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NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

RICHARD NICOLELLO
PRESIDING OFFICER

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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

Monday, January 10, 2022
4:45 P.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 JOHN GIUFFRE

9 8th Legislative District

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11 LEGISLATOR MAZI MELESA PILIP

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 THOMAS MCKEVITT

21 13th Legislative District

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23 LEGISLATOR LAURA SCHAEFER

24 14th Legislative District

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2 LEGISLATOR JOHN FERRETTI, JR.

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: Call the
3 first meeting of the 14th term of the Nassau
4 County Legislature to order on this tenth day
5 of January 2022. I ask that all members of
6 the legislature everyone present in the
7 chambers please rise and join us in the Pledge
8 of Allegiance led by Legislator Bynoe.

9 I will now call the roll. First
10 District Kevan Abrahams.

11 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Here.

12 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Second
13 District Siela Bynoe.

14 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Here.

15 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Third
16 District Carrie Solages.

17 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Here.

18 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Fourth
19 district Denise Ford.

20 LEGISLATOR FORD: Here.

21 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Fifth
22 District Debra Mule.

23 LEGISLATOR MULE: Here.

24 MR. PULITZER: Sixth District
25 Bill Gaylor.

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2 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Present.

3 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Seventh

4 District Howard Kopel.

5 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Here.

6 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Eighth

7 District John Giuffre.

8 LEGISLATOR GIUFFRE: Here.

9 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Ninth

10 District I'm here. Tenth District Mazi Melesa

11 Pilip.

12 LEGISLATOR PILIP: Here.

13 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Eleventh

14 District Delia DeRiggi-Whitton.

15 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:

16 Here.

17 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Twelfth

18 District James Kennedy.

19 LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: Here.

20 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Thirteenth

21 District Tom McKevitt.

22 LEGISLATOR MCKEVITT: Here.

23 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Fourteenth

24 District Laura Schaefer.

25 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Here.

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2 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Fifteenth
3 District John Ferretti.

4 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Here.

5 MR. PULITZER: Sixteenth District
6 Arnold Drucker.

7 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Here.

8 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO:
9 Seventeenth District Rose Marie Walker.

10 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Here.

11 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Eighteenth
12 District Josh Lafazan.

13 LEGISLATOR LAFAZAN: Here.

14 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Nineteenth
15 District Steven Rhoads.

16 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Present.

17 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: All 19
18 legislators are present. We have a quorum.

19 First order of business is procedural
20 Resolution One of 2022. A resolution as to
21 procedure to appoint a clerk pro temp of the
22 Nassau County Legislature pursuant to Section
23 110 subsection 1.

24 I hereby nominate Mike Pulitzer as
25 clerk pro temp of the legislature. Is there a

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2 second. Seconded by Legislator Ferretti. Are
3 there any other nominations? Hearing none, I
4 will entertain a motion to close the floor for
5 nominations for a clerk pro temp.

6 Moved by Legislator Rhoads.

7 Seconded by Legislator Ford who was about to
8 say that. All in favor of closing nominations
9 signify by saying aye. Opposed? The ayes
10 have it by a vote of 19 to nothing.

11 The nomination of Michael Pulitzer
12 as clerk pro temp is now before the members of
13 the legislature. We need a voice vote to
14 confirm Mike Pulitzer as clerk pro temp. All
15 in favor signify by saying aye. Those
16 opposed? That passes unanimously.

17 Let the record indicate that I am
18 reporting that with a vote of all members of
19 the legislature present in voting Michael
20 Pulitzer as the clerk pro temp by a vote of 19
21 to nothing. Congratulations Mr. Pulitzer.

22 MR. PULITZER: Thank you
23 Legislator Nicoletto. The next order of
24 business is procedural Resolution 2-2022,
25 which is the election of the presiding officer

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2 pursuant to Section 106 of the Nassau County
3 charter. The legislator who receives the
4 highest number of votes shall be the presiding
5 officer. And the legislator who receives the
6 second highest shall be minority leader.

7 Do I have a nomination for the
8 presiding officer?

9 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Yes. It is my
10 privilege to nominate Richard Nicolello as
11 presiding officer.

12 MR. PULITZER: Is there a
13 second?

14 LEGISLATOR FORD: I second that
15 nomination.

16 MR. PULITZER: Are there any
17 other nominations?

18 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Yes. At
19 this time it is my pleasure to nominate Kevan
20 Abrahams as the minority leader officer. As
21 the presiding officer.

22 MR. PULITZER: Is there a second
23 on that?

24 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:
25 Yes. I will second it.

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2 MR. PULITZER: Thank you. Are
3 there any other nominations? Seeing none, is
4 there a nomination to close? Thank you. All
5 those in favor of closing nominations?

6 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Legislator
7 Ford made the motion. Who seconded it?
8 Legislator Ferretti.

9 MR. PULITZER: The nomination of
10 Richard Nicolello and Kevan Abrahams are now
11 before the legislature for a vote. I will now
12 call the roll. Legislator Abrahams.

13 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Abrahams.

14 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Bynoe.

15 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Abrahams.

16 MR. PULITZER: Legislator
17 Solages.

18 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Abrahams.

19 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Ford.

20 LEGISLATOR FORD: Nicolello.

21 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Mule.

22 LEGISLATOR MULE: Abrahams.

23 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Gaylor.

24 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Nicolello.

25 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Kopel.

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2 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Nicolello.

3 MR. PULITZER: Legislator

4 Giuffre.

5 LEGISLATOR GIUFFRE: Nicolello.

6 MR. PULITZER: Legislator

7 Nicolello.

8 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO:

9 Nicolello.

10 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Pilip.

11 LEGISLATOR PILIP: Nicolello.

12 MR. PULITZER: Legislator

13 DeRiggi-Whitton.

14 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:

15 Abrahams.

16 MR. PULITZER: Legislator

17 Kennedy.

18 LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: Nicolello.

19 MR. PULITZER: Legislator

20 McKevitt.

21 LEGISLATOR MCKEVITT: Nicolello.

22 MR. PULITZER: Legislator

23 Schaefer.

24 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Nicolello.

25 MR. PULITZER: Legislator

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2 Ferretti.

3 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Nicolello.

4 MR. PULITZER: Legislator

5 Drucker.

6 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Abrahams.

7 MR. PULITZER: Legislator

8 Walker.

9 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Nicolello.

10 MR. PULITZER: Legislator

11 Lafazan.

12 LEGISLATOR LAFAZAN: Abrahams.

13 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Rhoads.

14 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Nicolello.

15 MR. PULITZER: Ladies and

16 gentlemen and members of this legislature, by

17 a vote of 12 to 7 Richard Nicolello is hereby

18 elected to serve as presiding officer of the

19 Nassau County Legislature.

20 Ladies and gentlemen and members of

21 this legislature, Kevan Abrahams, having

22 received the second highest number of votes

23 cast, is elected to serve as minority leader

24 of the Nassau County Legislature.

25 I will now call on Presiding

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2 Officer Nicoletto to preside and to appoint
3 members to serve as deputy presiding officer
4 and alternate deputy presiding officer.

5 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: I'm proud
6 to appoint Legislator Kopel as deputy
7 Presiding Officer and Legislator Ford as
8 alternate deputy presiding officer.

9 The next item of business is
10 procedural Resolution 3 of 2022. A resolution
11 as to procedure to appoint Michael Pulitzer as
12 clerk of the legislature pursuant to the
13 Nassau County government law.

14 May I have a motion. Moved by
15 Legislator Walker. Seconded by Legislator
16 Schaefer. Is there any debate or discussion?
17 Any public comment? Hearing none, all in
18 favor signify by saying aye. Those opposed?
19 Carries unanimously. Congratulations.

20 MR. PULITZER: Thank you
21 Presiding Officer. I would like to thank you,
22 the presiding officer, the entire legislature
23 for expressing their faith in me. It's a
24 privilege to serve all of you, and I thank you
25 for the opportunity. I would also like to

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2 thank my wonderful staff who works so hard and
3 of course my counsel Chris Leimone. I could
4 not do this without them and I thank them and
5 I thank you. Appreciate it.

6 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Thank
7 you.

8 The next item of business is
9 procedural Resolution 4 of 2022. It's a
10 resolution as to procedure to establish and
11 adopt the rules of procedural for the 14th
12 Nassau County Legislature pursuant to the
13 county government law of Nassau County.

14 May I have a motion to consider
15 these rules as proposed. Legislator Giuffre.
16 Seconded by Legislator Rhoads. Any debate or
17 discussion regarding the rules of procedure?
18 All in favor signify by saying aye. Those
19 opposed? That carries unanimously.

20 We now move on procedural
21 Resolution 5 of 2022. It's a resolution as to
22 procedure to establish a calendar for meetings
23 of the legislature for the calendar year
24 2022. Is there a motion? Legislator Pilip
25 makes that motion. Seconded by Legislator

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2 Walker. Any debate or discussion? All in
3 favor signify by saying aye. Those opposed?
4 That carries unanimously.

5 Now we have to create several
6 committees that are not already established by
7 charter. Resolution 6 of 2022 is a resolution
8 as to procedure to establish a committee on
9 Economic and Community Development, Labor and
10 Transportation. Legislator McKeivitt makes
11 that motion. Seconded by Legislator Drucker.
12 Any debate or discussion? Any public
13 comment? All in favor signify by saying aye.
14 Opposed? Passes unanimously.

15 Resolution 7 of 2022 is a
16 resolution to establish the committee on
17 Towns, Villages and Cities. Legislator Mazi
18 Pilip makes that motion. Legislator Lafazan
19 seconds it. Any debate or discussion? Any
20 public comments? All in favor signify by
21 saying aye. Opposed? Passes unanimously.

22 Resolution 8 as to procedure is a
23 resolution to establish a committee on
24 veterans. Legislator Kennedy makes that
25 motion. Legislator Mule seconds the motion.

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2 Any debate or discussion? All in favor
3 signify by saying aye. Those opposed?
4 Carries unanimously.

5 Resolution 9 of 2022 as to
6 procedure is a resolution to establish a
7 committee on senior affairs. That's moved by
8 Legislator Giuffre. Seconded by Legislator
9 Mule. Any debate or discussion? Any public
10 comment? All in favor signify by saying aye.
11 Those opposed? Carries unanimously.

12 Resolution 10 of 2022 as to
13 procedure is a resolution to establish a
14 committee on aircraft noise. Moved by
15 Legislator Gaylor and seconded by Legislator
16 Solages. Any debate or discussion. Any
17 public comment? All in favor signify by
18 saying aye. Those opposed? Carries
19 unanimously.

20 Resolution 11 of 2022 is a
21 resolution as to procedure to establish a
22 committee on assessment. Moved by Legislator
23 Rhoads. Seconded by Legislator
24 DeRiggi-Whitton. Any debate or discussion?
25 Any public comment? All in favor signify by

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2 saying aye. Those opposed? That carries
3 unanimously.

4 Pursuant to Section 2211 of the
5 Nassau County charter the members of the
6 legislature representing two political parties
7 who received the highest and next highest
8 number votes in the county at the general
9 election in which the governor was chosen
10 shall designate in writing an official
11 newspaper and file this designation with the
12 office of the clerk of the legislature.

13 Both designations have been
14 submitted. The Majority has chosen Newsday,
15 as does the Minority. So Newsday is selected
16 as the official newspaper of the county
17 legislature.

18 At this time the floor is open for
19 purpose of announcing committee assignments
20 and appointments of chairs and vice chairs of
21 all committees of the legislature.

22 Legislature has the following committees.

23 Rules, Finance, Public Works, Public Safety

24 Health and Social Services, Government

25 Services and Operations, Planning, Development

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2 and the Environment, Minority Affairs, Towns
3 Villages and Cities, Economic and Community
4 Development and Labor and Transportation,
5 Veterans, Senior Affairs, Aircraft Noise
6 Abatement, Assessment.

7 Additionally, Section 182 of the
8 charter requires the county to create a Budget
9 Review Committee for the purpose of
10 maintaining general supervision of and liaison
11 with the Office of Legislature Budget Review.
12 The members of this committee shall also be
13 designated.

14 Minority Leader Abrahams, I will
15 begin with my designations and then I ask that
16 you make yours as the committees are called.
17 Okay. Rules. I'm just going to give the last
18 names to shorten this. Nicolello chair, Kopel
19 vice-chair, Rhoads and Schaeffer.

20 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Presiding
21 Officer, I don't have the list in front of
22 me. I can do Rules, which is Legislator
23 Bynoe, DeRiggi-Whitton and myself. But I
24 would ask one of my colleagues that actually
25 has the list in front of them to do it for me.

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2 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Thank
3 you. I think they're doing that now.

4 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Just
5 last names for Rules will be Abrahams, Whitton
6 and Bynoe.

7 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Finance.
8 Kopel chair, Ferretti vice chair, McKevitt and
9 Walker.

10 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:
11 Apologizing for Rules, ranking would be
12 Abrahams. For Finance, ranking would be
13 Drucker, then Solages and Lafazan.

14 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Next one
15 on my list on this script is Public Works.
16 It's Gaylor as chair, Giuffre as vice chair,
17 Schaefer and Kennedy.

18 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:
19 Public Works. Ranking is Bynoe, Drucker and
20 Solages.

21 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Public
22 Safety. Ford chair, Rhoads vice-chair, Pilip
23 and Ferretti.

24 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:
25 Public Works. Ranking is Whitton, Bynoe and

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2 Mule.

3 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Health
4 Committee is Walker as chair, Pilip as vice
5 chair, Schaefer and Gaylor that's the Health
6 Committee.

7 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:
8 Health. Ranking is DeRiggi-Whitton, Drucker
9 and Lafazan.

10 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Government
11 Services. Ferretti chair, Ford vice chair,
12 McKevitt and Giuffre.

13 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:
14 Ranking is Drucker, Lafazan and Solages.

15 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Planning.
16 Schaefer is chair, McKevitt vice chair,
17 Giuffre and Ford.

18 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:
19 Ranking Solages, Bynoe, Drucker.

20 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Minority
21 Affairs. Rhoads chair, Walker vice chair,
22 Kennedy and Ford.

23 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:
24 Ranking Solages, Abrahams and Mule.

25 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Economic

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2 and Community Development. Which is McKevitt
3 as chair, Kennedy as vice chair Gaylor and
4 Ford.

5 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:

6 Ranking Bynoe, Mule and Drucker.

7 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Towns,

8 Villages and Cities. Pilip as chair, Schaefer
9 as vice chair, Kennedy and Gaylor.

10 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:

11 Ranking Lafazan, Mule and DeRiggi-Whitton.

12 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Veterans.

13 Kennedy as chair, Gaylor as vice chair, Walker
14 and Pilip.

15 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:

16 Ranking is Mule, DeRiggi-Whitton and Lafazan.

17 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Senior

18 Affairs Giuffre as chair, Walker as vice
19 chair, McKevitt and Pilip.

20 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:

21 Ranking is Mule, DeRiggi-Whitton and Lafazan.

22 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Aircraft

23 Noise. Nicolello as chair, Giuffre is vice
24 chair, Gaylor and Schaefer.

25 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:

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2 Ranking is Mule, Solages and Lafazan.

3 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Then
4 Assessment is Rhoads as chair, Kopel as vice
5 chair and Ferretti.

6 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:
7 Ranking is DeRiggi-Whitton and Solages.

8 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: And
9 finally for Budget Review, Ferretti is chair,
10 Nicolello is vice chair and Kopel.

11 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:
12 Abrahams and Drucker.

13 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: At this
14 time I would like to put the full legislature
15 in recess and each committee will be called in
16 order by the chair from their assigned seats.
17 Each committee will vote on their statement of
18 purpose and its rules. Budget Review
19 Committee as set forth in the charter will not
20 convene.

21 (Meeting recessed at 5:04 p.m.)

22 (Meeting reconvened at 5:28 p.m.)

23 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: We're
24 going to reconvene the full legislature now.
25 We are reconvening the full legislature and I

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2 will now call for the adjournment of the full
3 legislature. Motion by Legislator Drucker.
4 Seconded by Legislator Lafazan. All in favor
5 of adjourning signify by saying aye. Those
6 opposed? The first meeting of the Nassau
7 County Legislature is adjourned. Thank you
8 very much.

9 (Meeting adjourned at 5:29 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 14th day of
January 2022.

FRANK GRAY