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NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

RICHARD NICOLELLO,  
Presiding Officer

HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

ROSE MARIE WALKER,  
Chairwoman

1550 Franklin Avenue  
Mineola, New York

Monday, July 15, 2019  
3:40 P.M.

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2     A P P E A R A N C E S:3     ROSE MARIE WALKER,  
4         Chairwoman5     JAMES KENNEDY,  
6         Vice Chairman

7     LAURA SCHAEFER

8     C. WILLIAM GAYLOR, III

9     DELIA DeRIGGI-WHITTON,  
10         Ranking

11     ARNOLD DRUCKER

12     JOSHUA LAFAZAN

13     MICHAEL PULITZER,  
14         Clerk of the Legislature

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LIST OF SPEAKERS

MARYELLEN LAURAIN . . . . . 5

BRENDAN ROCHE . . . . . 7

1 Health Committee/7-15-19

2 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: At this time  
3 I'll call the Health and Social Services  
4 Committee to order. I will ask the clerk to  
5 please take the roll.

6 CLERK PULITZER: Health and  
7 Social Services Committee roll call.  
8 Legislator Joshua Lafazan?

9 LEGISLATOR LAFAZAN: Here.

10 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator  
11 Arnold Drucker?

12 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Here.

13 CLERK PULITZER: Ranking Member  
14 Delia DeRiggi-Whitton?

15 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:  
16 Here.

17 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator C.  
18 William Gaylor III?

19 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Here.

20 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Laura  
21 Schaefer?

22 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Here.

23 CLERK PULITZER: Vice Chairman  
24 Kennedy?

25 LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: Here.

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2 CLERK PULITZER: Chairwoman

3 Rosemarie Walker?

4 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Here.

5 CLERK PULITZER: We have a

6 quorum.

7 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Thank you.

8 There are three items on the agenda today.

9 The first two, Clerk Item 232-19, an  
10 ordinance supplemental to the annual  
11 appropriation ordinance in connection with  
12 the Department of Health.

13 Clerk Item 235-19, an ordinance  
14 supplemental to the annual appropriation  
15 ordinance in connection with the Department  
16 of Health.

17 Motion, please.

18 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: So moved.

19 LEGISLATOR LAFAZAN: Second.

20 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Motion by  
21 Legislator Gaylor, seconded by Legislator  
22 Lafazan. MaryEllen Laurain.

23 MS. LAURAIN: Good afternoon.

24 MaryEllen Laurain, Department of Health.

25 Item 232-19 is a supplemental appropriation

1                   Health Committee/7-15-19  
2     in the amount of \$1,715,912. This is for  
3     our WIC program. This is a federally funded  
4     supplemental nutrition program for women,  
5     infants and children.

6                   CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any questions  
7     or comments from the legislators?

8                   (No verbal response.)

9                   Any public comment?

10                  (No verbal response.)

11                  Clerk Item 235.

12                  MS. LAURAIN: Item 235-19 is a  
13     supplemental appropriation in the amount of  
14     \$72,000. We recently received this grant  
15     through the New York State Department of  
16     Health which starts November 1.

17                  This is to help address the  
18     opioid epidemic in Nassau County. Funding  
19     will be used to work with community  
20     organizations, emergency departments to help  
21     link those who need treatment.

22                  CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any comments  
23     from the legislators?

24                  (No verbal response.)

25                  Any public comment?

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2 (No verbal response.)

3 Hearing none, all those in favor  
4 of Clerk Items 232-19 and 235-19 signify by  
5 saying aye.

6 (Aye.)

7 Those opposed?

8 (No verbal response.)

9 Any abstentions?

10 (No verbal response.)

11 They move on to the Finance  
12 Committee. Thank you, MaryEllen.

13 Clerk Item 241-19 is an ordinance  
14 supplemental to annual appropriation  
15 ordinance in connection with the Social  
16 Services Department.

17 Can I have a motion?

18 LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: So moved.

19 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Second.

20 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Moved by  
21 Legislator Kennedy, seconded by Legislator  
22 Drucker.

23 MR. ROCHE: Good afternoon.

24 Brendan Roche, Social Services.

25 Item 241 is a supplemental

1 Health Committee/7-15-19  
2 appropriation for a grant from the New York  
3 State department of education to provide  
4 lunches to eligible children 18 years of age  
5 and under during the summer months of July  
6 and August.

7 2018 we provided about 52,000  
8 lunches and we anticipate approximately the  
9 same amount for this year.

10 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: So far this  
11 year's program is going well?

12 MR. ROCHE: So far, yes.

13 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any questions  
14 or comments from the legislators?

15 (No verbal response.)

16 Any public comment?

17 (No verbal response.)

18 All those in favor of 241-19  
19 signify by saying aye.

20 (Aye.)

21 Any opposed?

22 (No verbal response.)

23 Any abstentions?

24 (No verbal response.)

25 That will also move on to



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2 finance.

3 There's no other business before  
4 us today. All those in favor of adjourning?

5 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: So moved.

6 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:

7 Second.

8 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: By Legislator  
9 Gaylor, seconded by Legislator  
10 DeRiggi-Whitton. All in favor say aye.

11 (Aye.)

12 Any opposed?

13 (No verbal response.)

14 We are adjourned. Next is  
15 Government Services.

16 (Whereupon, the Health and Social  
17 Services Committee adjourned at 3:45 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 31st day of July, 2019.

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FRANK GRAY