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

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8 Vice Chair

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10 LEGISLATOR MAZI MELESA PILIP

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12 LEGISLATOR JOHN FERRETTI

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14 LEGISLATOR DELIA DERIGGI-WHITTON

15 Ranking member

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17 LEGISLATOR SIELA BYNOE

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19 LEGISLATOR DEBRA MULE

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2 LEGISLATOR FORD: Good
3 afternoon. I would like to call the Public
4 Safety Committee to order and I will ask the
5 clerk to call the roll.

6 MR. PULITZER: Thank you ma'am.
7 Legislator Debra Mule.

8 LEGISLATOR MULE: Here.

9 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Siela
10 Bynoe.

11 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Here.

12 MR. PULITZER: Ranking Member
13 Delia DeRiggi-Whitton.

14 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:
15 Here.

16 MR. PULITZER: Legislator John
17 Ferretti.

18 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Here.

19 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Mazi
20 Melesa Pilip.

21 LEGISLATOR PILIP: Here.

22 MR. PULITZER: Vice-chairman
23 Steven Rhoads.

24 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Present.

25 MR. PULITZER: Chairwoman Denise

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2 Ford.

3 LEGISLATOR FORD: Here.

4 MR. PULITZER: We have a quorum
5 ma'am.

6 LEGISLATOR FORD: Thank you very
7 much sir.

8 There are three items on the agenda
9 today. Which are clerk items 13-22, 14-22 and
10 26-22. Clerk item 13-22 is an ordinance
11 supplemental to an appropriation ordinance in
12 connection with the police department.

13 May I have a motion. Moved by
14 Legislator Pilip. Seconded by Bynoe. The
15 item is before us. Good afternoon.

16 MR. FIELD: William Field,
17 inspector from the police department.

18 Item 13-22 is a supplemental
19 appropriation to appropriate \$455,070 in funds
20 received from the New York State Department of
21 Homeland Security. This program is designed
22 to provide law enforcement agencies with
23 resources to purchase and supplement their
24 capabilities in detecting and disrupting acts
25 of terrorism. About \$133,452 will be set

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2 aside for police training and exercises and
3 about \$290,000 will be set aside for equipment
4 purchases.

5 LEGISLATOR FORD: Thank you. Any
6 debate or discussion from the legislators?
7 Any public comment? All those in favor of
8 passing this item please signify by saying
9 aye. Opposed? The item passes unanimously.
10 Thank you very much.

11 Clerk item 14-22 is an ordinance
12 supplemental to an appropriation ordinance in
13 connection with the probation department. May
14 I have a motion. Moved by Legislator
15 Giuffre. Seconded by Legislator Mule. The
16 item is before us. Good afternoon.

17 MR. LANSMAN: Good afternoon
18 Chairwoman Ford, Vice-chairman Rhoads members
19 of the legislature. Douglas Lansman,
20 probation.

21 The item before you is item 14-22.
22 It's an annual renewable grant from New York
23 State DCJS. The purpose of this grant is to
24 assist parolees freshly released from prison
25 to make a smooth transition from incarceration

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2 back into public society. Sometimes many
3 years or a decade later. This will help them
4 reintegrate back into our community and to
5 society to lead productive lives and become
6 good citizens.

7 LEGISLATOR FORD: Thank you.
8 It's very commendable that we do this. What
9 is it to like help them with education,
10 finding housing?

11 MR. LANSMAN: Exactly. It's one
12 of our best grants. It helps people who have
13 been in prison many, many years come out. We
14 try to find housing for them. We train them
15 for learning how -- we give them education.
16 Learning how to prepare resumes. How to
17 dress. It's basically almost like the movie
18 Shawshank Redemption that you see on TV.
19 People now come out and many times they're
20 bewildered. What do they do? This grant
21 really focuses on how people get back into
22 society.

23 LEGISLATOR FORD: Any other
24 questions? Any public comment? Go right
25 ahead.

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2 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: I
3 just have a quick question. Are you based in
4 based anywhere in particular? How do you
5 disseminate the grant?

6 MR. LANSMAN: We have primarily,
7 who works on the grant, we have an outside
8 agency, Leadership Training Institute, that
9 won a bid and they primarily administer the
10 grant. We have a small amount of money that
11 the Probation Department keeps for
12 administrative purposes. But it's Leadership
13 Training Institute that actually performs the
14 grant. We monitor them every month to see how
15 they've been doing in terms of milestones and
16 how many people they've seen and so on. And
17 how we can help them move this grant forward.

18 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: I
19 know the DA also has an outreach office. We
20 actually attended there. I know it was in
21 Hempstead on Coda Road. That's the name of
22 it, CODA.

23 MR. LANSMAN: Is that community
24 Partnership? CPP?

25 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: No.

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2 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: You're right.
3 They changed their name to CPP.

4 MR. LANSMAN: Right.

5 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Do
6 you offer any funding through their agency as
7 well?

8 MR. LANSMAN: No. I'm not
9 familiar with that program.

10 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:
11 Because your mission statements seem to
12 coincide. Very similar.

13 MR. LANSMAN: There must be
14 something a little bit different.

15 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: So,
16 you don't really have an office then, right?
17 You just work with different agencies?

18 MR. LANSMAN: No. It's primarily
19 based through Leadership Training Institute.

20 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: You
21 should maybe look into this group because it
22 really is a very similar mission statement and
23 the DA they're are doing a fantastic job too.

24 MR. LANSMAN: What's the name of
25 the program again?

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2 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: It's what you
3 stated before. Before it was CODA, changing
4 thoughts or something to that effect through
5 action.

6 MR. LANSMAN: T for C is that one
7 of the programs?

8 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: It was CODA.
9 I forget exactly what it stands for but I know
10 it was changing thoughts through action or
11 something to that effect. But it's now CPP as
12 you stated and they're hubbed out of Hempstead
13 right behind the courts on Centre Street I
14 believe it is.

15 So, I think they do a very
16 similar -- they have a very similar mission
17 and I think some of those folks, you're
18 probation, and I don't think they've gone
19 fully through the system to even be
20 probationers, and I think you might be
21 targeting two different groups of individuals
22 who are court involved. Is Leadership
23 Training Institute, are they in Hempstead?

24 MR. LANSMAN: Yes, they are. On
25 Clinton Street.

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2 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: That's the
3 only location where they provide services?

4 MR. LANSMAN: I believe so. They
5 do have of course job fairs and they go into
6 the public and so on.

7 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Thank you.

8 LEGISLATOR FORD: So then
9 Leadership Institute, do they get funding from
10 elsewhere or just through the county?

11 MR. LANSMAN: I know this
12 particular grant they get 190 out of the
13 \$201,000.

14 LEGISLATOR FORD: It's probably
15 similar but depends upon the clients I guess.
16 Thank you very much.

17 Any other questions? All those in
18 favor of passing this item please signify by
19 saying aye. Any opposed? The item passes
20 unanimously. Thank you very much.

21 Clerk item 26-22 is an ordinance
22 supplemental to an appropriation ordinance in
23 connection with the medical examiner.

24 May I have a motion. Moved by
25 Legislator Bynoe. Seconded by Legislator

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2 Ferretti. The item is before us. Who is
3 here? Good afternoon.

4 MS. DOOLING: Karen Dooling,
5 assistant director of the crime lab. This is
6 a no-match grant for \$304,592 from NIJ and
7 it's to assist with reducing DNA backlogs and
8 it's for equipment, supplies, instruments,
9 contracts and overtime.

10 LEGISLATOR FORD: So then
11 actually you can process DNA a little bit
12 swifter?

13 MS. DOOLING: Yes. For equipment
14 that will help us decrease turnaround time,
15 overtime, supplies, yes.

16 LEGISLATOR FORD: Any other
17 questions? Any public comment? I see none.
18 All those in favor of passing this item please
19 signify by saying aye. Opposed? The item
20 passes unanimously. Thank you very much.

21 There is no other business in front
22 of this committee. May I have a motion to
23 adjourn. Moved by Legislator Rhoads.
24 Seconded by Legislator Ferretti. All those in
25 favor? The committee is now adjourned.

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2 Planning is next.

3 (Committee adjourned at 2:22 p.m.)

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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 tenth day of
February 2022.

FRANK GRAY