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## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT

**THE NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE WILL HOLD**

**A MEETING OF THE RULES COMMITTEE**

**ON**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 2022 AT 1:00 PM**

**IN**

**THE PETER J. SCHMITT MEMORIAL LEGISLATIVE CHAMBER  
THEODORE ROOSEVELT EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE BUILDING  
1550 FRANKLIN AVENUE, MINEOLA, NEW YORK 11501**

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**MICHAEL C. PULITZER**  
Clerk of the Legislature  
Nassau County, New York

**DATED: January 14, 2022  
Mineola, NY**

# **NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE**

## **14<sup>th</sup> TERM MEETING AGENDA**

# **RULES COMMITTEE**

**JANUARY 24, 2022 1:00 PM**

**Richard Nicoletto – Chairman**

**Howard Kopel – Vice Chairman**

**Steve Rhoads**

**Laura Schaefer**

**Kevan Abrahams – Ranking**

**Delia DeRiggi-Whitton**

**Siela Bynoe**

**Michael C. Pulitzer, Clerk of the Legislature**

Clerk Item No.	Proposed By	Assigned To	<u>Summary</u>
23-22	LE	R	<p><b><u>PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO.-2022</u></b>  A LOCAL LAW RELATING TO THE READJUSTMENT OR ALTERATION OF COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS SUBSEQUENT TO THE DECENNIAL FEDERAL CENSUS OF 2020. 23-22(LE)</p>

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NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

RICHARD NICOLELLO  
PRESIDING OFFICER

RULES COMMITTEE

LEGISLATOR RICHARD NICOLELLO

CHAIR

Theodore Roosevelt Building

1550 Franklin Avenue

Mineola, New York

Monday, January 24, 2021

2:02 P.M.

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

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4 LEGISLATOR RICHARD NICOLELLO

5 Chair

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7 LEGISLATOR HOWARD KOPEL

8 Vice Chair

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10 LEGISLATOR STEVEN RHOADS

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12 LEGISLATOR LAURA SCHAEFER

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14 LEGISLATOR KEVAN ABRAHAMS

15 Ranking member

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17 LEGISLATOR DELIA DERIGGI-WHITTON

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19 LEGISLATOR SIELA BYNOE

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2 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Mike call  
3 the Rules Committee.

4 MR. PULITZER: Rules Committee  
5 roll call. Legislator Siela Bynoe.

6 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Here.

7 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Delia  
8 DeRiggi-Whitton.

9 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:  
10 Here.

11 MR. PULITZER: Ranking Member  
12 Kevan Abrahams.

13 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Here.

14 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Laura  
15 Schaefer.

16 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Here.

17 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Steven  
18 Rhoads.

19 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Present.

20 MR. PULITZER: Vice Chairman  
21 Howard Kopel.

22 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Here.

23 MR. PULITZER: Chairman Richard  
24 Nicolello.

25 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Here.

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2 MR. PULITZER: We have a quorum  
3 sir.

4 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: We have  
5 one item on the Rules Committee, clerk item 23  
6 of 2022. It's a local law relating to the  
7 readjustment or alteration of Nassau County  
8 legislative districts subsequent to the  
9 decennial federal census of 2020.

10 Moved by Deputy Presiding Officer  
11 Kopel. Seconded by Legislator Rhoads.

12 Let me just say a few words of what  
13 we're doing here. Nassau County charter  
14 requires that the boundaries of the 19  
15 legislative districts be redrawn every ten  
16 years. Charter provides for a procedure for  
17 accomplishing that.

18 This redistricting occurs, again,  
19 every ten years after the census is released.  
20 Last year, because of COVID, the census was  
21 not released until later than usual. It was  
22 released on August 12 of 2021. So, for this  
23 initial step in the redistricting process has  
24 to be done within six months. That means we  
25 have a deadline of February 12th. The



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2 six-month deadline is provided by Section 112  
3 of the county government law.

4 This local law merely restates the  
5 existing legislative district boundaries.  
6 This is more of a procedural step to start the  
7 process. These lines will never be used  
8 again. They were the lines that we have run  
9 on since 2013. But after this step they will  
10 not be used in the next election.

11 There's another procedure that  
12 follows in which it lays out the lines that  
13 will actually be used.

14 Again, what we are doing today for  
15 these lines those lines will never be used to  
16 elect legislators.

17 We are following precedent today.  
18 This is exactly what the Democratic majority  
19 did, I think it was done in a bipartisan  
20 basis -- back in 2002. Again, this is being  
21 done pursuant to 112 of the county government  
22 law.

23 The next steps are governed by  
24 Sections 113 and 114 of the county government  
25 law and they set forth the process for actual

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2 redistricting of the legislature. Including  
3 the establishment of a temporary district  
4 advisory committee which will be charged with  
5 holding hearings throughout this county.

6 So, again, that's what we're doing  
7 today. Does any other legislator want to  
8 speak on the issue? Any public comment?

9 MS. MEREDAY: Yes. Meta J.  
10 Mereday. I do appreciate you kind of  
11 outlining that but it was a lot to kind of  
12 take in. So, I just want to be clear that  
13 there will be some additional outreach and  
14 information to the community with regard to  
15 what's taking place and the rationale behind it  
16 as far as the steps that they are involved in  
17 terms of meetings.

18 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Yes. 100  
19 percent. This is more of just a procedural  
20 step because of the way the charter was  
21 written. So, again, we're just reaffirming  
22 the existing lines. Once that's done then the  
23 commission gets formed. The commission has  
24 hearings throughout the county and then the  
25 process unfolds. These lines that we're

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2 talking about today no one is ever going to  
3 run under these lines again.

4 MS. MEREDAY: But these current  
5 lines, this is not going to be something  
6 that's going to impact possibly making changes  
7 that can impact say state and federal  
8 elections coming down the road?

9 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: No. It  
10 has nothing to do with the state and federal.  
11 This is just the county legislature. And by  
12 law, these lines would have to be changed  
13 under any circumstances.

14 MS. MEREDAY: And the committee  
15 is going to follow pretty much the same  
16 guidelines as they did previously with regard  
17 to representation from both sides and outreach  
18 to the community?

19 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Yes.  
20 Actually those requirements are in the charter  
21 itself.

22 MR. MEREDAY: Thank you.

23 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Any other  
24 public comment? Mr. McKenna.

25 MR. MCKENNA: This is the Rules

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2 Committee? I want to make one statement.  
3 Kevin McKenna, Nassau County taxpayer. To the  
4 Rules Committee, I want you all to know that  
5 all five NIFA individuals their term expired  
6 years ago. They are not even legally  
7 officially NIFA people. Their terms expired.  
8 You should be aware of that.

9 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: That's not  
10 germane but those appointments are not made by  
11 this body.

12 Any further debate or discussion on  
13 the item? If not, all in favor signify by  
14 saying aye. Those opposed? Carries  
15 unanimously.

16 A motion to adjourn by Legislator  
17 Rhoads. Seconded by Legislator  
18 DeRiggi-Whitton. All in favor of adjourning  
19 signify by saying aye.

20 (Committee adjourned at 2:07 p.m.)

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accurate transcript of my stenographic  
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have  
hereunto set my hand this 25th day of  
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FRANK GRAY