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NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

RULES COMMITTEE

RICHARD NICOLELLO, Chairman

1550 Franklin Avenue
Mineola, New York

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

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

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4 RICHARD NICOLELLO,
Chairman5 HOWARD KOPEL,
Vice Chairman

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STEVE RHOADS

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LAURA SCHAEFER

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9 KEVAN ABRAHAMS,
Ranking

10 DELIA DERIGGI-WHITTON

11 SIELA BYNOE

12 MICHAEL C. PULITZER,
Clerk of the Legislature

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1 Rules Committee/1-5-18

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

5 Ranking Member Kevan Abrahams?

6 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Here.

7 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Legislator
8 DeRiggi-Whitton?

9 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:
10 Here.

11 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Legislator
12 Bynoe?

13 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Here.

14 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Legislator
15 Schaefer?

16 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Here.

17 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Legislator
18 Rhoads?

19 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Here.

20 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Legislator
21 Kopel?

22 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Here.

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

25 We have three items on the

1 Rules Committee/1-5-18

2 agenda.

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

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

13 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: So
14 moved.

15 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Second.

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

21 (No verbal response.)

22 Is there any public comment?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

18 MS. MEREDAY: Thank you so much.

19 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Any other
20 public comment?

21 (No verbal response.)

22 All those in favor signify by
23 saying aye.

24 (Aye.)

25 Those opposed?

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2 (No verbal response.)

3 The items carry unanimously.

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

11 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: So moved.

12 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Second.

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

17 (No verbal response.)

18 Hearing none, is there any public
19 comment?

20 (No verbal response.)

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

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

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

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

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

22 MS. MEREDAY: Thank you.

23 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Any other
24 public comment?

25 (No verbal response.)

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2 All those in favor signify by
3 saying aye.

4 (Aye.)

5 Those opposed?

6 (No verbal response.)

7 Item carries unanimously.

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

11 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: So moved.

12 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Second.

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

17 (Aye.)

18 Those opposed?

19 (No verbal response.)

20 The motion carries unanimously.

21 The committee is now adjourned.

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

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C E R T I F I C A T E

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

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

THAT the foregoing transcript is a true
and accurate transcript of the same and the
whole thereof, according to the best of my
ability and belief.

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

FRANK GRAY