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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

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

THOMAS MCKEVITT,
Chairman

JOHN FERRETTI,
Vice Chairman

STEVE RHOADS

DENISE FORD

SIELA BYNOE
Ranking

ELLEN BIRNBAUM

DEBRA MULE

MICHAEL C. PULITZER,
Clerk of the Legislature

Economic Development/1-5-18

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

LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Here.

CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: Legislator Birnbaum,

LEGISLATOR BIRNBAUM: Here.

CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: Legislator Mule?

LEGISLATOR MULE: Here.

CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: Legislator Ford?

LEGISLATOR FORD: Here.

CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: Legislator Rhoads?

LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Present.

CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: Legislator Ferretti?

LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Here.

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

two items on the agenda. They are Procedural Resolutions Number 1 and Number 2.

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

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

May I have a motion, please?

LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: So moved.

LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Second.

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

(No verbal response.)

Any public comment?

MS. MEREDAY: Yes.

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

MS. MEREDAY: Meta Mereday, Baldwin resident.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: Any other public comment?

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

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

CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: Any other public comment?

(No verbal response.)

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

(Aye.)

The ayes have it. The items pass unanimously.

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

LEGISLATOR RHOADS: So moved.

LEGISLATOR FORD: Second.

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

(Aye.)

Therefore, the committee is now adjourned.

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

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

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, FRANK GRAY, a Shorthand Reporter and Notary Public in and for the State of New York, do hereby stated:

THAT I attended at the time and place above mentioned and took stenographic record of the proceedings in the above-entitled matter;

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 19th day of January, 2018.

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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.

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

HOWARD KOPEL,
Chairman

VINCENT MUSCARELLA,
Vice Chairman

THOMAS MCKEVITT

ROSE MARIE WALKER

ELLEN BIRNBAUM,
Ranking

ARNOLD DRUCKER

DEBRA MULE

MICHAEL PULITZER,
Clerk of the Legislature

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

LEGISLATOR WALKER: Here.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Legislator McKevitt?

LEGISLATOR MCKEVITT: Here.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Legislator Muscarella?

LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Here.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Ranking Member Birnbaum?

LEGISLATOR BIRNBAUM: Here.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Legislator Drucker?

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Here.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Legislator Mule?

LEGISLATOR MULE: Here. We have a quorum.

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

to the rules of procedure of the Nassau County Legislature.

May I have a motion?

LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: So moved.

LEGISLATOR WALKER: Second.

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

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

Chairman, did you hear what I said?

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Yes, of course.

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

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

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

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

LEGISLATOR BIRNBAUM: So moved.

LEGISLATOR WALKER: Second.

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

(Aye.)

Anybody opposed?

(No verbal response.)

Adopted unanimously.

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

LEGISLATOR BIRNBAUM: So moved.

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Second.

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

(Aye.)

Anyone opposed?

(No verbal response.)

We're adjourned. Thank you.

(Whereupon, the Finance Committee 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.

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

RICHARD NICOLELLO,
Presiding Officer

HOWARD KOPEL,
Alternate Deputy Presiding Officer

DENISE FORD, Alt. Deputy Presiding Officer

STEVEN RHOADS

DEBRA MULE

C. WILLIAM GAYLOR III

VINCENT MUSCARELLA

ELLEN BIRNBAUM

LAURA SCHAEFER

THOMAS MCKEVITT

KEVAN ABRAHAMS,
Minority Leader

ROSE MARIE WALKER

JOHN FERRETTI, JR.

JOSHUA LAFAZAN

ARNOLD DRUCKER

JAMES KENNEDY

DELIA DERIGGI-WHITTON

CARRIE SOLAGES

SIELA BYNOE

MICHAEL PULITZER,
Clerk of the Legislature

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

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

(Whereupon, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.)

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

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Here.

CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Legislator Siela Bynoe?

LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Here.

CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Legislator Carrie Solages?

LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Here.

CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Legislator Denise Ford?

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LEGISLATOR FORD: Here.

CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Legislator Debra Mule?

LEGISLATOR MULE: Here.

CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Legislator C. William Gaylor III?

LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Here.

CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Legislator Howard Kopel?

LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Here.

CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Legislator Vincent Muscarella?

LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Here.

CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: I am here. Legislator Ellen Birnbaum?

LEGISLATOR BIRNBAUM: Here.

CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton?

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Here.

CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Legislator James Kennedy?

LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: Here.

CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Legislator

Thomas McKevitt?

LEGISLATOR MCKEVITT: Here.

CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Legislator Laura Schaefer?

LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Here.

CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Legislator John Ferretti, II?

LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Here.

CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Legislator Drucker?

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Here.

CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Legislator Rosemarie Walker?

LEGISLATOR WALKER: Here.

CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Legislator Josh Lafazan?

LEGISLATOR LAFAZAN: Here.

CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Legislator Steven Rhoads?

LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Present.

CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: All 19 members of the Nassau County Legislature are present in the Legislative chamber.

Our first order of business is a

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resolution as to procedure to appoint a clerk pro temp of the Nassau County Legislature pursuant to Nassau County Charter Section 110, Subsection 1.

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

LEGISLATOR WALKER: Second.

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

(No verbal response.)

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

LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: So moved.

LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Second.

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

(Aye.)

Those opposed?

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(No verbal response.)

The nominations are closed.

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

(Aye.)

Those opposed?

(No verbal response.)

Carries unanimously. Obviously your bagel Tuesdays are very popular.

CLERK PULITZER: Thank you, Legislator Nicolello.

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

The legislator who receives the highest number of votes shall be the Presiding Officer and the legislator who receives the second highest shall be the Minority Leader.

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

sir.

LEGISLATOR KOPEL: I nominate Richard Nicolello.

CLERK PULITZER: Is there a second?

LEGISLATOR FORD: I second it.

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

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

CLERK PULITZER: Yes.

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

CLERK PULITZER: Is there a second?

LEGISLATOR BYNOE: I second.

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

(No verbal response.)

Seeing none, is there a motion to

close the nominations?

LEGISLATOR KOPEL: So moved.

CLERK PULITZER: Is there a second?

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Second.

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

(Aye.)

Opposed?

(No verbal response.)

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

I will now call the roll. Legislator Abrahams, you have a vote, sir?

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Yes.

CLERK PULITZER: Who might that be?

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I apologize. Abrahams.

CLERK PULITZER: Thank you, sir. Legislator Bynoe?

LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Abrahams.

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CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Solages?

LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Abrahams.

CLERK PULITZER: Thank you. Appreciate it. Legislator Ford.

LEGISLATOR FORD: Nicolello.

CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Mule?

LEGISLATOR MULE: Abrahams.

CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Gaylor?

LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Nicolello.

CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Kopel?

LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Nicolello.

CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Muscarella?

LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Nicolello.

CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Nicolello?

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: I vote for myself.

CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Birnbaum?

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LEGISLATOR BIRNBAUM: Abrahams.

CLERK PULITZER: Legislator DeRiggi-Whitton?

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Abrahams.

CLERK PULITZER: Thank you, ma'am. Legislator Kennedy?

LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: Nicolello.

CLERK PULITZER: Legislator McKevitt? Welcome.

LEGISLATOR MCKEVITT: Nicolello.

CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Schaefer?

LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Nicolello.

CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Ferretti?

LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Nicolello.

CLERK PULITZER: Thank you and welcome. Legislator Drucker?

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Abrahams.

CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Walker?

LEGISLATOR WALKER: Nicolello.

CLERK PULITZER: Legislator

Lafazan?

LEGISLATOR LAFAZAN: Abrahams.

CLERK PULITZER: Thank you, sir. Legislator Rhoads?

LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Nicolello.

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

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

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

CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Thank you, Mr. Pulitzer.

At this time, it's my privilege

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

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

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

Can I have a motion?

LEGISLATOR RHOADS: So moved.

LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Second.

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

(No verbal response.)

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

(Aye.)

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Those opposed?

(No verbal response.)

Motion carries unanimously.

Congratulations, Mr. Pulitzer.

CLERK PULITZER: Thank you, sir. I would like to thank the Presiding Officer and the entire Legislative body for expressing their faith in me. It's an absolute pleasure to serve all of you and I do appreciate you as well. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Thank you.

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

Do I have a motion?

LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: So moved.

LEGISLATOR MCKEVITT: Second.

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

procedural rules?

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

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

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

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

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

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

CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: We will take a look at that.

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

CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: That is one

of the substantive changes in the rules that we're making today which would be to prohibit mass mailings by county legislators within 45 days of an election or within 30 days of a special election or primary.

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

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

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

Is there anyone who wants to

discuss this matter at all?

(No verbal response.)

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

(Aye.)

Those opposed?

(No verbal response.)

The rules carry unanimously.

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

LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: So moved.

LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: Second.

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

(No verbal response.)

Is there any public comment?

(No verbal response.)

All those in favor signify by

saying aye.

(Aye.)

Those opposed?

(No verbal response.)

The calendar is adopted.

Resolution 6 of 2018 is a resolution as to procedure to establish a committee on Economic and Community Development, Labor and Transportation.

Do we have a motion?

LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: So moved.

LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Second.

CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Moved by Legislator Ferretti, seconded by Legislator Rhoads. That item is before the committee. Do we have any discussion?

(No verbal response.)

All those in favor signify by saying aye.

(Aye.)

Those opposed?

(No verbal response.)

Carries unanimously.

Resolution 7 of 2018 as to

procedure is a resolution to establish a committee on Towns, Villages, and Cities.

Is there a motion?

LEGISLATOR FORD: So moved.

LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Second.

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

(No verbal response.)

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

(Aye.)

Those opposed?

(No verbal response.)

That item carries unanimously.

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

Is there a motion?

LEGISLATOR WALKER: So moved.

LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Second.

CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Moved by Legislator Walker, seconded by Legislator

Kopel. Do we have any discussion on this item?

(No verbal response.)

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

(Aye.)

Those opposed?

(No verbal response.)

Carries unanimously.

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

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

submitted Newsday as well as the official newspaper. So there is no vote required in that. So Newsday is it.

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

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

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

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

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

Public Works: Muscarella is the

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Chair, Walker and Rhoads are members.

Those are the majority appointments.

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Thank you, Presiding Officer Nicolello.

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

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

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

Government Services: Ranking Birnbaum, also Drucker and Lafazan.

Minority Affair, ranking Bynoe, myself and Mule.

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

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

Towns and Villages: Ranking

Lafazan, also Birnbaum and DeRiggi-Whitton.

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

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

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

Budget Review: Myself and Legislator Birnbaum.

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

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

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

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

(Whereupon, the Full Legislative

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

CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: The Full Legislature is reconvened.

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

LEGISLATOR WALKER: So moved.

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Second.

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

(Aye.)

Those opposed?

(No verbal response.)

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

(No verbal response.)

We are adjourned. Thank you very much.

(Whereupon, the Full Legislature 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.

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

JAMES KENNEDY,
Chairman

DENISE FORD,
Vice Chairwoman

THOMAS MCKEVITT

JOHN FERRETTI

ELLEN BIRNBAUM,
Ranking

ARNOLD DRUCKER

JOSHUA LAFAZAN

MICHAEL PULITZER,
Clerk of the Legislature

Government Services/1-5-18

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

Ranking Member Ellen Birnbaum?

LEGISLATOR BIRNBAUM: Here.

CHAIRMAN KENNEDY: Legislator Drucker?

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Here.

CHAIRMAN KENNEDY: Legislator Lafazan?

LEGISLATOR LAFAZAN: Here.

CHAIRMAN KENNEDY: Legislator Ferretti?

LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Here.

CHAIRMAN KENNEDY: Legislator McKevitt?

LEGISLATOR MCKEVITT: Here.

CHAIRMAN KENNEDY: Legislator Ford?

LEGISLATOR FORD: Here.

CHAIRMAN KENNEDY: And I am here. We have a quorum.

We have two items on the agenda.

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

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

May I have a motion?

LEGISLATOR WALKER: So moved.

LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Second.

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

(No verbal response.)

Is there any public comment?

(No verbal response.)

All those in favor of adopting

these rules signify by saying aye.

(Aye.)

Any opposed?

(No verbal response.)

The items pass unanimously. There is no other business in front of this committee, motion to adjourn?

LEGISLATOR FORD: So moved.

LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Second.

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

(Aye.)

The committee is now adjourned.

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

(Whereupon, the Government Services and Operations Committee adjourned 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

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

ROSE MARIE WALKER,
Chairwoman

JAMES KENNEDY,
Vice Chairman

LAURA SCHAEFER

C. WILLIAM GAYLOR, III

DELIA DeRIGGI-WHITTON,
Ranking

ARNOLD DRUCKER

JOSHUA LAFAZAN

MICHAEL PULITZER,
Clerk of the Legislature

Health Committee/1-5-18

CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Good afternoon everyone.

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

Ranking Member Delia DeRiggi-Whitton?

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Here.

CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Legislator Arnold Drucker?

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Here.

CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Legislator Joshua Lafazan?

LEGISLATOR LAFAZAN: Here.

CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Legislator C. William Gaylor?

LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Here.

CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Legislator Laura Schaefer?

LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Here.

CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Legislator Kennedy?

LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: Here.

Health Committee/1-5-18

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

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

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

May I have a motion, please?

LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: So moved.

LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: Second.

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

(No verbal response.)

Is there any public comment? Yes, Ms. Mereday.

Health Committee/1-5-18

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

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

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

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

address that.

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

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

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

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

So we need to start looking

collaboratively inter-committee as far as generating the resources that our residents need and the resources that our employees need to work for this county and serve the needs of the residents.

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

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

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

(No verbal response.)

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

Health Committee/1-5-18

(Aye.)

Any opposed?

The items pass unanimously.

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

LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: So moved.

LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Second.

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

(Aye.)

The committee is now adjourned.

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

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

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NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

RICHARD NICOLELLO,
Presiding Officer

MINORITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

STEVEN RHOADS,
Chairman

1550 Franklin Avenue
Mineola, New York

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

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

STEVEN RHOADS,
Chairman

ROSEMARIE WALKER
Vice-Chairwoman

JAMES KENNEDY

DENISE FORD

SIELA A. BYNOE
Ranking

KEVAN ABRAHAMS

DEBRA MULE

MICHAEL C. PULITZER,
Clerk of the Legislature

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

LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Here.

CHAIRMAN RHOADS: Legislator Abrahams?

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Here.

CHAIRMAN RHOADS: Legislator Mule?

LEGISLATOR MULE: Here.

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

LEGISLATOR FORD: Here.

CHAIRMAN RHOADS: Legislator Kennedy?

LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: Here.

CHAIRMAN RHOADS: Legislator Walker?

LEGISLATOR WALKER: Here.

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

Minority Affairs/1-5-18

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

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

May I have a motion on both of these items?

LEGISLATOR WALKER: So moved.

LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: Second.

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

(No verbal response.)

Is there any public comment? Ms. Mereday.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Do we have any further comment?

(No verbal response.)

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

(Aye.)

Those opposed say nay.

(No verbal response.)

The items pass unanimously.

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

LEGISLATOR WALKER: So moved.

LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: Second.

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

(Aye.)

Those opposed say nay.

(No verbal response.)

We stand adjourned.

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

(Whereupon, the Minority Affairs 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

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

DENISE FORD,
Chairwoman

VINCENT MUSCARELLA,
Vice Chairman

STEVE RHOADS

JOHN R. FERRETTI

DELIA DERIGGI-WHITTON,
Ranking

SIELA BYNOE

DEBRA MULE

MICHAEL PULITZER
Clerk of the Legislature

Public Safety Committee/1-5-18

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

Legislator Mule?

LEGISLATOR MULE: Here.

CHAIRWOMAN FORD: Legislator Bynoe?

LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Here.

CHAIRWOMAN FORD: Ranking Member Legislator DeRiggi-Whitton?

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Here.

CHAIRWOMAN FORD: Legislator Muscarella?

LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Here.

CHAIRWOMAN FORD: Legislator Ferretti?

LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Here.

CHAIRWOMAN FORD: Vice Chair Legislator Rhoads?

LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Here.

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

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

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

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

May I have a motion?

LEGISLATOR RHOADS: So moved.

LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Second.

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

(No verbal response.)

Is there any public comment?

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

paramount for any city, any county, any towns. I do applaud the Legislature how they support our Nassau County Police Department. I will continue to as a resident and taxpayer to continue to ask that the Nassau County Police Department be supported just in the way you have been supporting them.

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

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

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

Thank you.

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

(Aye.)

Any opposed?

(No verbal response.)

The items pass unanimously.

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

Motion to adjourn?

LEGISLATOR RHOADS: So moved.

LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Second.

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

(Aye.)

The committee is now adjourned. Thank you.

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

(Whereupon, the Public Safety 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

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

VINCENT MUSCARELLA,
Chairman

C. WILLIAM GAYLOR, III
Vice Chairman

LAURA SCHAEFER

JAMES KENNEDY

SIELA BYNOE,
Ranking

ARNOLD DRUCKER

JOSHUA LAFAZAN

MICHAEL PULITZER
Clerk of the Legislature

Public Works and Parks/1-5-18

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

Legislator Kennedy?

LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: Here.

CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Legislator Schaefer?

LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Here.

CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Colonel Gaylor?

LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Present.

CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Legislator Ranking Member Bynoe?

LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Here.

CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Legislator Drucker?

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Here.

CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Legislator Lafazan?

LEGISLATOR LAFAZAN: Here.

CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: We have a quorum.

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

Number 2. Procedural Resolution 1 of 2018 is a resolution to adopt a proposed statement of purpose for the Public Works and Parks Committee pursuant to the rules and procedure of the Nassau County Legislature.

May I have a motion?

LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: So moved.

LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: Second.

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

(No verbal response.)

Ms. Mereday.

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

Again, I cannot restate it enough

that the policies and procedures that have been in place, I'm hoping that they get a review and an update as it pertains to the changes that the body voted on particularly with the incoming Inspector General, that the contracting as well as the outreach and inclusion, the model that was broken that was ineffective in the past, it will not be just used because that's the way it's always been done.

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

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

you're saying and we need to make sure it is heard and on the record because too many people are getting their news about our tax dollars from Newsday, and that's your designated publication. That's all well and good, but we didn't elect Newsday. We elected all of you.

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

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

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

Thank you.

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

Any other discussion on that?

(No verbal response.)

Is there any public comment?

(No verbal response.)

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

(Aye.)

Those opposed say no.

(No verbal response.)

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

LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: So moved.

LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Second.

CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Moved by Legislator Schaefer, seconded by Colonel

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

(Aye.)

Any opposed?

(No verbal response.)

We are adjourned.

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

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

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FRANK GRAY

NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

RULES COMMITTEE

RICHARD NICOLELLO, Chairman

1550 Franklin Avenue
Mineola, New York

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

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

RICHARD NICOLELLO,
Chairman

HOWARD KOPEL,
Vice Chairman

STEVE RHOADS

LAURA SCHAEFER

KEVAN ABRAHAMS,
Ranking

DELIA DERIGGI-WHITTON

SIELA BYNOE

MICHAEL C. PULITZER,
Clerk of the Legislature

Rules Committee/1-5-18

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

Ranking Member Kevan Abrahams?

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Here.

CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Legislator DeRiggi-Whitton?

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Here.

CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Legislator Bynoe?

LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Here.

CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Legislator Schaefer?

LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Here.

CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Legislator Rhoads?

LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Here.

CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Legislator Kopel?

LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Here.

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

We have three items on the

Rules Committee/1-5-18

agenda.

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

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

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: So moved.

LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Second.

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

(No verbal response.)

Is there any public comment?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CLERK PULITZER: That's correct, Presiding Officer.

MS. MEREDAY: Thank you so much.

CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Any other public comment?

(No verbal response.)

All those in favor signify by saying aye.

(Aye.)

Those opposed?

(No verbal response.)

The items carry unanimously.

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

LEGISLATOR KOPEL: So moved.

LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Second.

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

(No verbal response.)

Hearing none, is there any public comment?

(No verbal response.)

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

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

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

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

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

MS. MEREDAY: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Any other public comment?

(No verbal response.)

All those in favor signify by saying aye.

(Aye.)

Those opposed?

(No verbal response.)

Item carries unanimously.

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

LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: So moved.

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Second.

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

(Aye.)

Those opposed?

(No verbal response.)

The motion carries unanimously. The committee is now adjourned.

(Whereupon, the Rules Committee 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

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

C. WILLIAM GAYLOR, III
Chairman

LAURA SCHAEFER
Vice Chairwoman

JAMES KENNEDY

VINCENT MUSCARELLA

JOSHUA LAFAZAN,
Ranking

ELLEN BIRNBAUM

DELIA DERIGGI-WHITTON

MICHAEL PULITZER,
Clerk of the Legislature

Towns Villages Cities/1-5-18

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

Joshua Lafazan?

LEGISLATOR LAFAZAN: Here.

CHAIRMAN GAYLOR: Ellen Birnbaum?

LEGISLATOR BIRNBAUM: Here.

CHAIRMAN GAYLOR: Delia DeRiggi-Whitton?

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Here.

CHAIRMAN GAYLOR: Vincent Muscarella?

LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Here.

CHAIRMAN GAYLOR: James Kennedy?

LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: Here.

CHAIRMAN GAYLOR: Vice Chair Laura Schaefer?

LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Here.

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

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

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

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

May I have a motion, please?

LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: So moved.

LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: Second.

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

(No verbal response.)

Any public comment?

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

CHAIRMAN GAYLOR: Likewise, Happy

New Year as well.

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

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

CHAIRMAN GAYLOR: Thank you. Any other comment?

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

One major issue that's impacting

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

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

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

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

So, again, the same with veteran

services, I'm hoping to see more actual recommendations and programs and real proactive solutions on this list when we come to these meetings and hear the discussion about how our hard earned money is being spent for related services in these particular areas. Thank you.

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

(No verbal response.)

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

(Aye.)

Those opposed?

(No verbal response.)

The item passes unanimously.

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

LEGISLATOR LAFAZAN: Mr. Chairman, may I?

CHAIRMAN GAYLOR: Legislator

Lafazan.

LEGISLATOR LAFAZAN: Thank you. I look forward to working with you and I thank you for your service to the nation.

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

CHAIRMAN GAYLOR: Good point. Point well taken. Thank you.

LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: So moved.

LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: Second.

CHAIRMAN GAYLOR: Moved by Legislator Muscarella, seconded by Legislator Kennedy. All those in favor?

(Aye.)

Committee is now adjourned.

CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Next committee is Economic and Community Development, Labor and Transportation; Chair, Thomas McKevitt.

(Whereupon, the Towns, Villages

Towns Villages Cities/1-5-18

and the Cities Committee adjourned at 2:35 p.m.)

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VETERAN AND SENIOR AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

JOHN FERRETTI, Chairman

1550 Franklin Avenue
Mineola, New York

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

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

JOHN FERRETTI,
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Vice Chairman

ROSE WALKER

STEVE RHOADS

DEBRA MULE,
Ranking

DELIA DERIGGI-WHITTON

ELLEN BIRNBAUM

MICHAEL PULITZER,
Clerk of the Legislature

Veteran & Sr. Affairs/1-5-18

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

Ranking Member Legislator Debra Mule?

LEGISLATOR MULE: Present.

CHAIRMAN FERRETTI: Legislator DeRiggi-Whitton?

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Here.

CHAIRMAN FERRETTI: Legislator Ellen Birnbaum?

LEGISLATOR BIRNBAUM: Here.

CHAIRMAN FERRETTI: Legislator Steve Rhoads?

LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Present.

CHAIRMAN FERRETTI: Legislator Rose Walker?

LEGISLATOR WALKER: Here.

CHAIRMAN FERRETTI: Legislator Gaylor?

LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Present.

CHAIRMAN FERRETTI: And I am

here. We have a quorum.

We have two items on the agenda. They are Procedural Resolutions Number 1 and Number 2. Procedural Resolution 1-2018 is a resolution to adopt the proposed rules of procedure of the Veterans and Senior Affairs Committee pursuant to the rules of procedure of the Nassau County Legislature.

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

May I have a motion?

LEGISLATOR RHOADS: So moved.

LEGISLATOR WALKER: Second.

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

(No verbal response.)

Is there any public comment? Please state your name and address for the record, please.

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

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

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

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

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

York State and the northeast corridor.

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

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

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

(No verbal response.)

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

(Aye.)

Opposed?

(No verbal response.)

The items pass unanimously.

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

to adjourn.

LEGISLATOR RHOADS: So moved.

LEGISLATOR WALKER: Second.

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

(Aye.)

Those opposed?

(No verbal response.)

The committee is now adjourned.

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

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

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