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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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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

FRANK GRAY