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# LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR

NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE  
SPECIAL MEETING  
SEVENTH MEETING OF 2018

MINEOLA, NEW YORK  
JUNE 12, 2018 11:30A.M.

THE NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE IS COMMITTED TO MAKING ITS PUBLIC MEETING ACCESSIBLE TO INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES. IF, DUE TO A DISABILITY, YOU NEED AN ACCOMMODATION OR ASSISTANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PUBLIC MEETING OR TO OBTAIN A COPY OF THE TRANSCRIPT OF THE PUBLIC HEARING IN AN ALTERNATIVE FORMAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE AT 571-4252, OR THE NASSAU COUNTY OFFICE FOR THE PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED AT 227-7101 OR TDD TELEPHONE NO. 227-8989. AS PER THE NASSAU COUNTY FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE, THE PETER J. SCHMITT MEMORIAL LEGISLATIVE CHAMBER HAS A MAXIMUM OCCUPANCY OF 251 PEOPLE AND THE OUTER CHAMBER WHICH WILL STREAM THE MEETING LIVE, HAS A MAXIMUM OCCUPANCY OF 72. PASSES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS BEGINNING ONE HALF HOUR BEFORE MEETING TIME.

EVERY LEGISLATIVE MEETING IS STREAMED LIVE ON  
<http://www.nassaucountyny.gov/agencies/Legis/index.html>.

1. **RESOLUTION NO. 101-2018**

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK TO ENACT AND THE GOVERNOR TO APPROVE AN ACT TO AMEND THE RETIREMENT AND SOCIAL SECURITY LAW, IN RELATION TO PROVIDING PERFORMANCE OF DUTY DISABILITY RETIREMENT BENEFITS FOR AMBULANCE MEDICAL TECHNICIAN SUPERVISORS, AMBULANCE MEDICAL TECHNICIAN COORDINATORS AND AMBULANCE MEDICAL TECHNICIANS IN NASSAU COUNTY. 258-18(LE)

2. **RESOLUTION NO. 102-2018**

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK TO ENACT AND THE GOVERNOR TO APPROVE AN ACT TO AMEND THE RETIREMENT AND SOCIAL SECURITY LAW, IN RELATION TO PROVIDING ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY RETIREMENT BENEFITS FOR CHIEF FIRE MARSHALS, ASSISTANT CHIEF FIRE MARSHALS, DIVISION SUPERVISING FIRE MARSHALS, SUPERVISING FIRE MARSHALS, FIRE MARSHALS AND FIRE MARSHAL TRAINEES IN NASSAU COUNTY. 259-18(LE)



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NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

RICHARD NICOLELLO  
PRESIDING OFFICER

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

County Executive and Legislative Building  
1550 Franklin Avenue  
Mineola, New York

Wednesday June 12, 2018  
11:39 A.M.

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2     A P P E A R A N C E S:

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4     LEGISLATOR RICHARD J. NICOLELLO

5             Presiding Officer

6             9th Legislative District

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8     LEGISLATOR HOWARD KOPEL

9             Deputy Presiding Officer

10            7th Legislative District

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12    LEGISLATOR DENISE FORD

13            Alternate Presiding Officer

14            4th Legislative District

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16    LEGISLATOR KEVAN ABRAHAMS

17            Minority Leader

18            1st Legislative District

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20    LEGISLATOR SIELA BYNOE

21            2nd Legislative District

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23    LEGISLATOR CARRIE SOLAGES

24            3rd Legislative District

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2     LEGISLATOR DEBRA MULE

3             5th Legislative District

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5     LEGISLATOR C. WILLIAM GAYLOR III

6             6th Legislative District

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8     LEGISLATOR VINCENT T. MUSCARELLA

9             8th Legislative District

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11    LEGISLATOR ELLEN BIRNBAUM

12            10th Legislative District

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14    LEGISLATOR DELIA DERIGGI-WHITTON

15            11th Legislative District

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17    LEGISLATOR JAMES KENNEDY

18            12th Legislative District

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20    LEGISLATOR

21            13th Legislative District

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23    LEGISLATOR LAURA SCHAEFER

24            14th Legislative District

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2     LEGISLATOR

3             15th Legislative District

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5     LEGISLATOR ANDREW DRUCKER

6             16th Legislative District

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8     LEGISLATOR ROSE WALKER

9             17th Legislative District

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11     LEGISLATOR JOSHUA LAFAZAN

12             18th Legislative District

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14     LEGISLATOR STEVEN RHOADS

15             19th Legislative District

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17     MICHAEL PULITZER

18             Clerk of the Legislature

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2 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Would you  
3 call the roll Mr. Pulitzer.

4 MR. PULITZER: Deputy Presiding  
5 Officer Howard Kopel.

6 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Here.

7 MR. PULITZER: Alternate deputy  
8 presiding officer Denise Ford.

9 LEGISLATOR FORD: Here.

10 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Siela  
11 Bynoe.

12 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Here.

13 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Carrie  
14 Solages.

15 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Here.

16 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Debra  
17 Mule.

18 LEGISLATOR MULE: Here.

19 MR. PULITZER: Legislator C.  
20 William Gaylor III.

21 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Present.

22 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Vincent  
23 Muscarella.

24 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Here.

25 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Ellen



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2 Birnbaum.

3 LEGISLATOR BIRNBAUM: Here.

4 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Delia  
5 DeRiggi-Whitton.

6 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:  
7 Here.

8 MR. PULITZER: Legislator James  
9 Kennedy.

10 LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: Here.

11 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Thomas  
12 McKevitt.

13 LEGISLATOR MCKEVITT: Here.

14 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Laura  
15 Schaefer.

16 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Here.

17 MR. PULITZER: Legislator John  
18 Ferretti, Jr.

19 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Here.

20 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Arnold  
21 Drucker.

22 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Here.

23 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Rose  
24 Marie Walker.

25 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Here.

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2 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Josh  
3 Lafazan.

4 LEGISLATOR LAFAZAN: Here.

5 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Steven  
6 Rhoads.

7 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Present.

8 MR. PULITZER: Minority Leader  
9 Kevan Abrahams.

10 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Here.

11 MR. PULITZER: Presiding Officer  
12 Officer Richard Nicolello.

13 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Here.

14 MR. PULITZER: We have a quorum.  
15 Sir.

16 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Thank  
17 you. Would you all please rise. We are going  
18 to do the Pledge of Allegiance led by  
19 Legislator Bill Gaylor.

20 (Pledge of Allegiance was recited.)

21 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Please  
22 remain standing for a moment of silence in  
23 honor and respect to the young people that  
24 lost their lives in the Meadowbrook crash from  
25 Uniondale as well.

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2 (Moment of silence.)

3 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Thank you.

4 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: To start  
5 things off we need a motion to suspend the  
6 rules because the items were filed on May 30,  
7 which is less than 17 days prior to today's  
8 meeting. Moved by Legislator Rhoads.  
9 Seconded by Legislator Muscarella. All in  
10 favor of suspending the rules signify by  
11 saying aye. Those opposed? The rules are  
12 suspended.

13 We have two items. I'm going to  
14 call them together. Item one, resolution 101  
15 and item two, resolution 102 of 2018. They  
16 are resolutions requesting the legislature of  
17 the state of New York to enact and the  
18 governor approve an act to amend the  
19 retirement and Social Security Law in relation  
20 to providing performance of duty disability  
21 retirement benefits for ambulance medical  
22 technician supervisors, ambulance medical  
23 technician coordinators and ambulance medical  
24 technicians in Nassau County.

25 As well as to provide accidental

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2 disability retirement benefits for the chief  
3 fire marshals, the assistant chief fire  
4 marshals, division supervising fire marshals,  
5 supervising fire marshals, fire marshals and  
6 fire marshal trainees in Nassau County.

7 That is moved by Legislator Ford.

8 Seconded by Legislator Bynoe. Those items  
9 before us we just ask we incorporate by  
10 reference the testimony in the committees on  
11 these items. We had that presentation that we  
12 had from Jerry Laricchuita, and it's something  
13 that we actually passed last year and we are  
14 passing it again this year.

15 Any comments on this? Any  
16 discussion among the legislators? Legislator  
17 Birnbaum.

18 LEGISLATOR BIRNBAUM: I don't  
19 know if there is anybody here who can answer  
20 this but I was wondering approximately how  
21 many individuals would be able to take  
22 advantage of this this current year?

23 MR. GURRIERI: Ron Gurrieri,  
24 executive vice president CSEA. From the  
25 police medic side AMTs, as the bill says, it's

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2 approximately 157 this year.

3 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Who will  
4 be eligible.

5 MR. GURRIERI: That will be  
6 eligible. It could be 145. I'm sorry, you're  
7 saying eligible. The way I believe the  
8 actuary does this, on a bill like this they do  
9 everyone as if everyone was to get hurt, God  
10 forbid that doesn't happen, because you never  
11 know who may succumb to an injury.

12 LEGISLATOR BIRNBAUM: I  
13 understand that. But do we have an  
14 approximate count of individuals that are  
15 retiring this year that would fall into this  
16 category?

17 MR. GURRIERI: No because this is  
18 not a retirement bill. You have to get hurt.  
19 As far as I know, there is no one right now  
20 able to take this bill, as far as I know.

21 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Thank  
22 you. Thanks Ron. Any other questions? Any  
23 public comment?

24 MS. MEREDAY: Meta J. Mereday,  
25 Baldwin resident. Just curious as to

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2 definitely I'm in support of this. I want to  
3 make that clear. I want to make sure the  
4 public is aware of what the fiscal impact is  
5 and exactly what fund does this actually come  
6 from if the need should arise? How does this  
7 then get implemented as it goes forward?

8 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Do we have  
9 anyone here from budget review?

10 MR. CHALMERS: Maurice Chalmers,  
11 Budget Review. We took a look at the items  
12 quickly, and basically the first item has a  
13 one-time cost of 1.7 million, which could be  
14 amortized over the ten years for a yearly cost  
15 of \$232,000 a year. The annual contribution  
16 for the first item would be approximately  
17 \$300,000 and the second item would be  
18 approximately \$34,000.

19 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: That would  
20 come out of operating expenses?

21 MR. CHALMERS: Out of the  
22 operating expenses, yes.

23 MS. MEREDAY: Secondly, I'm just  
24 curious as to, is this an ongoing, like an  
25 annual sort of process that takes place?

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2 Because you mentioned something about this  
3 happening last year. Is this new? What is  
4 the genesis for this happening now?

5 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Last year  
6 it was passed as a home rule unanimously  
7 here. Also passed by the state legislature  
8 but vetoed by Governor Cuomo. We are sending  
9 it back up.

10 MS. MEREDAY: If it's vetoed  
11 again then what happens?

12 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: It won't  
13 go into effect unless the legislature can  
14 override the governor's veto. We will  
15 continue to send it up as long as we have to  
16 send it up because we want these protections  
17 in place for our employees, our AMTs, our fire  
18 marshals, who are doing the county's business  
19 and the people's business if they get hurt on  
20 the job like other similar positions, peace  
21 officer positions, they should be eligible for  
22 accidental disability benefits.

23 MS. MEREDAY: This also provides  
24 coverage for all those others who would be  
25 considered first responders or not?

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2 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: No. It's  
3 a limited universe. Just the titles that I  
4 called out, AMTs and fire marshals and the  
5 different groups of titles within those  
6 categories. Others are already covered. This  
7 is just filling in the blank.

8 MS. MEREDAY: Kind of filling in  
9 the gap so to speak?

10 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Exactly.  
11 Any other public comment? All in  
12 favor signify by saying aye. Those opposed?  
13 Carries unanimously.

14 Motion by Legislator Birnbaum to  
15 close the meeting. Seconded by Legislator  
16 Schaefer. All in favor of adjourning signify  
17 by saying aye. Those opposed? We are  
18 adjourned.

19 (TIME NOTED: 11:52 P.M.)

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CERTIFICATION

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

THAT the foregoing is a true and  
accurate transcript of my stenographic  
notes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have  
hereunto set my hand this 17th day of  
June 2018

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FRANK GRAY