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PUBLIC NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT THE NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE WILL HOLD COMMITTEE MEETINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2026 STARTING AT 1:00 PM AND WILL HOLD A FULL SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2026 STARTING AT 1:00 PM FOR PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT, AND AT 2:00 PM FOR THE LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR IN THE PETER J. SCHMITT MEMORIAL LEGISLATIVE CHAMBER, 1st FLOOR, THEODORE ROOSEVELT EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE BUILDING, 1550 FRANKLIN AVENUE, MINEOLA, NEW YORK 11501.

FULL LEGISLATIVE SESSION.....1:00 PM

COMMITTEES	TIME
RULES	1:00PM
PUBLIC SAFETY	1:00PM
PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT & THE ENVIRONMENT	1:00PM
TOWNS, VILLAGES AND CITIES	1:00PM
ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, LABOR AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE	1:00PM
PUBLIC WORKS AND PARKS	1:00PM
HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES	1:00PM
GOVERNMENT SERVICES AND OPERATIONS	1:00PM
MINORITY AFFAIRS	1:00PM
VETERANS & SENIOR AFFAIRS	1:00PM
FINANCE	1:00PM

Dated: FEBRUARY 2, 2026
Mineola, NY

MICHAEL C. PULITZER
Clerk of the Legislature

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NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

16th TERM MEETING AGENDA

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

FEBRUARY 9TH , 2026 1:00 PM

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25-26	LE	PS, R	<u>LOCAL LAW - 2026</u> A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND TITLE 86 OF THE MISCELLANEOUS LAWS OF NASSAU COUNTY REGARDING THE PROHIBITION ON THE INHUMANE RESTRAINT OF PETS. 25-26 (LE)

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FEBRUARY 9TH, 2026 1:00 PM

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23-26	OMB	F, R	<u>RESOLUTION NO. – 2026</u> A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A WARRANT DIRECTING THE TREASURER OF THE COUNTY OF NASSAU TO PAY TO THE SUPERVISORS OF THE SEVERAL TOWNS AND TO THE TREASURERS OF THE SEVERAL VILLAGES AND CITIES WITHIN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, THE SUMS AS APPORTIONED BY THE NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE BASED ON A REPORT FILED BY THE COUNTY TREASURER AND THE COUNTY CLERK, SHOWING DEPOSITS FROM MORTGAGE TAXES FOR THE QUARTER BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2025 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025; PURSUANT TO THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT LAW OF NASSAU COUNTY AND THE NASSAU COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE. 23-26 (OMB)

NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

16th TERM MEETING AGENDA

RULES COMMITTEE

FEBRUARY 9TH, 2026 1:00 PM

Howard Kopel – Chairman

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A-1-26	PR	R	<u>RULES RESOLUTION NO. – 2026</u> A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONER OF SHARED SERVICES TO AWARD AND EXECUTE A PURCHASE ORDER BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND D.F. EASTWOOD CONSTRUCTION CORP., D.B.A. ALL ISLAND FENCE & RAILINGS. A-1-26 (PR)

A-2-26	PR	R	<u>RULES RESOLUTION NO. – 2026</u> A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONER OF SHARED SERVICES TO AWARD AND EXECUTE A BLANKET PURCHASE ORDER BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, ACTING ON BEHALF OF VARIOUS NASSAU COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND PREDATOR PEST CONTROL. A-2-26 (PR)
A-3-26	PR	R	<u>RULES RESOLUTION NO. – 2026</u> A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONER OF SHARED SERVICES TO AWARD AND EXECUTE A PURCHASE ORDER BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU ACTING ON BEHALF OF NASSAU COUNTY PARKS DEPARTMENT AND ALL ISLAND EQUIPMENT CORP. A-3-26 (PR)
A-4-26	PR	R	<u>RULES RESOLUTION NO. – 2026</u> A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONER OF SHARED SERVICES TO AWARD AND EXECUTE A PURCHASE ORDER BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU ACTING ON BEHALF OF NASSAU COUNTY CORRECTIONS CENTER AND ALL ISLAND FENCE & RAILING. A-4-26 (PR)
A-5-26	PR	R	<u>RULES RESOLUTION NO. – 2026</u> A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONER OF SHARED SERVICES TO AWARD AND EXECUTE A BLANKET PURCHASE ORDER BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HINCK ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR, INC. A-5-26 (PR)
A-7-26	PR	R	<u>RULES RESOLUTION NO. – 2026</u> A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONER OF SHARED SERVICES TO AWARD AND EXECUTE A PURCHASE ORDER BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND ROCKLAND BAKERY, INC. A-7-26 (PR)
A-8-26	PR	R	<u>RULES RESOLUTION NO. – 2026</u> A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONER OF SHARED SERVICES TO AWARD AND EXECUTE A PURCHASE ORDER BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, ACTING ON BEHALF OF NASSAU COUNTY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT, AND TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, INC. A-8-26 (PR)

A-10-26	PR	R	<u>RULES RESOLUTION NO. – 2026</u> A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONER OF SHARED SERVICES TO AWARD AND EXECUTE A PURCHASE ORDER BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, ACTING ON BEHALF OF NASSAU COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, AND CONSOLIDATED MACHINE CORPORATION DBA CONSOLIDATED STERILIZER SYSTEMS. A-10-26 (PR)
E-14-26	HS	R	<u>RULES RESOLUTION NO. – 2025</u> A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE A PERSONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE NASSAU COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES AND NASSAU COUNTY POLICE ACTIVITY LEAGUE INC. E-14-26 (HS)
E-15-26	HE	R	<u>RULES RESOLUTION NO. – 2025</u> RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE A PERSONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE NASSAU COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND NEW YORK ENVIRONMENTAL & ANALYTICAL LABORATORIES, INC. E-15-26 (HE)
E-16-26	TR	R	<u>RULES RESOLUTION NO. – 2026</u> A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE A PERSONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE NASSAU COUNTY TREASURER AND REALAUCTION.COM LLC. E-16-26 (TR)
E-17-26	AT	R	<u>RULES RESOLUTION NO. – 2026</u> A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE A PERSONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE NASSAU COUNTY ATTORNEY’S OFFICE AND DEVITT SPELLMAN BARRETT, LLP. E-17-26 (AT)
E-18-26	AT	R	<u>RULES RESOLUTION NO. – 2026</u> A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE A PERSONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE NASSAU COUNTY ATTORNEY’S OFFICE AND MILBER MAKRIS PLOUSADIS & SEIDEN, LLP. E-18-26 (AT)

E-19-26	AT	R	<u>RULES RESOLUTION NO. – 2026</u> A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE A PERSONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE NASSAU COUNTY ATTORNEY’S OFFICE AND BOND, SCHOENECK & KING, PLLC. E-19-26 (AT)
E-20-26	AT	R	<u>RULES RESOLUTION NO. – 2026</u> A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO A PERSONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE NASSAU COUNTY ATTORNEY’S OFFICE AND HALL BOOTH SMITH, P.C. E-20-26 (AT)
E-21-26	AT	R	<u>RULES RESOLUTION NO. – 2026</u> A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE A PERSONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE NASSAU COUNTY ATTORNEY’S OFFICE AND KIRSCHENBAUM & PHILLIPS, P.C. E-21-26 (AT)
E-22-26	CO	R	<u>RULES RESOLUTION NO. – 2026</u> A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE A PERSONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE NASSAU COUNTY COMPTROLLER AND MARK DOXEY. E-22-26 (CO)

NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

16th TERM MEETING AGENDA

FINANCE COMMITTEE ADDENDUM

FEBRUARY 9TH, 2026 1:00 PM

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29-26	LE	F, R	<u>LOCAL LAW NO. – 2026</u> A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND SECTION 6-2.2 OF TITLE A OF CHAPTER VI OF CHAPTER 272 OF THE NASSAU COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, IN RELATION TO INCREASING THE MAXIMUM INCOME ELIGIBILITY LEVEL FOR THE REAL PROPERTY TAXATION EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN PERSONS WITH LIMITED INCOME, PURSUANT TO SECTION 467 OF THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW. 29-26 (LE)

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FINANCE COMMITTEE ADDENDUM 2

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16th TERM MEETING AGENDA

HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE ADDENDUM

FEBRUARY 9TH, 2026 1:00 PM

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Samantha Goetz

Olena Nicks – Ranking

Viviana Russell

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27-26	LE	H, PS, R	<u>LOCAL LAW - 2026</u> A LOCAL LAW TO PROHIBIT THE SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF KRATOM. 27 -26 (LE)

HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

16th TERM MEETING AGENDA

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE ADDENDUM

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28-26	CE	R	<u>RESOLUTION NO. – 2026</u> A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE OF WILLIAM P. BODKIN AS A JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF NASSAU FOR THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT, PURSUANT TO SECTION 21(D) OF ARTICLE 6 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK. 28-26 (CE)
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NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEES MEETING

HOWARD KOPEL

PRESIDING OFFICER

HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

ROSE MARIE WALKER

CHAIRWOMAN

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

County Executive and Legislative Building

1550 Franklin Avenue

Mineola, New York

Monday, February 9, 2026

2:04 p.m.

TAKEN BY: KAREN LORENZO, OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER

A P P E A R A N C E S

CHAIRWOMAN ROSE MARIE WALKER

VICE CHAIRMAN MICHAEL GIANGREGORIO

LEGISLATOR SCOTT STRAUSS

LEGISLATOR SAMANTHA GOETZ

LEGISLATOR OLENA NICKS - RANKING

LEGISLATOR ARNOLD DRUCKER

LEGISLATOR VIVIANA RUSSELL

MICHAEL PULITZER

Clerk of the Legislature

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2 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: At this time, I
3 will call the Health and Social Service
4 Committee to order. And I will ask the
5 clerk to take the roll call.

6 CLERK PULITZER: Thank you, madam.

7 Chairman Rose Marie Walker?

8 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Here.

9 CLERK PULITZER: Vice chairman
10 Michael Giangregorio?

11 LEGISLATOR GIANGREGORIO: Here.

12 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Scott
13 Strauss?

14 LEGISLATOR STRAUSS: Present.

15 CLERK PULITZER: Samantha Goetz?

16 CLERK PULITZER: Ranking member
17 Olena Nicks?

18 LEGISLATOR NICKS: Here.

19 CLERK PULITZER: Thank you.

20 Viviana Russell?

21 LEGISLATOR RUSSELL: Here.

22 CLERK PULITZER: Arnold Drucker?

23 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Here.

24 CLERK PULITZER: Thank you. We have a
25 quorum.

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2 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Thank you. The
3 only item we have on today's Agenda is
4 via Addendum; therefore, I will take a
5 motion to suspend the Rules.

6 Motion made by legislator
7 Giangregorio, seconded by Legislator
8 Drucker.

9 All in favor of suspending the
10 Rules, signify by saying aye.

11 (Whereupon, all members
12 respond in favor.)

13 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: There is one
14 item on the Agenda today which is Clerk
15 Item 27-26. This is a local law to
16 prohibit the sale and distribution of
17 kratom.

18 May I have a motion?

19 Moved by Legislator Scott Strauss,
20 seconded by Legislator Viviana Russell.

21 All in favor, please signify by
22 saying aye.

23 (Whereupon, all members
24 respond in favor.)

25 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Okay. Briefly,

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2 this item was previously heard in Public
3 safety and would ban the sale and
4 distribution of kratom containing
5 products in Nassau County. Both the
6 majority and the minority have filed
7 legislation towards this goal, and as
8 indicated in Public Safety, it will be
9 the subject of a hearing on February
10 23rd.

11 As we have in the past, I would ask
12 if members of this committee have
13 questions or concerns that they place
14 them on the record here today. To the
15 extent we can address those questions or
16 concerns today, we will. Otherwise, we
17 will make sure that they are addressed at
18 our public hearing and prior to the vote
19 on February 23rd.

20 Would any legislator like to speak
21 on this?

22 Legislator Drucker.

23 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Thank you,
24 Chairwoman.

25 So we just had a discussion with the

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2 Public Safety Committee, and I would just
3 like to repeat that, but not word for
4 word, please.

5 We have two bills because I think
6 both caucuses understand the gravity of
7 this situation and how important it is
8 for us to come up with something that is
9 suitable for all of us, and is going to
10 be effective in eradicating this in
11 Nassau County. So I look forward to our
12 collaboration on this. We're going to
13 have meetings, your counsel and mine. We
14 look forward to having a hearing on the
15 23rd and getting this bill passed for the
16 benefit of all of Nassau County
17 residents.

18 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Thank you,
19 Legislator Drucker.

20 Any other legislators?

21 (Whereupon, no response.)

22 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: I would just
23 like to add that many of these shops,
24 too, they realistically look like a candy
25 store, and they entice our young people

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2 to go in and to purchase products that
3 are certainly really for the detrimental
4 of their health.

5 Is there any other debate or
6 discussion?

7 (Whereupon, no response.)

8 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: All in favor
9 signify by saying aye.

10 (Whereupon, all members
11 respond in favor.)

12 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any opposed?

13 (Whereupon, no response.)

14 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: This item passes
15 unanimously. We look forward to
16 discussing this further on February 23rd.

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

19 May I have a motion to adjourn? By
20 Legislator Samantha Goetz, seconded by
21 Legislator Olena Nicks.

22 All in favor of adjourning, signify
23 by saying aye.

24 (Whereupon, all members
25 respond in favor).

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CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any opposed?

(Whereupon, no response.)

CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: No.

We are now adjourned and we move on
to Finance.

(Whereupon, meeting
adjourns, 2:08 p.m.)

C E R T I F I C A T E

STATE OF NEW YORK)

: SS.:

COUNTY OF NASSAU)

I, KAREN LORENZO, a Notary Public
for and within the State of New York, do
hereby certify:

That the above is a correct
transcription of my stenographic notes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto
set my hand this 9th day of February, 2026.

Karen Lorenzo

Karen Lorenzo

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2:08 p.m.

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LEGISLATOR JAMES KENNEDY

LEGISLATOR ROSE MARIE WALKER

LEGISLATOR CARRIE SOLAGES RANKING MEM.

LEGISLATOR DEBRA MULE

LEGISLATOR OLENA NICKS

MICHAEL PULITZER Clerk of the Legislature

CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: Mr. Pulitzer,
please call the roll for the Finance
Committee.

CLERK PULITZER: Thank you, sir.

Chairman Thomas McKevitt?

CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Vice chairman
Michael Giangregorio?

LEGISLATOR GIANREGORIO: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Legislator James
Kennedy?

LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Rose Marie Walker?

LEGISLATOR WALKER: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Ranking Member
Carrie A. Solages?

LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Thank you.

Debbie Mule?

LEGISLATOR MULE: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Olena Nicks?

LEGISLATOR NICKS: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: We have a quorum,
sir.

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2 LEGISLATOR MCKEVITT: Thank you very
3 much.

4 We actually have two Addendums at
5 this point. So at this point, I'll
6 entertain a motion to suspend the Rules
7 that's being made by Legislator
8 Giangregorio, seconded by Legislator
9 Solages.

10 All those in favor of suspending the
11 Rules for the purpose of adding two
12 addendum items, please signify by saying
13 aye.

14 (Whereupon, all members
15 respond in favor.)

16 CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: All opposed?

17 (Whereupon, no response.)

18 CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: Passes
19 unanimously 7 to 0.

20 So the items are going to be adding
21 will be numbers 24 and 29.

22 For now we're going to go and
23 consider the following items which will
24 be number 22, 23, 24 and 29.

25 That motion is made by Legislator

Walker, seconded by Legislator Mule.

First item we will call is number 22-26, dealing with the American Guitar Museum. Commissioner Belyea.

COMMISSIONER BELYEA: Good afternoon, Darcy Belyea, Parks Commissioner. Presenting a hotel/motel tax grant agreement between the County and American Guitar Museum in New Hyde Park.

The requested amount of funding is \$30,000, and the purpose is for upgrades and improvements to the facilities in an effort to enhance tourism to the facility. Contract term is December 1st, 2025 to November 30th, 2026 and the funding source is the Hotel/Motel Tax Grant fund.

LEGISLATOR MCKEVITT: Any questions for any of the legislators?

(Whereupon, no response.)

COMMISSIONER BELYEA: Thank you.

LEGISLATOR MCKEVITT: If not, thank you.

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2 CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: The next item is
3 23-26. No need to have any discussion on
4 this. This is a pro forma item we take
5 every year. And what simply does is it
6 distributes the mortgage recording taxes
7 to the necessary agencies through the
8 County Treasurer.

9 Are there any questions from the
10 legislators?

11 (Whereupon, no response.)

12 CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: If not, we'll
13 then continue on that one.

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2 CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: And both the
3 agenda items, I'll call them together. Is
4 24-26 and 29-26. 24-26 is a local law to
5 establish a real property tax exemption
6 for surviving spouses of police officers
7 killed in the line of duty.

8 And number 29 is a local law to
9 amend the Administrative Code of Nassau
10 County in relation to the income eligible
11 level for real property tax exemption for
12 senior citizens of certain limited
13 income.

14 Both of these items are items that
15 come from state law. So again, we do not
16 have any control over either the
17 parameters or the income limits, but the
18 State Legislature enacts it and it's up
19 to local municipality whether we'd want
20 to adopt it. We truly believe we should
21 be getting as much tax relief as possible
22 for those, again, especially to spouses
23 of police officers.

24 And again, once again, what the
25 senior citizen level does is, is it

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2 increases some additional exemptions.
3 Right now the maximum exemption is 50%.
4 It adds a couple more categories to bring
5 up to 65%. And again, it brings it down
6 to \$47,000 for the income to get the
7 maximum amount, which again looking at
8 Nassau, I don't know how you survive on
9 that, but we are allowing it. The problem
10 is it's a state law statute. So it
11 applies from here to New York City
12 throughout the state. So perhaps it
13 should be different, but that's what the
14 state gives us.

15 Are there any questions, any of
16 those items?

17 (Whereupon, no response.)

18 CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: If not, all in
19 favor please signify by saying aye.

20 (Whereupon, all members
21 respond in favor.)

22 CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: All opposed?

23 (Whereupon, no response.)

24 CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: Those items are
25 passed unanimously, 7 to 0.

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2 I now have a motion from Legislator
3 Kennedy to adjourn. That is seconded by
4 Legislator Nicks.

5 All in favor, please signify by
6 saying aye.

7 (Whereupon, all members
8 respond in favor.)

9 CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: All opposed?

10 (Whereupon, no response.)

11 CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: We are
12 adjourned.

13 Back to Rules.

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15 (Whereupon, meeting
16 adjourned, 2:12 p.m.)
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C E R T I F I C A T E

STATE OF NEW YORK)

: SS.:

COUNTY OF NASSAU)

I, KAREN LORENZO, a Notary Public
for and within the State of New York, do
hereby certify:

That the above is a correct
transcription of my stenographic notes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto
set my hand this 9th day of February, 2026.

Karen Lorenzo

Karen Lorenzo

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CHAIRMAN PATRICK MULLANEY

VICE CHAIR SCOTT STRAUSS

LEGISLATOR MAZI MELESA PILIP

LEGISLATOR SAMANTHA GOETZ

LEGISLATOR SCOTT DAVIS RANKING MEMBER

LEGISLATOR DEBRA MULE' (absent)

LEGISLATOR ARNOLD DRUCKER (SUB)

LEGISLATOR CYNTHIA NUNEZ

MICHAEL PULITZER

Clerk of the Legislature

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2 CHAIRMAN MULLANEY: At this time, I
3 will ask Mr. Pulitzer to call the Public
4 Safety Committee to order.

5 CLERK PULITZER: Chairman Patrick
6 Mullaney?

7 CHAIRMAN MULLANEY: Here.

8 CLERK PULITZER: Vice Chairman Scott
9 Strauss?

10 LEGISLATOR STRAUSS: Present.

11 CLERK PULITZER: Mazi Pilip?

12 LEGISLATOR PILIP: Here.

13 CLERK PULITZER: Samantha Goetz?

14 LEGISLATOR GOETZ: Here.

15 CLERK PULITZER: Ranking Member
16 Scott Davis?

17 LEGISLATOR DAVIS: Present.

18 CLERK PULITZER: Arnold Drucker?

19 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Here.

20 CLERK PULITZER: Cynthia Nunez?

21 LEGISLATOR NUNEZ: Here.

22 CLERK PULITZER: We have a quorum.

23 CHAIRMAN MULLANEY: Thank you.

24 We have two items on the Agenda
25 today, and there's one item is on the

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2 Addendum Calendar. I will call for a
3 motion to suspend the Rules.

4 May I have a motion made by
5 Legislator Strauss, seconded by
6 Legislator Nunez.

7 All those in favor say aye.

8 (Whereupon, all members
9 respond in favor.)

10 CHAIRMAN MULLANEY: The Rules are now
11 suspended.

12 Both items today are local laws. Our
13 first proposal, local law, is Clerk Item
14 25-26, which is a local law to amend
15 title 86 of the Miscellaneous Laws of
16 Nassau County regarding the prohibition
17 on the inhumane restraint of pets.

18 May I have a motion? Moved by
19 Legislator Goetz, seconded by Legislator
20 Strauss. The item is before us.

21 Legislator Goetz would like to make
22 a statement.

23 LEGISLATOR GOETZ: Thank you,
24 Legislator Mullaney.

25 The proposed local law that we

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2 consider today builds upon Nassau
3 County's existing prohibition on the
4 inhumane restraint of pets, and we hope
5 that we hope will lead to greater and
6 more uniform enforcement of these
7 provisions countywide.

8 Among the specific amendments we are
9 proposing today would prohibit the
10 outdoor restraint of animals between the
11 hours of 11 p.m. and 6 a.m., and would
12 restrict the tethering of animals in
13 close proximity to one another, or that
14 are young, sick, injured or nursing.

15 In addition, this law will enhance
16 the penalties of offenses, moving them
17 from violations to misdemeanors, with the
18 potential for fines and imprisonment for
19 up to 15 days for the first offense; 30
20 days for the second; and imprisonment of
21 one year for a third. In egregious cases,
22 we have also included a provision that
23 would allow for forfeiture of the animal
24 at the discretion of the Court in the
25 event of a conviction.

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2 Finally, the law currently on the
3 books prohibits enforcement by the County
4 in any jurisdiction that has adopted a
5 substantially similar local law. The
6 amendment would allow these jurisdictions
7 to opt into the County's legislation, and
8 we hope to add more partners to
9 enforcement, including Nassau County
10 Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to
11 Animals, as well as the Nassau County
12 Police Department.

13 This proposed legislation is subject
14 to a public hearing before the Full
15 Legislature, which we anticipate will be
16 held on February 23rd. As such, if any
17 legislator on this committee has any
18 questions or concerns, I invite them to
19 place them on the record here today, and
20 we will have them addressed at the
21 hearing prior to the vote.

22 Thank you.

23 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Chairman
24 Mullaney, may I have a word, please?

25 CHAIRMAN MULLANEY: Legislator

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2 Drucker, yes, of course.

3 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Thank you, sir.

4 So everyone who knows me knows that
5 I am a huge dog lover. I've had dogs my
6 entire life, multiple dogs. And in 2019,
7 I was the proud sponsor of legislation
8 that was co-sponsored by the entire body.
9 Because we needed legislation to punish
10 people who abuse our furry friends. It
11 was needed then. And today's item and I
12 thank Legislator Goetz for proposing
13 this. Anything that we can do to enhance
14 the legislation, punish those who want to
15 do these horrible things to our animals.
16 I applaud you. We can never do enough.
17 And in fact, whenever I hear about an
18 incident where someone is mistreating an
19 animal, it just hits me to my core. We
20 were fortunate to get this bill done in
21 2019. Again, I was a proud sponsor and I
22 was able to gather the entire caucus, the
23 entire body, to support it. We made some
24 tweaks to it, and now you're doing it
25 even further to punish people even more.

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2 And it's wonderful. I fully support it
3 and I will be supporting it, and I think
4 all of our caucus will be as well.

5 Congratulations.

6 CHAIRMAN MULLANEY: Thanks, Arnie.
7 Would any other legislators like to
8 speak?

9 (Whereupon, no response.)

10 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: All right. No other
11 further debate or discussion.

12 All those in favor signify by saying
13 aye.

14 (Whereupon, all members
15 respond in favor.)

16 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Anyone opposed?

17 (Whereupon, no response.)

18 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: All right. That
19 item passes unanimously.

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2 CHAIRMAN MULLANEY: Our next item is
3 Clerk Item 27-26, which is a local law to
4 prohibit the sale and distribution of
5 kratom.

6 May I have a motion? Move by
7 Legislator Strauss, seconded by
8 Legislator Davis.

9 The item is before us.

10 I'd personally like to offer a brief
11 statement on what we're looking to
12 accomplish with this local law before
13 turning the floor over to my colleagues.

14 Both the Majority and the Mminority
15 filed within minutes of each other,
16 different versions of the same law
17 seeking to ban the sale and distribution
18 of kratom containing products in Nassau
19 County. Kratom, for those of you that
20 don't know, is a product that is
21 currently generally available to the
22 public and that the FDA has deemed a
23 threat to public health with the
24 potential to be abused. I was personally
25 approached by several of my friends,

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2 people in my district, who deal with drug
3 treatment centers, who really brought it
4 to my attention; otherwise, it was not
5 something I personally had any knowledge
6 of.

7 This drug, when ingested, acts as an
8 opioid receptor in the brain and can
9 cause serious adverse effects such as
10 liver toxicity, seizures, high blood
11 pressure, and substance abuse disorders.
12 Reports indicate that when mixed with
13 other substances or medications, the
14 consequences could be fatal.

15 Kratom is banned in several nations,
16 as well as many states and localities
17 throughout the United States. This
18 legislation, we seek to ban its sale and
19 distribution in Nassau County.

20 Before I turn the microphone over to
21 Legislator Drucker, I would like to state
22 that this legislation will be subject to
23 a hearing before the Full Legislature on
24 February 23rd; therefore, I ask if anyone
25 on this committee has any other questions

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2 or concerns that they be placed on the
3 record here today. If we cannot address
4 those questions or those concerns now, we
5 will make sure that they're addressed at
6 the public hearing on the 23rd.

7 Legislator Drucker.

8 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Thank you,
9 Chairman. Appreciate that.

10 So last summer a couple constituents
11 of mine came to my office to sit down
12 with me and talk to me about kratom. And
13 I have to tell you, I was blown away by
14 it. These people were distraught. They're
15 college student, son, in an effort to
16 help him stay focused during finals and
17 studying, started taking kratom because
18 it was easily available in convenient
19 stores. It was cheap. And he became so
20 hooked on this, it was worse than opioids
21 and he basically flunked out of school,
22 and he was a promising college student.

23 Since then, last summer, we heard
24 about it from other people as well. My
25 office, we did a lot of background on

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2 this. We did research, exhaustive
3 research. Legal counsel in our office did
4 tremendous research on this, and we were
5 formulating ideas to put it into
6 legislative form. And coincidentally, the
7 Majority was doing the same thing.

8 It's really, really important. I'm
9 sure all of us here agree the same thing.
10 I mean, these people were telling me how
11 while their son was trying to withdraw
12 from it, it was watching their son like a
13 heroin addict lying on the floor in a
14 fetal position, unable to move and in
15 pain. And this was something who started
16 out just as an innocuous ability to stay
17 focused while he's studying for finals.
18 So it's highly addictive. The FDA, as
19 you point out, has pointed out what the
20 dangers are. Governor Hochul passed a law
21 last year addressing it. She passed a law
22 saying that it was now prohibited and
23 only allowed for people over 21. We want
24 to ban it entirely in Nassau County.
25 There's absolutely no purpose for it. It

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2 serves no purpose whatsoever.

3 And I'm confident that now -- when
4 we filed our bill that we're going to our
5 legal counsel on our legal counsel and
6 your legal counsel, I understand they're
7 having a meeting tomorrow, and we're
8 going to marry the two bills and find a
9 way to to coordinate them so that all 19
10 of us will be sponsoring this bill. I
11 assume that's going to be the idea here.
12 There's no reason why it shouldn't.

13 I'd like to attend and any of the
14 meetings between our respective counsel.
15 If any of you want to attend, I think
16 it's a good idea. We should all listen to
17 it and educate ourselves on really the
18 dangers of this.

19 So I we're going to pass it through
20 today. But I'd like your acknowledgment,
21 as you already did, Chairman, that
22 between now and the 23rd, we will
23 formulate a collaborative bill that
24 unites both of these initiatives so that
25 we have one bill on the 23rd that is

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2 suitable for all of us.

3 CHAIRMAN MULLANEY: Thank you, Arnie.
4 I couldn't agree more. I think this is
5 something that once we do it, you're
6 going to see other municipalities hop on
7 board. As Miss Jacobs pointed out
8 earlier, a lot of these shops, these head
9 shops are finding loopholes constantly in
10 order for kids. And the people who
11 brought it to my attention deal with
12 first responders and veterans. And they
13 said a lot of them are using it because
14 of its ease to get because of its
15 legality, because it's legal. And they
16 don't know -- not that they don't know
17 anybody because a lot of them do. But
18 until it's banned, the access to it is
19 just is too readily available.

20 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: You know, even
21 though it's a state law now, I did a
22 video. I mean, it's advertised in front
23 of these convenience stores and dairy
24 barns and all over the county. And it's
25 really got to stop. And we we have the

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2 ability to do something. And I'm proud
3 that this body will be able to do that.

4 CHAIRMAN MULLANEY: Thank you,
5 Legislator Drucker.

6 Any further debate or discussion?

7 (Whereupon, no response.)

8 CHAIRMAN MULLANEY: All right.

9 All those in favor signify by saying
10 aye.

11 (Whereupon, all members
12 respond in favor.)

13 CHAIRMAN MULLANEY: Any opposed?

14 (Whereupon, no response.)

15 CHAIRMAN MULLANEY: That item two
16 passes unanimously.

17 As there is no other business in
18 front of this committee, may I have a
19 motion to adjourn?

20 Moved by Legislator Strauss,
21 seconded by Legislator Goetz.

22 All those in favor of adjourning,
23 please say aye.

24 (Whereupon, all members
25 respond in favor.)

CHAIRMAN MULLANEY: The committee is
now adjourned. I believe Health is next.

(Whereupon, meeting is
adjourned, 2:04 p.m.)

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: SS.:

COUNTY OF NASSAU)

I, KAREN LORENZO, a Notary Public
for and within the State of New York, do
hereby certify:

That the above is a correct
transcription of my stenographic notes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto
set my hand this 9th day of February, 2026.

Karen Lorenzo

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CHAIRMAN HOWARD KOPEL

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LEGISLATOR JOHN GIUFFRE

MINORITY LEADER DELIA DERIGGI-WHITTON RANKING MEM.

LEGISLATOR ARNOLD DRUCKER

LEGISLATOR SCOTT DAVIS

MICHAEL PULITZER Clerk of the Legislature

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2 (Whereupon, the Pledge of Allegiance
3 is said.)
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5 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: So usually our
6 points of personal privilege are are done
7 with the Full Legislature. But today,
8 because of scheduling, we have one. And
9 that is Legislator Davis. Go ahead,
10 please.

11 LEGISLATOR DAVIS: Thank you. So I
12 have the great pleasure of exercising my
13 first point of personal privilege for
14 2026, and that is to honor my hometown,
15 RVC Southside Girls, New York State 2025
16 Champions. The Lady Cyclones had a record
17 of 17 and 1 in the County Championships.
18 And I'm sorry, Legislator Kennedy and
19 Walker, but the first round was 3-0
20 against Plainedge. The following round
21 was for the Long Island Championships,
22 where they had a 3 to 2 victory over Half
23 Hollow Hills West. Their next victory in
24 the Regional Championships was a 3 to 1
25 victory over Rye. And finally, in a barn

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2 burner, they had a five set victory where
3 in every single round of that five sets
4 they were down, including the last and
5 final set, the fifth set where they were
6 down 6 to 1, and they prevailed,
7 obviously.

8 And what I really want to -- and I
9 spoke to them earlier about this. And,
10 and I think what's so striking about
11 this, it just shows you don't win a state
12 championship -- and this is the only the
13 second one in program history; the last
14 one was 32 years ago -- that they had to
15 have grit. They had to dig down deep in
16 order to prevail. And that grit and that
17 determination and those tools that you
18 young ladies used to make your way to
19 that state championship will serve you
20 well long past your years as state
21 champions for Southside High School. So I
22 congratulate you (applause).

23 I would also just like to take the
24 opportunity to acknowledge each of the
25 athletes and coaches separately. It won't

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2 take too long; don't worry, Howard. And
3 some who are if you're not here -- if
4 they're not here, they won't. But if you
5 are here when you call your name, your
6 name is called. I'd ask that you just
7 stand up so that everyone could see who
8 you are. Okay, so Tess Rakeman is not
9 here. Tess was the New York State Public
10 High Schools athletic Association.
11 Audrey Reilly; Maeve Britt; Madeline
12 Rich; Grace Mullin; Grace Lomot; Allison
13 Canner; Sydney Marshall; Amy Berenbroick.
14 And Amy was the Second Team All State New
15 York All Tournament Team, Second Team All
16 Long Island and All County; Ryan Aiello;
17 Caitlin Ferrari and Kaitlin was
18 All-County honorable mention; Keira
19 Mullaney, Section Eight player of the
20 year, *Newsday* player of the year, First
21 team, All state First team, all Long
22 Island, New York State tournament MVP,
23 Nassau County all tournament MVP and all
24 county; Lyla Walker; Helena Miller and
25 Helena was second team all Long Island

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2 and all county honorable mention; Julia
3 Coles; Allie Fingleton, Third Team All
4 State Nassau All Tournament Team, Second
5 Team All Long Island and All County; Izzy
6 Fulcher Garcia; Josie Burke; and finally
7 Maeve Is First Team All State, New York
8 All All Tournament Team, First Team, All
9 Long Island Nassau All Tournament Team,
10 All County Scholar Athlete; and finally
11 head coach Steve Mariano and coach
12 Mariano was the Nassau County Conference
13 one coach of the year, section eight
14 coach of the year and Newsday Coach of
15 the year; and assistant coach Katie
16 D'Angelo. Congratulations, ladies.

17 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Congratulations to
18 all you girls.

19 Legislator Walker?

20 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Just very quick.
21 I have to be honest, Legislator Kennedy
22 and I were rooting for Plainedge, but, I
23 am so glad that you girls won the state
24 championship and kept it and brought it
25 home to Nassau County. So congratulations

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2 to each and every one of you and to the
3 coaches.

4 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Okay, now we have a
5 new system here. Any public comment? Is
6 there are there any members of the public
7 who wish to comment on any of the items,
8 the specific items on any of the
9 committees on the published agendas for
10 today? If there are any, raise your hand,
11 let me know. Otherwise, we move on. Okay.

12 LEGISLATOR DAVIS: Mr. Jacobs has
13 her hand up.

14 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: I'm sorry. Oh,
15 yeah. Again, on a specific item.

16 MS. JACOBS: I have a question. The
17 Rules Committee Agenda here on Item
18 29-26, Local Law 2026. Regarding the
19 current maximum income eligibility for
20 property taxation exemption, can you --

21 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: It's not a Q and A,
22 you'll hear more information. Let us
23 know if you're in favor of the item I've
24 posted the item and why.

25 MS. JACOBS: Well, I don't know if

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2 I'm in favor of item because I don't know
3 the current numbers. I was going to ask,
4 what is the current maximum income
5 eligibility level for property tax
6 exemptions now and what is the proposed
7 eligibility increase? If you can answer
8 those questions, and I can probably give
9 you an answer whether I'm in favor or
10 not.

11 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: All right. Go
12 ahead.

13 LEGISLATOR MCKEVITT: Currently, in
14 order to qualify, you cannot make any
15 more than \$49,000 a year. This is going
16 to drop it down to \$47,000 a year, for a
17 maximum income of \$65,000 -- 65%. So
18 we're increasing exemptions.

19 MS. JACOBS: So \$49,000 is the
20 current number. And then you're dropping
21 it down?

22 LEGISLATOR MCKEVITT: We're going to
23 get maximum percentage. Right now they'll
24 give you 50%. You can get 65% at that at
25 that income.

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2 MS. JACOBS: Okay. Because \$49,000 is
3 not a lot of money. Neither is \$47,000. I
4 think maybe you could do better. So I
5 would guess I'm not for that because, you
6 know, a lot of people are struggling,
7 especially seniors here in Long Island.
8 And I think you can do better among our
9 seniors. And 49,000, now, to me, 47,000
10 is -- I would say it's almost poverty
11 level in Long Island here.

12 So my other issue is my question
13 regarding the kratom opioid. And there a
14 local law to prohibit the sale of
15 distribution of kratom. Kratom is an
16 opioid. And I'm just concerned because we
17 do have a very bad drug problem here in
18 Nassau County. And is kratom posing a
19 threat in increased increased addiction
20 in Nassau County? You're seeing that as
21 an increased threat to Nassau County?

22 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Yes.

23 MS. JACOBS: Okay. So I'm for that
24 then.

25 And then also, I would state for the

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2 record that your legislators, our
3 legislative lawmakers, should decrease
4 the amount of smoke shops that we have
5 across Nassau County because they're
6 causing a problem as well. Thank you.

7 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Thank you. Anyone
8 else?

9 LEGISLATOR NUNEZ: Presiding officer,
10 if I may, I have a question for you.

11 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Legislator Nunez.

12 LEGISLATOR NUNEZ: Thank you,
13 Presiding Officer. Just for our
14 Legislature, collectively, I just want to
15 remind us all that we had this
16 conversation at our last hearing in which
17 having the questions asked in advance of
18 conversations puts the individual and
19 puts us as legislators at a deficit in
20 terms of being able to fully answer these
21 questions properly, because the
22 individual and us have not heard the
23 debate or the conversation surrounding
24 that. So I want the Legislature to just
25 really think about that and see if we

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readdress that option, especially in this
instance where we're seeing that
constituents are asking questions prior
to us having the open conversation.
Thank you, sir.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Sure. Thank you.

Okay. Mr. Pulitzer, would you please
call the roll for actually for Rules.

CLERK PULITZER: Thank you, Chairman.

Rules Committee. Chairman Howard
Kopel?

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Vice Chairman
Thomas McKeivitt?

LEGISLATOR MCKEVITT: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Legislator John
Giuffre?

LEGISLATOR GIUFFRE: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: James Kennedy?

LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Ranking member
Delia DeRiggi-Whitton?

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Arnold W. Drucker?

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LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Scott Davis?

LEGISLATOR DAVIS: Present.

CLERK PULITZER: We have a quorum,
sir.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Thank you.

I will call all the contracts, then
we'll go through them individually and
vote on them at the end.

So we have A1, A2, A3, A4, A5, A7,
A8 and A10 of 26 which are resolutions
authorizing contracts between
respectively:

DF Eastwood Construction; Predator
Pest Control; All Island Equipment Corp.;
All Island Fence and Railing; Hink
Electrical Contractor, Inc.; Rockland
Bakery; Tyler Technologies; Consolidated
Machine Corporation.

Then we have contracts which are
E14, E15, E16, E17, E18, E19. Well hold
E16. We're not going to call E16, E19,
E20, E21 and E22. Okay.

There's a motion on all of these

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2 items by Deputy Presiding Officer
3 McKevitt, seconded by Minority Leader
4 DeRiggi-Whitton.

5 Let's start with A1, which is DF
6 Eastwood Construction.

7 MR. NIMMO: Good afternoon,
8 legislators. William Nimmo, Deputy
9 Commissioner of Public Works for Nassau
10 County.

11 This is to authorize an award and
12 execute a purchase order in the amount of
13 \$119,003.56. This is for work at the JDC
14 chain link fencing Juvenile Detention
15 Center.

16 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Any questions?

17 (Whereupon, no response.)

18 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Okay. Thank you.

19 Next is Predator Pest Control.

20 MR. NIMMO: I'll think I'll take that
21 one as well. This is to authorize an
22 award to execute a blanket purchase order
23 in the amount of \$4 million on behalf of
24 various department agencies in Nassau
25 County. Predator Pest Control, they've

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2 been working for us for years. They do a
3 great job.

4 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Questions?

5 (Whereupon, no response.)

6 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: All right. Do you
7 have any more?

8 MR. NIMMO: I have five.

9 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Go on. Which one is
10 that?

11 MR. NIMMO: That is for Hink.

12 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Go on.

13 MR. NIMMO: This is to authorize an
14 award and execute a blanket purchase
15 order in the amount of \$1,500,000. On
16 behalf of the Department of Public Works,
17 Hink is the contractor for bridge repair.

18 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Okay, that's it for
19 you.

20 MR. NIMMO: That's it for me.

21 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: That's it for you.
22 Okay. Well. Thank you.

23 MR. NIMMO: Thank you.

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CHAIRMAN KOPEL: All Island
Equipment Corp.

COMMISSIONER BELYEA: Good afternoon.
Darcy, Parks commissioner. This item is a
request for approval of a purchase
requisition with All Island Equipment
Corp. in the amount of \$134,850 for the
purchase of a combo backhoe loader for
use by the Department.

All Island Equipment is the lowest
responsible bidder meeting bid
specifications and the purchase will be
from capital funds.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Questions? Yes,
Minority Leader.

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Hi,
Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER BELYEA: Hi.

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Do you
happen to know if this will be used -- if
different municipalities or towns can
request, for instance, Crescent Beach?
We're trying to get one for there to help

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2 with the beach. It's in my request for
3 capital purchase. Do you know if this
4 could be used for that or --

5 COMMISSIONER BELYEA: We haven't
6 loaned out equipment in my time here. We
7 could look into it further, but I don't
8 believe so.

9 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: All
10 right. There is a request for Crescent
11 Beach, specifically. If you see the City
12 of Glen Cove, can you just take a look
13 for that? If you could push that, I'd
14 appreciate that. Thanks, Darcy.

15 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Okay. Anything else
16 for you?

17 COMMISSIONER BELYEA: No.

18 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Thank you. Okay.
19 Darcy. Thank you.
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CHAIRMAN KOPEL: All Island Fence
and Railing.

CAPTAIN DOYLE: Good afternoon,
Captain Brian Doyle, Nassau County
Sheriff's Department.

The item before you, A4-26, is a
resolution to authorize an award to
execute a purchase order request in the
amount of \$228,138 to remove and install
a new wooden fence at the correctional
center.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: How come -- why
wood?

CAPTAIN DOYLE: It's adjacent to the
the the Knolls Community there, so it's
more of an esthetic fence. Not really a
security fence.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: What about a wood
look, plastic; wouldn't that last a lot
longer?

CAPTAIN DOYLE: It's because of the
height and size of it. It's just what was
quoted was a direct replacement of what
was there.

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CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Yeah, okay. Anyone
else?

(Whereupon, no response.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Anything else for
you?

CAPTAIN DOYLE: I have a A7, which is
Rockland Bakery.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Yes. Go ahead
please.

CAPTAIN DOYLE: A7 is a blanket
purchase order request to supply bread
products at a correctional facility with
Rockland Bakery, who is the lowest
responsible bidder.

The term of the contract is one
year, with the option of for one year
periods, an additional two month period
for a total of five years two months,
with a total maximum cost of \$900,000.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Go ahead.

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: I heard these
breads are delicious. Amazing. They come
from Rockland County. They must be worth
it, right?

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CAPTAIN DOYLE: Yes.

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Thanks, man.

CAPTAIN DOYLE: You're welcome.

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Howard,
is that okay?

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Yeah.

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: We're
just getting like -- are you convinced? I
know you said it's the best bid. Are we
paying a reasonable amount?

CAPTAIN DOYLE: They were the lowest
bidder, and our experience with Rockland
has been good.

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Any idea
how much a roll costs? I know that sounds
ridiculous, but I know what we paid for
it in the past.

CAPTAIN DOYLE: These things went out
to bid, and they --

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Okay.
All right, I appreciate it. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Okay.

CAPTAIN DOYLE: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: That's it. Anything

else?

(Whereupon, no response.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: You're done. Okay.

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2 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Tyler Technologies.

3 MR. KESSLER: Good afternoon. Michael
4 Kessler with Department of Information
5 Technology. I have with me Chief Frank
6 Passanisi from the Fire Marshal's Office
7 here to represent blanket purchase order
8 for maintenance and support of the Tyler
9 New World Enterprise Fire and EMS
10 Computer Aided Dispatch application suite
11 used by the Fire Marshal's Office. This
12 is a sole sourced annual agreement for
13 continued maintenance and technical
14 support of an application suite written
15 by the vendor, and integral to the
16 Marshal's Office for emergency call
17 handling. It's used for county wide fire
18 emergency call response, asset dispatch
19 and coordination, both from the call
20 center as well as out in the field.

21 The term of the agreement is three
22 years, plus one additional two year
23 renewal period, for a possible total of
24 five years. The maximum cost is
25 \$1,131,766.86.

Happy to answer any questions.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Okay, I guess there
aren't any. You have anything else?

MR. KESSLER: No.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Okay. Thank you.
Thank you.

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2 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Consolidated
3 Machine. And that would be A10.

4 MS. ZOHRABIAN: Good afternoon,
5 Alyssa Zorabian for Nassau County
6 Department of Health. Item A-10 is a
7 request to award and execute a purchase
8 order for two sterilizing autoclave
9 machines from Consolidated Machine
10 Corporation, DBA Consolidated Sterilizer
11 Systems, in a total amount not to exceed
12 \$740,180. These autoclaves are for our
13 public health laboratory and are
14 necessary for sterilizing equipment. It's
15 a sole source purchase because the
16 proposed units and systems components are
17 specifically configured to meet our labs
18 operational needs and technical
19 specifications.

20 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Questions?

21 (Whereupon, no response.)

22 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: All right. Anything
23 else for you?

24 MS. ZOHRABIAN: I have a contract,
25 E15.

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2 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: E15. That would be
3 New York Environmental.

4 MS. ZOHRABIAN: Yeah, and it's
5 similar. It's related to our laboratory.
6 So item E15-26 is a request to approve
7 and authorize a personal services
8 agreement with New York Environmental and
9 Analytics Laboratories, Incorporated. And
10 that's going to be for environmental lab
11 testing services for a maximum of
12 \$210,000, with a term from execution
13 through the end of 2028.

14 The contract is needed to ensure
15 that we can continue testing without
16 interruption because our public health
17 laboratory is relocating. So it'll give
18 us time to relocate and then be brought
19 back online and get all of our equipment
20 recertified. So it bridges that gap so
21 that there's no lapse in services and
22 testing.

23 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Okay. Questions?

24 (Whereupon, no response.)

25 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Okay. Thank you.

MS. ZOHRABIAN: Thank you.

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CHAIRMAN KOPEL: All right. E14,
which would be Nassau County Police
Activity League.

Go ahead, please.

MS. ZAKI: Good afternoon,
Legislators. Seema Zaki, Fiscal
Director, Department for Department of
Human Services.

E14-26 is Office of Youth Services
contract. It is state funded in the
amount of \$32,500. It is for the term
October 2025 to September 2026. This
contract is to serve the Youth Services
of Nassau County. And Keith will explain
further.

MR. GERBER: Specifically, this was
to implement a Double Dutch competition
team competition for the Nassau County
PAL.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Okay. Anybody?

(Whereupon, no response.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Okay. Thank you.

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CHAIRMAN KOPEL: All right.

Next is Devitt, Spellman, Barrett.
That would be E17. Mr. Soleymanzadeh.

MR. SOLEYMANZADEH: Good afternoon,
Legislators. Richard Soleymanzadeh for
the County Attorney's Office.

E17 through E21 are a series of
outside counsel contracts to be presented
today. Devitt, Spellman, Barrett is E17.
This is the case Solely (phonetic) versus
Nassau county Nassau County PD and
various detectives. The maximum amount of
the contract is \$95,000, and the
procurement was off the Panel.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: By the way, anybody
on committee have any questions?

Arnie.

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: How are you, my
friend?

MR. SOLEYMANZADEH: Good afternoon,
Legislator Drucker. How are you?

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: This case is a
2018 index number.

MR. SOLEYMANZADEH: Correct.

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2 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: And it started
3 out from what I see in our backup as a
4 case in which the County Attorney's
5 Office handled it, and then it was
6 switched over to outside counsel. Can you
7 just give us a little background? So this
8 is a almost an eight year old case.

9 MR. SOLEYMANZADEH: Yeah. If I'm not
10 mistaken, I believe this case is a
11 Section 1983 case involving false arrest,
12 false imprisonment, abuse of process and
13 other constitutional claims that the
14 plaintiff's counsel, Mr. Brewington,
15 brought up in the case. And so, as the
16 case progressed, I believe that the
17 County Attorney's Office made a strategic
18 and tactical determination to bring on an
19 outside counsel with more expertise in
20 those areas of law.

21 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: No, I fully
22 understand. I'm just looking for a
23 timeline here. So it started off at the
24 County Attorney's Office and then handed
25 off to outside counsel. When did that

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2 happen? And can you tell us a little bit
3 of where we are eight years later?

4 MR. SOLEYMANZADEH: If I'm not
5 mistaken, it was assigned in October of
6 25 to outside counsel. As far as the
7 procedural and litigation history, to be
8 quite frank, I'm not familiar with that.
9 But anyone publicly can look at ECF and
10 see all the publicly available documents
11 that have been filed on the court system.

12 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: So from '18 to
13 '25 we were handling it?

14 MR. SOLEYMANZADEH: I would assume
15 so, yes.

16 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: So for seven
17 years --

18 MR. SOLEYMANZADEH: Assuming it
19 wasn't in default.

20 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Sorry.

21 MR. SOLEYMANZADEH: Assuming it
22 wasn't in default.

23 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Yeah. But so
24 for seven years though we were handling
25 and then when it came -- I mean it just

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2 seems like a long time for these
3 procedural motions to have finally
4 surfaced that we needed outside counsel
5 for it. You know, that's all I'm
6 inquiring. You know, I'm always sensitive
7 to the outside counsel issue. And if we
8 were doing a good enough job for seven
9 years, you know --

10 MR. SOLEYMANZADEH: Right. Or
11 perhaps maybe the determination was made,
12 and I don't know if it was or not. There
13 are lots of factors on why we pick
14 outside counsel, but perhaps the
15 determination was made that by saving the
16 funds and litigating it in-house for a
17 couple of years, we've reached a point
18 where now we'd like to, perhaps, maybe, I
19 don't know, based on expertise, bring in
20 outside counsel to now bring it to the
21 finish line.

22 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: I appreciate
23 that, and you're speculating and I
24 understand that, but is there any way we
25 can get some more definitive background

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2 on where we're at at this case and what
3 transpired?

4 MR. SOLEYMANZADEH: I'll be happy to
5 ask Legal Counsel Department to send out
6 something, and if they can do it, they
7 can do it. Or again, you know, the
8 history of the case is on ECF.

9 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: I mean, are we
10 close to settlement here or is there
11 something like that? I mean, I'd like --

12 MR. SOLEYMANZADEH: There's no way I
13 would ever discuss any settlement
14 discussion.

15 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: I don't need
16 you to discuss that or the terms. I'm
17 just curious. I think we have a right to
18 know where we're at at this case eight
19 years later what what prompted us to now
20 go outside, counsel and what was that in
21 the decision making process there, that's
22 all.

23 MR. SOLEYMANZADEH: Sure. I
24 understand I understand your perspective,
25 Legislator Drucker.

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2 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Thank you.

3 MR. SOLEYMANZADEH: Yeah. So moving
4 on, E18 is with the law firm of Milber,
5 Makris, Plousadis & Seiden. This is the
6 case Portillo versus Nassau County,
7 Nassau County PD, and I believe another
8 third party. The maximum amount of this
9 contract is \$85,955. This was pursuant to
10 a mini bid. There were three proposals,
11 and the County Attorney's Office selected
12 this law firm to represent the County on
13 this case.

14 E19 is with the law firm of Bond,
15 Schoeneck & King. In a maximum amount of
16 \$150,000, this is the case Rosa versus
17 Nassau County Department of Social
18 Services and other county employees, I
19 believe. This is a case involving ADA
20 potential claims title claims on this.

21 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: I
22 apologize to do this, but going back to
23 E18. I was just curious as to why we're
24 hiring outside counsel for a car
25 accident.

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2 MR. SOLEYMANZADEH: Yeah. So this
3 case, if I'm not mistaken, there was a
4 potential here of a conflict because it
5 involved three parties in the case.
6 Additionally, if I'm not mistaken, the
7 county attorney's office made a
8 determination that certain specific
9 experts would need to be hired on this
10 file. And given the plaintiff's counsel
11 on this case. Again, a strategic and
12 tactical determination was made to use
13 outside counsel.

14 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: No, it's again,
15 we just need some background on this
16 stuff. I mean, all of a sudden to then
17 say, you know, we need outside counsel.
18 This just seems like a case that was
19 right in the County Attorney's
20 wheelhouse. You know, it was always told
21 to us here that, you know you know,
22 accident cases is really your strong
23 suit. And this is what I'm saying. Oh,
24 okay. Now, we need outside counsel for an
25 accident case, so I'd like to know what

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2 the thought process is here. I mean, why
3 did we need outside counsel? Without
4 getting into the specifics of where we're
5 at in this case. But again, this is a
6 case that just smacked right in the
7 wheelhouse of the County Attorney's
8 Office and taxpayers are now footing the
9 bill for a case. It's a car accident. I
10 mean, really, I don't understand it, I
11 really don't, so I'd like some background
12 if you can get us on this. That's all.

13 MR. SOLEYMANZADEH: You'd like me to
14 follow up or you'd like me to respond.

15 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Now to follow
16 up, please.

17 MR. SOLEYMANZADEH: Okay. No
18 problem.

19 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Yes, please.
20 Thank you so much.

21 MR. SOLEYMANZADEH: Okay.

22 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Okay. What are we
23 up to? Bond?

24 MR. SOLEYMANZADEH: Bond Schoeneck
25 was E19. This case involved disability

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2 discrimination claims. And a
3 determination was made to use outside
4 counsel for their expertise on the case.
5 Any questions on this one?

6 (Whereupon, no response.)

7 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: All right. Hall
8 Booth.

9 MR. SOLEYMANZADEH: E20 is with the
10 law firm of Hall Booth. This case is
11 actually a case where the County obtained
12 a favorable decision through the outside
13 law firm that was used. And I believe
14 this amount is to close out the file.
15 There is an appeal pending on this case,
16 but a different firm is handling the
17 appeal process. Plaintiff's counsel was
18 not happy with the defense decision on
19 the case.

20 And then E21 is with the law firm of
21 Kirschenbaum & Phillips. This is a law
22 firm that handles collection activities
23 for Nassau County. This is pursuant to a
24 mini bid. And the attorney at
25 Kirschenbaum's office, James Scully, is

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2 an attorney that's worked with Nassau
3 County in the past and very familiar with
4 our collection activities and civil and
5 criminal judgments.

6 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: So E21, that's
7 on a contingency fee basis.

8 MR. SOLEYMANZADEH: Correct.

9 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: But we're we're
10 giving them an initial encumbrance of
11 25,000.

12 MR. SOLEYMANZADEH: Correct.

13 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: So is that
14 something that we normally do on a
15 contingency fee basis; we give them an
16 encumbrance up front like that?

17 MR. SOLEYMANZADEH: So if I'm
18 correct in the contract, in addition to
19 the contingency fee, there may be hourly
20 rates associated when there is a
21 situation when a collection attorney has
22 to defend a proactive case, or maybe
23 there's some cross-claims or
24 counterclaims that are brought, in which
25 case a collection attorney would be

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2 charging per the hour in that scenario
3 where that might happen. So this is just
4 to have the funds available in case that
5 situation arises.

6 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: So providing
7 like a little bit of a cushion at the
8 outset you know, questions and
9 consultation on the case, right, or, you
10 know, the initial the initial
11 encumbrance.

12 MR. SOLEYMANZADEH: Right. Well,
13 it's not a cushion so much as it's just
14 in the event that a collection attorney
15 goes after a debtor to collect funds and
16 that debtor comes back and starts making
17 claims against Nassau County, that's
18 outside the scope of a collection
19 activity. So in that rare situation,
20 funds should be available for an attorney
21 to vigorously defend the County.

22 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: No. It's great.
23 I don't have a problem with it per se.
24 We don't usually see contingency fee
25 cases here. So it's interesting that --

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MR. SOLEYMANZADEH: Yeah, we've actually had this attorney in the past, in past years here. And then they went away and then they came back.

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Thank you, my friend. Thank you.

MR. SOLEYMANZADEH: Sure.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Thank you. Okay.

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CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Who's got Mark
Doxey?

MR. CASOLARO: Good afternoon.
Legislators. I'm Charlie Casolaro,
counsel to the Comptroller Elaine
Phillips.

This is a contract to procure the
services of former employee Mark Doxey,
to help us with the implementation of the
new financial system for Nassau County,
what we know, Nassau Forward.

It's a three year contract for
\$105,000 maximum. Mr. Doxey is expert in
our NIFS program, and his consultation
and participation is integral for us to
stay on our timeline of a go live date of
January 2027. We are moving very robustly
with this program and I'd ask that it be
approved, it's very necessary.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Yes. Go ahead.

LEGISLATOR DAVIS: Good afternoon,
Mr. Casolaro.

MR. CASOLARO: Good afternoon.

LEGISLATOR DAVIS: So if I

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2 understand it correctly, this, Mr. Doxey,
3 is being brought in to help implement the
4 Nassau Forward Program; is that right?

5 MR. CASOLARO: Correct. Consult with
6 the National Forward Program.

7 LEGISLATOR DAVIS: And the Nassau
8 County Forward Program is Nassau Forward
9 Program. It's a multi-million dollar
10 program; is that right?

11 MR. CASOLARO: That's correct.

12 LEGISLATOR DAVIS: Can you --

13 MR. CASOLARO: Yeah. Nassau Forward
14 program is we are redesigning the
15 financial software system, what we call
16 NIFS, that we use in Nassau County. That
17 program is using 1998/1999 software. It
18 is outdated. There are applications that
19 can't be done, etc., etc.. So the
20 decision was made early on in the
21 administration that this needed to be
22 done. I came before this body, we had
23 contracts approved to retain CGI as the
24 vendor, and they are assisting the County
25 with this creation of this new Nassau

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2 County financial software.

3 LEGISLATOR DAVIS: All right. So I
4 understand that part of it. What I'm
5 just I if you could explain it to me,
6 when you were you're bringing on this
7 firm and they're apparently this is a one
8 off in terms of the software that they're
9 designing. It's particular for the
10 county; is that right?

11 MR. CASOLARO: Correct. So Mr. Doxey
12 is --

13 LEGISLATOR DAVIS: That's what I
14 want to know.

15 MR. CASOLARO: Yeah. I'm sorry if I
16 was unclear. Mr. Doxey is being brought
17 back to the County on a consultation
18 basis because of his expertise in the
19 program. He's a former employee of Nassau
20 County who worked for 20 years in the
21 accounting division of the Comptroller's
22 Office, and he is expert in the NIFS
23 Program and he was integral. Along the
24 way here as we're moving robustly to get
25 this new program created and implemented,

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2 he had to retire for personal reasons. He
3 didn't want to, but we need his services.
4 CGI has asked, and we and we need his
5 services to continue on this current
6 schedule we have to go live January 2027.

7 LEGISLATOR DAVIS: Is he currently
8 performing any work?

9 MR. CASOLARO: Not yet. No.

10 LEGISLATOR DAVIS: And do you have a
11 schedule of if it's possible to have a
12 schedule of his consultations when that
13 would be how often it would be; what does
14 that look like exactly?

15 MR. CASOLARO: I don't have a
16 schedule, but what it looks like is that
17 when we need him to help us with a like
18 with data cleansing or certain -- you
19 have to forgive me. I'm not computer
20 literate -- but when data cleansing and
21 certain software configurations, we will
22 call him in with his expertise.

23 LEGISLATOR DAVIS: Okay. Thank you.

24 MR. CASOLARO: You're welcome. Thank
25 you.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Okay, so let's vote
on -- Thank you, Charlie.

All right. So A1, A2, A3, A4, A5,
A7, A8, A10, E14, E15, E17, E19, E20, E21
and E22.

All those in favor say aye.

(Whereupon, all members
respond in favor.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Opposed?

(Whereupon, no response.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Those items are
unanimous.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Now on E18, all
those in favor say aye.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Aye.

LEGISLATOR MCKEVITT: Aye.

LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: Aye.

LEGISLATOR GIUFFRE: Aye.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Opposed, nay.

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Nay.

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Nay.

LEGISLATOR DAVIS: Nay.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Okay, so that
passes, 4 to 3.

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2 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Now, normally I put
3 it into recess at this point, but we have
4 one item that we'll consider now which is
5 Resolution 28 of 26. And that would be
6 the appointment of third District Court
7 future judge William Bodkin.

8 Future Judge Bodkin, would you like
9 to say a few words? You're welcome to.

10 MR. BODKIN: Thank you, Mr. Presiding
11 Officer. I appreciate the opportunity to
12 say a few words.

13 I want to, of course, thank County
14 Executive Blakeman, for his great
15 confidence in me and his great support in
16 nominating and appointing me to this
17 position. And I want to thank the Rules
18 Committee for what I hope is their
19 support today.

20 I am looking forward to the
21 opportunity to continue to serve the
22 people of Nassau County in this new role,
23 and doing everything I can to help
24 participate in the process, of course,
25 and to do what I can to make Nassau

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2 County's streets safe.

3 I also want to take a brief moment
4 to thank my dear friend, the Minority
5 Leader, Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton,
6 for all of her help and support as well.
7 Thank you very much.

8 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Sure. All of us
9 here, not only the Rules Committee, but
10 all of us congratulate you and look
11 forward to to a great job.

12 MR. BODKIN: Thank you. I look
13 forward to seeing everyone again on the
14 23rd of February, which I believe would
15 be the Full Legislature. Thank you so
16 much.

17 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: That's correct.
18 Legislator Drucker?

19 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Bill, I want to
20 congratulate you in advance as well. From
21 all of us here. I happen to know you for
22 a long time, and you are eminently
23 qualified to be a judge in our county,
24 and I look forward to you continuing in
25 your esteemed way of providing justice to

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2 the taxpayers and litigants that come
3 before you. So congratulations, Bill;
4 well deserved.

5 MR. BODKIN: Thank you, Legislator
6 Drucker. You've always been a wonderful
7 friend, and I'm glad to be friends with
8 you and your family as well. So I thank
9 you, sir.

10 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: All those in favor
11 of this nomination, please say aye.

12 (Whereupon, all members
13 respond in favor.)

14 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Opposed?

15 (Whereupon, no response.)

16 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: That is unanimous.
17 And I will now put Rules in recess.
18 Public Safety is next.

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20 (Whereupon, recess 1:53-2:12
21 p.m.)
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23 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: All right, we're
24 back in Rules. I'll call the Rules
25 Committee back in session.

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2 First, since we have an Addendum we
3 need a motion to suspend the rules. And
4 that is made by Legislator Giuffre and
5 seconded by Legislator Drucker.

6 All in favor of suspending the Rules
7 say aye.

8 (Whereupon, all members
9 respond in favor.)

10 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Opposed?

11 (Whereupon, no response.)

12 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Rules are
13 suspended.

14 We have a number of items on the
15 Agenda, but all of them have gone through
16 previous committees and the Majority
17 Minority have agreed that no further
18 debate or discussion is required with
19 respect to these items.

20 These items are 22 of 26; 23; 24; 25
21 on the regular calendar.

22 And on the Addendum we have 27; 28;
23 and 29. Okay.

24 Motion on these items is made by
25 Deputy Presiding Officer McKevitt,

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2 seconded by Minority Leader
3 DeRiggi-Whitton.

4 All in favor, say aye.

5 (Whereupon, all members
6 respond in favor.)

7 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Opposed?

8 (Whereupon, no response.)

9 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Those items are all
10 unanimous.

11 Motion to adjourn made by Legislator
12 Kennedy this time, seconded by Legislator
13 Davis.

14 All in favor of adjourning Rules say
15 aye.

16 (Whereupon, all members
17 respond in favor.)

18 CHAIRMAN KOPEL:

19 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Opposed?

20 (Whereupon, no response.)

21 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: We are adjourned.
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STATE OF NEW YORK)

: SS.:

COUNTY OF NASSAU)

I, KAREN LORENZO, a Notary Public
for and within the State of New York, do
hereby certify:

That the above is a correct
transcription of my stenographic notes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto
set my hand this 9th day of February, 2026.

Karen Lorenzo

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