Those opposed?
5 (No verbal response.)
6 The calendar is adopted.
7 Resolution 6 of 2018 is a
8 resolution as to procedure to establish a
9 committee on Economic and Community
10 Development, Labor and Transportation.
11 Do we have a motion?
12 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: So moved.
13 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Second.
14 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Moved by
15 Legislator Ferretti, seconded by Legislator
16 Rhoads. That item is before the committee.
17 Do we have any discussion?
18 (No verbal response.)
19 All those in favor signify by
20 saying aye.
21 (Aye.)
22 Those opposed?
23 (No verbal response.)
24 Carries unanimously.
25 Resolution 7 of 2018 as to

1 Full Legislature/1-5-18
2 procedure is a resolution to establish a
3 committee on Towns, Villages, and Cities.

4 Is there a motion?

5 LEGISLATOR FORD: So moved.

6 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Second.

7 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Moved by
8 Legislator Ford, seconded by Legislator
9 Gaylor. Do we have any debate or
10 discussion?

11 (No verbal response.)

12 Hearing none, all those in favor
13 signify by saying aye.

14 (Aye.)

15 Those opposed?

16 (No verbal response.)

17 That item carries unanimously.

18 Resolution 8 of 2018 as to
19 procedure is a resolution to establish a
20 Committee on Veterans and Senior Affairs.

21 Is there a motion?

22 LEGISLATOR WALKER: So moved.

23 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Second.

24 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Moved by
25 Legislator Walker, seconded by Legislator

1 Full Legislature/1-5-18

2 Kopel. Do we have any discussion on this
3 item?

4 (No verbal response.)

5 Hearing none, all those in favor
6 signify by saying aye.

7 (Aye.)

8 Those opposed?

9 (No verbal response.)

10 Carries unanimously.

11 Pursuant to Section 2211 of the
12 Nassau County Charter, the members of the
13 Nassau County Legislature representing two
14 political parties as candidates who receive
15 the highest and next highest number of votes
16 in the county at the general election in
17 which the governor was chosen shall
18 designate in writing in official newspaper
19 and file the designation with the Office of
20 the Clerk of the Legislature.

21 Both designations have been
22 submitted. The Republican party has
23 selected Newsday as the official newspaper.
24 I assume you guys have submitted the same
25 thing. The Democratic delegation has

1 Full Legislature/1-5-18
2 submitted Newsday as well as the official
3 newspaper. So there is no vote required in
4 that. So Newsday is it.

5 At this time the floor is open
6 for purposes of announcing committee
7 assignments. And the appointments of the
8 chair and vice-chair of all committees.
9 Both the Minority Leader and I will be
10 announcing our appointments. I'm just going
11 to majority members. So here it goes.

12 I will be the chair of Rules,
13 vice-chair will be Howard Kopel, Steve
14 Rhoads will be on Rules, and Laura Schaefer
15 will also be on Rules Committee.

16 Finance: Kopel is Chair;
17 Muscarella, Vice Chair; Legislator McKevitt
18 and Walker are members.

19 Budget Review: Muscarella is the
20 Chair, I'm Vice Chair, and Kopel is a
21 member.

22 Minority Affairs: Rhoads is the
23 Chair; Walker is the Vice Chair; Kennedy and
24 Ford are members.

25 Public Works: Muscarella is the

1 Full Legislature/1-5-18

2 Chair; Gaylor is the Vice Chair; Schaefer
3 and Kennedy and members.

4 Public Safety: Ford is the
5 Chair; Rhoads is the Vice-Chair; Muscarella
6 and Ferretti are members.

7 Planning: Schaefer is the Chair,
8 McKevitt is the Vice Chair, Rhoads and Ford
9 are members.

10 Government Services and
11 Operations: Legislator Kennedy is Chair,
12 Ford is the Vice-Chair, McKevitt is a member
13 as well as Legislator Ferretti.

14 Health and Social Services:
15 Walker is the Chair, Kennedy is the Vice
16 Chair, Schaefer and Gaylor are members.

17 Economic, Community Development
18 and Transportation and Labor: McKevitt is
19 the Chair, Ferretti is the Vice Chair,
20 Rhoads and Ford are members.

21 Towns Villages and Cities:
22 Gaylor is the Chair, Schaefer is the Vice
23 Chair, Muscarella and Kennedy are members.

24 Veterans and Senior Affairs:
25 Ferretti is the Chair, Gaylor is the Vice

1 Full Legislature/1-5-18

2 Chair, Walker and Rhoads are members.

3 Those are the majority
4 appointments.

5 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Thank you,
6 Presiding Officer Nicoletto.

7 For Rules, ranking will be
8 myself, along with DeRiggi-Whitton and
9 Bynoe.

10 Finance will be Legislator
11 Birnbaum as ranking, Legislator Drucker and
12 Legislator Mule.

13 Public Safety will be ranking
14 DeRiggi-Whitton, also Bynoe and Mule.

15 Government Services: Ranking
16 Birnbaum, also Drucker and Lafazan.

17 Minority Affair, ranking Bynoe,
18 myself and Mule.

19 Economic and Community
20 Development and Labor and Transportation:
21 Ranking Bynoe, Legislator Birnbaum and Mule.

22 Veterans and Senior Affairs:
23 Ranking Mule, also DeRiggi-Whitton and
24 Birnbaum.

25 Towns and Villages: Ranking

1 Full Legislature/1-5-18

2 Lafazan, also Birnbaum and DeRiggi-Whitton.

3 Planning and Economic Development
4 and Environment: Ranking Drucker, also
5 Lafazan and Bynoe.

6 Public Works: Ranking Bynoe,
7 also Legislator Drucker and Lafazan.

8 Health and Social Services:
9 Ranking DeRiggi-Whitton, also Drucker and
10 Lafazan.

11 Budget Review: Myself and
12 Legislator Birnbaum.

13 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Thank you,
14 Minority Leader. I think we are set with
15 the committees.

16 Next item, I would like to put
17 the Full Legislature in recess and each
18 committee will be called to order by the
19 chair of the committees from their
20 respective seat.

21 Each committee will vote on their
22 statement of purposes and their rules.

23 The Budget Review Committee as
24 set forth in the Charter will not convene.

25 (Whereupon, the Full Legislative

1 Full Legislature/1-5-18

2 Committee recessed at 2:28 p.m. and
3 reconvened at 3:10 p.m.)

4 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: The Full
5 Legislature is reconvened.

6 I will call for a motion for the
7 Full Legislature to adjourn.

8 LEGISLATOR WALKER: So moved.

9 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Second.

10 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Moved by
11 Legislator Walker, seconded by Legislator
12 Drucker. All those in favor signify by
13 saying aye.

14 (Aye.)

15 Those opposed?

16 (No verbal response.)

17 The first meeting of the Nassau
18 County is adjourned. Is there any public
19 comment?

20 (No verbal response.)

21 We are adjourned. Thank you very
22 much.

23 (Whereupon, the Full Legislature
24 Committee adjourned at 3:11 p.m.)

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NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

RICHARD NICOLELLO,
Presiding Officer

GOVERNMENT SERVICES AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

JAMES KENNEDY, Chairman

1550 Franklin Avenue
Mineola, New York

Monday, January 5, 2018
2:48 P.M.

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2 A P P E A R A N C E S :3 JAMES KENNEDY,
4 Chairman5 DENISE FORD,
6 Vice Chairwoman

7 THOMAS MCKEVITT

8 JOHN FERRETTI

9 ELLEN BIRNBAUM,
10 Ranking

11 ARNOLD DRUCKER

12 JOSHUA LAFAZAN

13 MICHAEL PULITZER,
14 Clerk of the Legislature

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1 Government Services/1-5-18

2 CHAIRMAN KENNEDY: At this time I
3 will call the Government Services and
4 Operations Committee to order. I will act
5 as clerk and call the roll.

6 Ranking Member Ellen Birnbaum?

7 LEGISLATOR BIRNBAUM: Here.

8 CHAIRMAN KENNEDY: Legislator
9 Drucker?

10 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Here.

11 CHAIRMAN KENNEDY: Legislator
12 Lafazan?

13 LEGISLATOR LAFAZAN: Here.

14 CHAIRMAN KENNEDY: Legislator
15 Ferretti?

16 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Here.

17 CHAIRMAN KENNEDY: Legislator
18 McKevitt?

19 LEGISLATOR MCKEVITT: Here.

20 CHAIRMAN KENNEDY: Legislator
21 Ford?

22 LEGISLATOR FORD: Here.

23 CHAIRMAN KENNEDY: And I am here.

24 We have a quorum.

25 We have two items on the agenda.

1 Government Services/1-5-18

2 They are Procedural Resolutions Number 1 and
3 Number 2. Procedural Resolution 1-2018 is a
4 resolution to adopt a proposed statement of
5 purpose for the Government Services and
6 Operations Committee pursuant to the rules
7 of procedure of the Nassau County
8 Legislature.

9 Procedural Resolution 2-2018 is a
10 resolution to adopt the proposed rules of
11 procedure of the Government Services and
12 Operations Committee pursuant to the rules
13 of the procedure of the Nassau County
14 Legislature.

15 May I have a motion?

16 LEGISLATOR WALKER: So moved.

17 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Second.

18 CHAIRMAN KENNEDY: Moved by
19 Legislator Walker, seconded by Legislator
20 Ferretti. These two items are before us.
21 Do we have any debate or discussion?

22 (No verbal response.)

23 Is there any public comment?

24 (No verbal response.)

25 All those in favor of adopting

1 Government Services/1-5-18

2 these rules signify by saying aye.

3 (Aye.)

4 Any opposed?

5 (No verbal response.)

6 The items pass unanimously.

7 There is no other business in front of this
8 committee, motion to adjourn?

9 LEGISLATOR FORD: So moved.

10 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Second.

11 CHAIRMAN KENNEDY: Moved by
12 Legislator Ford, seconded by Legislator
13 Ferretti. All those in favor to adjourn
14 signify by saying aye.

15 (Aye.)

16 The committee is now adjourned.

17 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Health and
18 Social Services next, Chair RoseMarie
19 Walker.

20 (Whereupon, the Government
21 Services and Operations Committee adjourned
22 at 2:50 p.m.)

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NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

RICHARD NICOLELLO,
Presiding Officer

HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

ROSE MARIE WALKER,
Chairwoman

1550 Franklin Avenue
Mineola, New York

Monday, January 5, 2018
2:50 P.M

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2 A P P E A R A N C E S:3 ROSE MARIE WALKER,
4 Chairwoman5 JAMES KENNEDY,
6 Vice Chairman

7 LAURA SCHAEFER

8 C. WILLIAM GAYLOR, III

9 DELIA DeRIGGI-WHITTON,
10 Ranking

11 ARNOLD DRUCKER

12 JOSHUA LAFAZAN

13 MICHAEL PULITZER,
14 Clerk of the Legislature

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1 Health Committee/1-5-18

2 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Good
3 afternoon everyone.

4 At this time I'll call the Health
5 and Social Services Committee to order. I
6 will act as clerk and call the roll.

7 Ranking Member Delia
8 DeRiggi-Whitton?

9 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:
10 Here.

11 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Legislator
12 Arnold Drucker?

13 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Here.

14 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Legislator
15 Joshua Lafazan?

16 LEGISLATOR LAFAZAN: Here.

17 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Legislator C.
18 William Gaylor?

19 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Here.

20 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Legislator
21 Laura Schaefer?

22 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Here.

23 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Legislator
24 Kennedy?

25 LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: Here.

1 Health Committee/1-5-18

2 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: And I am
3 here. We have a quorum.

4 We have two items on the agenda.
5 They are Procedural Resolutions Number 1 and
6 Number 2. Procedural Resolution 1-2018 is a
7 resolution to adopt a proposed statement of
8 purpose for the Health and Social Services
9 Committee pursuant to the rules of procedure
10 of the Nassau County Legislature.

11 Procedural Resolution 2-2018 is a
12 resolution to adopt the proposed rules of
13 procedure of the Health and Social Services
14 Committee pursuant to the rules of procedure
15 of the Nassau County Legislature.

16 May I have a motion, please?

17 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: So moved.

18 LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: Second.

19 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Moved by
20 Legislator Schaefer, seconded by Legislator
21 Kennedy. These two items are before us. Do
22 we have any debate or discussion?

23 (No verbal response.)

24 Is there any public comment?

25 Yes, Ms. Mereday.

1 Health Committee/1-5-18

2 MS. MEREDAY: Again, Meta J.
3 Mereday, Baldwin resident.

4 Health and Social Services,
5 again, a very important committee. I'm sure
6 those of you who have assigned to serve on
7 this committee take that responsibility not
8 lightly and we are encouraged by that
9 aspect.

10 Again, as I said, with one of the
11 previous committees, it is my hope that
12 there is a review and an update on the
13 policies and the processes in light of
14 certain conditions and circumstances that
15 are taking place across the country as well
16 as in Nassau County as it pertains to sexual
17 harassment. You can't just walk around and
18 say we do train if, one, we don't know what
19 that training is, and, two, we don't really
20 know what is happening in our agencies and
21 departments and the wherewithal to provide
22 resources for those who may be in jeopardy
23 or feel they are in jeopardy in their job.

24 Also, we have a culture diversity
25 problem in this county and we need to

1 Health Committee/1-5-18

2 address that.

3 As we say, this is a social
4 service committee. The social services
5 department really is the front line for
6 resources and support for residents who are
7 in need.

8 I myself having conducted
9 workshops at that facility because of
10 experiences that I witnessed first hand with
11 a number of my veterans in terms of trying
12 to get them assistance there. There's a
13 problem.

14 We cannot shove it under the rug
15 or push it behind a door or try to put what
16 some people would call pretty on top of
17 stink. That's why I'm calling attention to
18 that.

19 And health care is the largest
20 employer on Long Island and in Nassau
21 County. But our health services and our
22 resources particularly for individuals
23 getting to their various positions, again,
24 ties into the transportation issue.

25 So we need to start looking

1 Health Committee/1-5-18
2 collaboratively inter-committee as far as
3 generating the resources that our residents
4 need and the resources that our employees
5 need to work for this county and serve the
6 needs of the residents.

7 I just wanted to put that point
8 out there as this is a reorganization
9 meeting, we need to be fully engaged in
10 getting not only reorganized but reenergized
11 because our residents need to hear that vote
12 of confidence that was put out there back in
13 November that change will be the order of
14 the day because we can't go back to the way
15 it was.

16 So we are all looking forward to
17 working together and moving forward but the
18 important thing is, we have to move and the
19 direction we have to go is forward.

20 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Thank you,
21 Ms. Mereday. Any other public comment?

22 (No verbal response.)

23 Seeing none, these two items are
24 before us. All those in favor of adopting
25 these rules please signify by saying aye.

1 Health Committee/1-5-18

2 (Aye.)

3 Any opposed?

4 The items pass unanimously.

5 There is no other business in
6 front of this committee, may I have a motion
7 to adjourn.

8 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: So moved.

9 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Second.

10 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Moved by
11 Legislator Gaylor, seconded by Legislator
12 Schaefer. All those in favor signify by
13 saying aye.

14 (Aye.)

15 The committee is now adjourned.

16 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: The next
17 committee is Public Safety, Chairwoman
18 Denise Ford.

19 (Whereupon, the Health and Social
20 Services Committee adjourned at 2:55 p.m.)

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NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

RICHARD NICOLELLO,
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MINORITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

STEVEN RHOADS,
Chairman

1550 Franklin Avenue
Mineola, New York

Monday, January 5, 2018
2:43 P.M.

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2 A P P E A R A N C E S :3 STEVEN RHOADS ,
4 Chairman

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5 ROSEMARIE WALKER
6 Vice-Chairwoman

7 JAMES KENNEDY

8 DENISE FORD

9 SIELA A. BYNOE
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1 Minority Affairs/1-5-18

2 CHAIRMAN RHOADS: At this time I
3 will call the Minority Affairs Committee to
4 order. I will act as the clerk and call the
5 roll. Legislator Bynoe?

6 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Here.

7 CHAIRMAN RHOADS: Legislator
8 Abrahams?

9 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Here.

10 CHAIRMAN RHOADS: Legislator
11 Mule?

12 LEGISLATOR MULE: Here.

13 CHAIRMAN RHOADS: And Legislator
14 Mule, welcome. Legislator Ford?

15 LEGISLATOR FORD: Here.

16 CHAIRMAN RHOADS: Legislator
17 Kennedy?

18 LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: Here.

19 CHAIRMAN RHOADS: Legislator
20 Walker?

21 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Here.

22 CHAIRMAN RHOADS: And I am
23 present. We have a quorum. We have two
24 items on the agenda. They are Procedural
25 Resolutions Number 1 and Number 2.

1 Minority Affairs/1-5-18

2 Procedural Resolution 2-2018 is a
3 resolution to adopt the proposed rules of
4 procedure of the Minority Affairs Committee
5 pursuant to the rules of procedure of the
6 Nassau County Legislature.

7 Procedural Resolution 1-2018 is a
8 resolution to adopt a proposed statement of
9 purpose for the Minority Affairs Committee
10 pursuant to the rules of procedure of the
11 Nassau County Legislature.

12 May I have a motion on both of
13 these items?

14 LEGISLATOR WALKER: So moved.

15 LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: Second.

16 CHAIRMAN RHOADS: Moved by
17 Legislator Walker, seconded by Legislator
18 Kennedy. These two items are before us. Is
19 there any debate or discussion on these two
20 items?

21 (No verbal response.)

22 Is there any public comment? Ms.
23 Mereday.

24 MS. MEREDAY: Meta J. Mereday,
25 Baldwin resident.

1 Minority Affairs/1-5-18

2 I do want to welcome my
3 legislator, Legislator Mule, definitely
4 welcome. And, Legislator Rhoads, I
5 definitely look forward to working with you
6 and your committee in regard to this.

7 I would ask that in this
8 particular aspect that there is a review of
9 the actual statement of purpose so that it
10 gets a little more teeth to it as it
11 pertains to establishing some true
12 benchmarks and some end of year
13 documentation that kind of proves that the
14 actual process is working.

15 To date, I don't feel that we
16 have really put together any documentation
17 that supports the true nature of the
18 inclusion process. I think that would be a
19 helpful item for whoever is selected as the
20 Inspector General because the whole purpose
21 of not just the contract review to ensure
22 that there is no corruption and patronage
23 and things of that nature is that there is
24 inclusion of minority women, veterans, LGBT,
25 and, to date, we do not have those

1 Minority Affairs/1-5-18

2 benchmarks in place in Nassau County and
3 unfortunately that makes us vulnerable to
4 prosecution and, as we all know, we do have
5 some significant legal fees already, let's
6 try to work proactively so we can save the
7 taxpayers money at least in that regard. So
8 that would be my suggestion with this.

9 I welcome again any ideas and
10 look forward to working with all those who
11 are on this committee. Thank you.

12 CHAIRMAN RHOADS: We appreciate
13 your comments, Ms. Mereday. Thank you.

14 Do we have any further comment?

15 (No verbal response.)

16 We'll take a vote, all those in
17 favor of adopting the rules please signify
18 so by saying aye.

19 (Aye.)

20 Those opposed say nay.

21 (No verbal response.)

22 The items pass unanimously.

23 There being no other business in
24 front of this committee, I'll entertain a
25 motion to adjourn.

1 Minority Affairs/1-5-18

2 LEGISLATOR WALKER: So moved.

3 LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: Second.

4 CHAIRMAN RHOADS: Moved by
5 Legislator Walker, seconded by Legislator
6 Kennedy. All those in favor of adjournment
7 signify so by saying aye.

8 (Aye.)

9 Those opposed say nay.

10 (No verbal response.)

11 We stand adjourned.

12 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: The next
13 committee is Planning, Development and the
14 Environment. The Chair is Legislator Laura
15 Schaefer.

16 (Whereupon, the Minority Affairs
17 Committee adjourned at 2:46 p.m.)

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NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

RICHARD NICOLELLO,
Presiding Officer

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

DENISE FORD, Chairwoman

1550 Franklin Avenue
Mineola, New York

Monday, January 5, 2018
2:55 P.M

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2 A P P E A R A N C E S :

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4 DENISE FORD,
5 Chairwoman6 VINCENT MUSCARELLA,
7 Vice Chairman

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9 STEVE RHOADS

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11 JOHN R. FERRETTI

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13 DELIA DERIGGI-WHITTON,
14 Ranking

15 SIELA BYNOE

16 DEBRA MULE

17 MICHAEL PULITZER
18 Clerk of the Legislature

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1 Public Safety Committee/1-5-18

2 CHAIRWOMAN FORD: At this time I
3 will call the Public Safety Committee to
4 order. I will act as the clerk and call the
5 roll.

6 Legislator Mule?

7 LEGISLATOR MULE: Here.

8 CHAIRWOMAN FORD: Legislator
9 Bynoe?

10 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Here.

11 CHAIRWOMAN FORD: Ranking Member
12 Legislator DeRiggi-Whitton?

13 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:
14 Here.

15 CHAIRWOMAN FORD: Legislator
16 Muscarella?

17 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Here.

18 CHAIRWOMAN FORD: Legislator
19 Ferretti?

20 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Here.

21 CHAIRWOMAN FORD: Vice Chair
22 Legislator Rhoads?

23 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Here.

24 CHAIRWOMAN FORD: And I am here.
25 We have a quorum.

1 Public Safety Committee/1-5-18

2 We have two items on the agenda.
3 They are Procedural Resolutions Number 1 and
4 Number 2.

5 Procedural Resolution 1-2018 is a
6 resolution to adopt a proposed statement of
7 purpose for the Public Safety Committee
8 pursuant to the rules of procedure of the
9 Nassau County Legislature.

10 Procedural Resolution 2-2018 is a
11 resolution to adopt the proposed rules of
12 procedure of the Public Safety Committee
13 pursuant to the rules of procedure of the
14 Nassau County Legislature.

15 May I have a motion?

16 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: So moved.

17 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Second.

18 CHAIRWOMAN FORD: Moved by
19 Legislator Rhoads, seconded by Legislator
20 Muscarella. These two items are before us.
21 Do we have any debate or discussion?

22 (No verbal response.)

23 Is there any public comment?

24 MS. JACOBS: Pearl Jacobs,
25 Uniondale. Public safety, of course, that's

1 Public Safety Committee/1-5-18
2 paramount for any city, any county, any
3 towns. I do applaud the Legislature how
4 they support our Nassau County Police
5 Department. I will continue to as a
6 resident and taxpayer to continue to ask
7 that the Nassau County Police Department be
8 supported just in the way you have been
9 supporting them.

10 Also, regarding some areas in
11 Nassau County, there are areas in Nassau
12 County, and Uniondale is one of them, a
13 hamlet, that is in need of more robust
14 public safety, Nassau County Police
15 Department protection, and I would hope that
16 you would look at it in a broad sense and
17 see what areas.

18 I do understand of course that
19 overall the crime stats are saying that
20 crime is going down in Nassau County, but
21 that's just an overall broad perspective.

22 We have to find out where the
23 crime stats are actually rising and put
24 resources there to protect our residents.

25 Thank you.

1 Public Safety Committee/1-5-18

2 CHAIRWOMAN FORD: Thank you very
3 much for your comments. All those in favor
4 of adopting these rules please signify by
5 saying aye.

6 (Aye.)

7 Any opposed?

8 (No verbal response.)

9 The items pass unanimously.

10 There's no other business in
11 front of this committee.

12 Motion to adjourn?

13 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: So moved.

14 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Second.

15 CHAIRWOMAN FORD: Moved by
16 Legislator Rhoads, seconded by Legislator
17 Muscarella. All in favor?

18 (Aye.)

19 The committee is now adjourned.
20 Thank you.

21 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Next, Parks
22 and Public Works, Chair Vincent Muscarella.

23 (Whereupon, the Public Safety
24 Committee adjourned at 2:57 p.m.)

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NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

RICHARD NICOLELLO,
Presiding Officer

PUBLIC WORKS AND PARKS COMMITTEE

VINCENT MUSCARELLA, Chairman

1550 Franklin Avenue
Mineola, New York

Monday, January 5, 2018
2:58 P.M

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A P P E A R A N C E S :

VINCENT MUSCARELLA,
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C. WILLIAM GAYLOR, III
Vice Chairman

LAURA SCHAEFER

JAMES KENNEDY

SIELA BYNOE,
Ranking

ARNOLD DRUCKER

JOSHUA LAFAZAN

MICHAEL PULITZER
Clerk of the Legislature

1 Public Works and Parks/1-5-18

2 CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: I call the
3 Public Works and Parks Committee to order.
4 I will act as the clerk.

5 Legislator Kennedy?

6 LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: Here.

7 CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Legislator
8 Schaefer?

9 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Here.

10 CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Colonel
11 Gaylor?

12 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Present.

13 CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Legislator
14 Ranking Member Bynoe?

15 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Here.

16 CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Legislator
17 Drucker?

18 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Here.

19 CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Legislator
20 Lafazan?

21 LEGISLATOR LAFAZAN: Here.

22 CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: We have a
23 quorum.

24 We have two items on the agenda.
25 They are Procedural Resolutions Number 1 and

1 Public Works and Parks/1-5-18
2 Number 2. Procedural Resolution 1 of 2018
3 is a resolution to adopt a proposed
4 statement of purpose for the Public Works
5 and Parks Committee pursuant to the rules
6 and procedure of the Nassau County
7 Legislature.

8 May I have a motion?

9 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: So moved.

10 LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: Second.

11 CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Moved by
12 Legislator Schaefer, seconded by Legislator
13 Kennedy. The item is before us. Do we have
14 any public comment or discussion?

15 (No verbal response.)

16 Ms. Mereday.

17 MS. MEREDAY: Meta J. Mereday,
18 Baldwin resident. Unfortunately I'd hoped
19 there would be more residents here but
20 unfortunately day meetings are not very
21 convenient, so Public Works is something
22 that is very significant for all of us when
23 we talk about our roads and contracts and
24 things of that nature.

25 Again, I cannot restate it enough

1 Public Works and Parks/1-5-18
2 that the policies and procedures that have
3 been in place, I'm hoping that they get a
4 review and an update as it pertains to the
5 changes that the body voted on particularly
6 with the incoming Inspector General, that
7 the contracting as well as the outreach and
8 inclusion, the model that was broken that
9 was ineffective in the past, it will not be
10 just used because that's the way it's always
11 been done.

12 We have to start looking at how
13 we are more inclusive and more engaging in
14 how we can about being more aggressive and
15 assertive in making that happen. So that's
16 why I am stressing emphatically for those
17 who are on this committee that we do engage
18 that a little bit more, that we don't see
19 the rubber stamping, and just asking the
20 questions because you all are representing
21 our interests.

22 So we are in these public
23 settings we need to hear from you. We don't
24 know what happens in your caucus meetings
25 behind closed doors. We need to hear what

1 Public Works and Parks/1-5-18
2 you're saying and we need to make sure it is
3 heard and on the record because too many
4 people are getting their news about our tax
5 dollars from Newsday, and that's your
6 designated publication. That's all well and
7 good, but we didn't elect Newsday. We
8 elected all of you.

9 So we are looking to you to speak
10 to our interests when we are here for those
11 of us who have to be here and still have to
12 go about our daily routines. We pay the
13 second highest taxes in the country.

14 So, again, this is for those who
15 may not know who I am, that's not important.
16 But I'm just hoping that you hear what it is
17 I'm saying because I'm not speaking in a
18 vacuum.

19 There are those businesses that
20 are out here are hurting, all of our
21 businesses, majority, minority, the veteran
22 owned businesses. We need to have the
23 representation that's been elected to speak
24 to our needs and we need to hear what our
25 representatives are saying on the record.

1 Public Works and Parks/1-5-18

2 Thank you.

3 CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Before I
4 call for a vote, I'm also going to call for
5 Procedural Resolution 2-2018, a resolution
6 to adopt the proposed rules of procedure of
7 the Public Works and Parks Committee
8 pursuant to the rules of procedure of the
9 Nassau County Legislature.

10 Any other discussion on that?

11 (No verbal response.)

12 Is there any public comment?

13 (No verbal response.)

14 All those in favor of adopting
15 these rules signify by saying aye.

16 (Aye.)

17 Those opposed say no.

18 (No verbal response.)

19 The ayes are above the nos. The
20 items pass unanimously. There being no
21 other business, a motion to adjourn.

22 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: So moved.

23 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Second.

24 CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Moved by
25 Legislator Schaefer, seconded by Colonel

1 Public Works and Parks/1-5-18

2 Gaylor. All those in favor of adjourning
3 please say aye.

4 (Aye.)

5 Any opposed?

6 (No verbal response.)

7 We are adjourned.

8 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Next
9 committee is Finance which is chaired by
10 Legislator Howard Kopel.

11 (Whereupon, the Public Works and
12 Parks Committee adjourned at 3:02 p.m.)

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NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

RULES COMMITTEE

RICHARD NICOLELLO, Chairman

1550 Franklin Avenue
Mineola, New York

Monday, January 5, 2018
3:05 P.M

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2 A P P E A R A N C E S :

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4 RICHARD NICOLELLO,
Chairman5 HOWARD KOPEL,
Vice Chairman

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STEVE RHOADS

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LAURA SCHAEFER

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9 KEVAN ABRAHAMS,
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1 Rules Committee/1-5-18

2 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: I call the
3 Rules Committee to order. I will act as
4 clerk and call the roll.

5 Ranking Member Kevan Abrahams?

6 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Here.

7 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Legislator
8 DeRiggi-Whitton?

9 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:
10 Here.

11 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Legislator
12 Bynoe?

13 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Here.

14 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Legislator
15 Schaefer?

16 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Here.

17 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Legislator
18 Rhoads?

19 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Here.

20 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Legislator
21 Kopel?

22 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Here.

23 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: And I am
24 here so we have a quorum.

25 We have three items on the

1 Rules Committee/1-5-18

2 agenda.

3 The first two items are
4 Procedural Resolutions Number 1 which is to
5 adopt a statement of purpose for the Rules
6 Committee pursuant to the rules of procedure
7 of the Nassau County Legislature; and,

8 Procedural Resolution 2 is a
9 resolution to adopt the proposed rules of
10 procedure of the Rules Committee pursuant to
11 the rules of procedure of the Nassau County
12 Legislature.

13 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: So
14 moved.

15 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Second.

16 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Moved by
17 Legislator DeRiggi-Whitton, seconded by
18 Legislator Rhoads. These two items are
19 before us. Do we have any debate or
20 discussion on this committee?

21 (No verbal response.)

22 Is there any public comment?

23 MS. MEREDAY: Meta J. Mereday,
24 Baldwin resident. What, am I voice of the
25 county?

1 Rules Committee/1-5-18

2 Anyway, just wanted to have a
3 question as it pertains to when the public
4 is going to get access to the information
5 about the Rules Committee, the meetings, the
6 dates and things of that nature so that we
7 can encourage other residents to try to be
8 able to act accordingly.

9 And if there had been any
10 consideration with this body to possibly try
11 to have something in the evenings for
12 residents to have more accessibility to
13 attending the meetings.

14 And I do want to recognize
15 Legislator Birnbaum. Good for you. That's
16 what this is about. This is what this is
17 about, that all voices, all hands-on deck.
18 And if you're going to have to take the heat
19 for it, you want to be able to speak up for
20 it.

21 So, if I can get an answer as it
22 pertains to that, particularly as it
23 pertains to the Rules Committee, that's a
24 very important meeting that more residents
25 should be in attendance to speak from the

1 Rules Committee/1-5-18

2 public perspective because that's when more
3 of the information and details are heard,
4 before the Full Leg meeting occurs, when all
5 the deals have basically been cut. So
6 that's pretty much my comment.

7 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Thank you,
8 Ms. Mereday. The Rules Committee agendas
9 are published seven days before the meeting
10 and are published on the Internet by the
11 Clerk's Office at the same time. The items
12 are published five days before the meeting
13 and they are posted on the Internet, county
14 website, also five days before the meeting.
15 Is that correct, Mr. Pulitzer?

16 CLERK PULITZER: That's correct,
17 Presiding Officer.

18 MS. MEREDAY: Thank you so much.

19 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Any other
20 public comment?

21 (No verbal response.)

22 All those in favor signify by
23 saying aye.

24 (Aye.)

25 Those opposed?

1 Rules Committee/1-5-18

2 (No verbal response.)

3 The items carry unanimously.

4 The next item is Procedural
5 Resolution Number 3 of 2018 which is a
6 resolution to adopt the Rules of Procedure
7 and Statement of Purpose of all standing
8 committees of the Nassau County Legislature
9 pursuant to the rules of procedure of the
10 County Legislature.

11 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: So moved.

12 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Second.

13 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Moved by
14 Legislator Kopel, seconded by Legislator
15 Bynoe. The item is before us. Do we have
16 any debate or discussion?

17 (No verbal response.)

18 Hearing none, is there any public
19 comment?

20 (No verbal response.)

21 MS. MEREDAY: Just a point of
22 clarification, so are you saying that the
23 vote on the table now is to support all the
24 statements of purpose for every committee
25 without any changes or recommendations?

1 Rules Committee/1-5-18

2 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Yes,
3 basically I guess we adopt what every
4 committee has just adopted. It's readopted
5 by the Rules Committee pursuant to the rules
6 of procedure of the county.

7 MS. MEREDAY: But if there are
8 any recommendations, would that have to
9 again come before this body or is that
10 something that would have to come out of the
11 committee to the body? I'm just trying to
12 be clear.

13 If we're carrying over the same
14 information without an opportunity to
15 enhance improve -- just asking.

16 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: I think the
17 procedure would be the committees would then
18 change their rules and the Rules Committee
19 would have to adopt those changed rules as
20 well. So the change would come up from the
21 committee itself.

22 MS. MEREDAY: Thank you.

23 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Any other
24 public comment?

25 (No verbal response.)

1 Rules Committee/1-5-18

2 All those in favor signify by
3 saying aye.

4 (Aye.)

5 Those opposed?

6 (No verbal response.)

7 Item carries unanimously.

8 No other business to come before
9 the committee, may I have a motion to
10 adjourn?

11 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: So moved.

12 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Second.

13 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Moved by
14 Legislator Schaefer, seconded by Minority
15 Leader Abrahams. All those in favor of
16 adjourning signify by saying aye.

17 (Aye.)

18 Those opposed?

19 (No verbal response.)

20 The motion carries unanimously.

21 The committee is now adjourned.

22 (Whereupon, the Rules Committee
23 adjourned at 3:09 p.m.)

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NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

RICHARD NICOLELLO,
Presiding Officer

TOWNS VILLAGES AND CITIES COMMITTEE

C. WILLIAM GAYLOR III, Chairman

1550 Franklin Avenue
Mineola, New York

Monday, January 5, 2018
2:32 P.M

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A P P E A R A N C E S :

C. WILLIAM GAYLOR, III
Chairman

LAURA SCHAEFER
Vice Chairwoman

JAMES KENNEDY

VINCENT MUSCARELLA

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Ranking

ELLEN BIRNBAUM

DELIA DERIGGI-WHITTON

MICHAEL PULITZER,
Clerk of the Legislature

1 Towns Villages Cities/1-5-18

2 CHAIRMAN GAYLOR: At this time I
3 will call the Towns Villages and Cities
4 Committee to order. I will act as clerk and
5 call the roll.

6 Joshua Lafazan?

7 LEGISLATOR LAFAZAN: Here.

8 CHAIRMAN GAYLOR: Ellen Birnbaum?

9 LEGISLATOR BIRNBAUM: Here.

10 CHAIRMAN GAYLOR: Delia
11 DeRiggi-Whitton?

12 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:
13 Here.

14 CHAIRMAN GAYLOR: Vincent
15 Muscarella?

16 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Here.

17 CHAIRMAN GAYLOR: James Kennedy?

18 LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: Here.

19 CHAIRMAN GAYLOR: Vice Chair
20 Laura Schaefer?

21 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Here.

22 CHAIRMAN GAYLOR: And myself. We
23 are all present. We have a quorum.

24 We have two items on the agenda.
25 They are Procedural Rules Number 1 and

1 Towns Villages Cities/1-5-18

2 Number 2. Procedural Resolution 1 of 2018 is
3 a resolution to adopt the proposed rules of
4 procedure of the Towns, Villages and Cities
5 Committee pursuant to the Rules of Procedure
6 of the Nassau County Legislature.

7 Procedural Resolution 2-2018 is a
8 resolution to adopt the proposed statement
9 of purpose for the Towns, Villages and
10 Cities Committee pursuant to the Rules of
11 Procedure of the Nassau County Legislature.

12 May I have a motion, please?

13 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: So moved.

14 LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: Second.

15 CHAIRMAN GAYLOR: Motion by
16 Legislator Muscarella, seconded by
17 Legislator Kennedy. These are the two items
18 before us. Is there any debate or
19 discussion?

20 (No verbal response.)

21 Any public comment?

22 MS. JACOBS: Yes. Pearl Jacobs.
23 Uniondale, New York. Happy New Year. Happy
24 and healthy and prosperous to everyone.

25 CHAIRMAN GAYLOR: Likewise, Happy

1 Towns Villages Cities/1-5-18

2 New Year as well.

3 MS. JACOBS: Thank you. I just
4 wanted to make a comment regarding Towns,
5 Villages, and Cities Committee. I would
6 hope that focus would be put on hamlets as
7 well.

8 Hamlets have been left out of the
9 vision of the Town of Hempstead, the county,
10 and we would hope that hamlets would be
11 inclusive in this Town, Village and Cities
12 Committee. Thank you.

13 CHAIRMAN GAYLOR: Thank you. Any
14 other comment?

15 MS. MEREDAY: Meta Mereday,
16 Baldwin resident. As it pertains to, again,
17 this particular component, I'm also hoping
18 that we can have more collaboration with our
19 towns and villages and, as Ms. Jacobs
20 previously spoke with regard to our hamlets,
21 because they are truly under served, and we
22 need to start looking at creative and
23 constructive ways to generate funding and
24 resources.

25 One major issue that's impacting

1 Towns Villages Cities/1-5-18

2 all of us is our transportation
3 infrastructure or lack of same.

4 I'm again hoping that we can
5 better implement programs and incorporate
6 the mayors and other elected officials at
7 the local and community levels because,
8 again, the residents that are looking for
9 the resources and the help, they pay county
10 taxes as well as their local municipalities
11 and we really have to think outside the box.
12 We have to think collectively. We can't be
13 one side or the other side.

14 Let's be more creative, again,
15 because those of us particularly in these
16 hamlets are suffering. The zombie houses
17 and folks leaving out in the middle of the
18 night, and we're just not doing what we need
19 to do.

20 Right now we are being bombarded
21 as it pertains to outside of our area so we
22 have to work more collectively,
23 constructively, and hopefully
24 compassionately together in this new year.

25 So, again, the same with veteran

1 Towns Villages Cities/1-5-18
2 services, I'm hoping to see more actual
3 recommendations and programs and real
4 proactive solutions on this list when we
5 come to these meetings and hear the
6 discussion about how our hard earned money
7 is being spent for related services in these
8 particular areas. Thank you.

9 CHAIRMAN GAYLOR: Thank you,
10 Ms. Mereday and, again, thank you,
11 Ms. Jacobs for your comments. Is there any
12 further public comment?

13 (No verbal response.)

14 All those in favor of adopting
15 these rules signify by saying aye.

16 (Aye.)

17 Those opposed?

18 (No verbal response.)

19 The item passes unanimously.

20 There is no other business in
21 front of this committee. May I have a
22 motion to adjourn?

23 LEGISLATOR LAFAZAN: Mr. Chairman,
24 may I?

25 CHAIRMAN GAYLOR: Legislator

1 Towns Villages Cities/1-5-18

2 Lafazan.

3 LEGISLATOR LAFAZAN: Thank you.

4 I look forward to working with you and I
5 thank you for your service to the nation.

6 Regarding the committee on Towns
7 and Villages and all committees, I just hope
8 when we discuss rules and procedure change,
9 we will also discuss rules and procedure for
10 committees in addition to the general
11 meeting.

12 CHAIRMAN GAYLOR: Good point.

13 Point well taken. Thank you.

14 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: So moved.

15 LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: Second.

16 CHAIRMAN GAYLOR: Moved by

17 Legislator Muscarella, seconded by

18 Legislator Kennedy. All those in favor?

19 (Aye.)

20 Committee is now adjourned.

21 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Next

22 committee is Economic and Community

23 Development, Labor and Transportation;

24 Chair, Thomas McKevitt.

25 (Whereupon, the Towns, Villages

1 Towns Villages Cities/1-5-18
2 and the Cities Committee adjourned at 2:35
3 p.m.)
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NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

RICHARD NICOLELLO,
Presiding Officer

VETERAN AND SENIOR AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

JOHN FERRETTI, Chairman

1550 Franklin Avenue
Mineola, New York

Monday, January 5, 2018
2:28 P.M

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A P P E A R A N C E S :

JOHN FERRETTI,
Chairman

C. WILLIAM GAYLOR III
Vice Chairman

ROSE WALKER

STEVE RHOADS

DEBRA MULE,
Ranking

DELIA DERIGGI-WHITTON

ELLEN BIRNBAUM

MICHAEL PULITZER,
Clerk of the Legislature

1 Veteran & Sr. Affairs/1-5-18

2 CHAIRMAN FERRETTI: At this time
3 I will call the Veteran and Senior Affairs
4 Committee to order. I'll act as clerk and
5 call the roll.

6 Ranking Member Legislator Debra
7 Mule?

8 LEGISLATOR MULE: Present.

9 CHAIRMAN FERRETTI: Legislator
10 DeRiggi-Whitton?

11 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:
12 Here.

13 CHAIRMAN FERRETTI: Legislator
14 Ellen Birnbaum?

15 LEGISLATOR BIRNBAUM: Here.

16 CHAIRMAN FERRETTI: Legislator
17 Steve Rhoads?

18 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Present.

19 CHAIRMAN FERRETTI: Legislator
20 Rose Walker?

21 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Here.

22 CHAIRMAN FERRETTI: Legislator
23 Gaylor?

24 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Present.

25 CHAIRMAN FERRETTI: And I am

1 Veteran & Sr. Affairs/1-5-18

2 here. We have a quorum.

3 We have two items on the agenda.

4 They are Procedural Resolutions Number 1 and
5 Number 2. Procedural Resolution 1-2018 is a
6 resolution to adopt the proposed rules of
7 procedure of the Veterans and Senior Affairs
8 Committee pursuant to the rules of procedure
9 of the Nassau County Legislature.

10 Procedural Resolution 2-2018 is a
11 resolution to adopt a proposed statement of
12 purpose for the Veterans and Senior Affairs
13 Committee pursuant to the rules of procedure
14 of the Nassau County Legislature.

15 May I have a motion?

16 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: So moved.

17 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Second.

18 CHAIRMAN FERRETTI: Moved by
19 Legislator Rhoads, seconded by Legislator
20 Walker. These two items are before us. Do
21 we have any debate or discussion?

22 (No verbal response.)

23 Is there any public comment?

24 Please state your name and address for the
25 record, please.

1 Veteran & Sr. Affairs/1-5-18

2 MS. MEREDAY: Meta J. Mereday,
3 Baldwin resident. 'M just, again,
4 expressing what I'm hoping is positivity
5 with regard to this new direction for this
6 committee, any direction for this committee.

7 I was overjoyed just to have the
8 listings for the resolutions on the
9 paperwork because, in the past it's just
10 been blank, which is the header page.

11 So I'm hoping that we can work
12 together collectively to come up with real
13 solutions, real programs, and real action
14 plans for our veterans and their families.

15 I am encouraged by those who are
16 on this committee and I look forward to
17 working with you because the needs of our
18 veterans are great and they have been great
19 and they have been significant in this
20 county and on Long Island.

21 So, again, I'm just hoping that
22 we do have some real action plans, some real
23 activities that can make a significant
24 difference because we do have the largest
25 veteran population on Long Island in New

1 Veteran & Sr. Affairs/1-5-18

2 York State and the northeast corridor.

3 So, again, I'm trying to be very
4 positive, as I said, very forward thinking
5 and looking for a collaborative spirit from
6 all who are involved because our taxpayers
7 are crying out and our veterans are crying
8 even more so.

9 That's pretty much all I wanted
10 to say and welcome aboard, Legislator
11 Ferretti, all the new ones who are here, and
12 all the ones who know me, I'm still here.
13 Thank you.

14 CHAIRMAN FERRETTI: Thank you,
15 Ms. Mereday. Any further public comment?

16 (No verbal response.)

17 There being none, all those in
18 favor of adopting these rules, please
19 signify by saying aye.

20 (Aye.)

21 Opposed?

22 (No verbal response.)

23 The items pass unanimously.

24 There is no other business in
25 front of this committee, may I have a motion

1 Veteran & Sr. Affairs/1-5-18

2 to adjourn.

3 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: So moved.

4 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Second.

5 CHAIRMAN FERRETTI: Moved by
6 Legislator Rhoads, seconded by Legislator
7 Walker. All those in favor?

8 (Aye.)

9 Those opposed?

10 (No verbal response.)

11 The committee is now adjourned.

12 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Next Towns,
13 Villages and Cities Committee, Chair C.
14 William Gaylor.

15 (Whereupon, the Veterans and
16 Senior Affairs Committee adjourned at 2:32
17 p.m.)

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