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2 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Mike, do
3 you want to do the honors?

4 MR. PULITZER: Thank you sir.
5 Roll call Rules Committee. Legislator Siela
6 Bynoe.

7 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Here.

8 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Delia
9 DeRiggi-Whitton.

10 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:
11 Here.

12 MR. PULITZER: Ranking Member
13 Kevan Abrahams.

14 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Here.

15 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Laura
16 Schaefer.

17 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Here.

18 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Steven
19 Rhoads.

20 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Present.

21 MR. PULITZER: Vice-chairman
22 Howard Kopel.

23 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Here.

24 MR. PULITZER: Chairman Richard
25 Nicolello.

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2 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Here.

3 MR. PULITZER: We have a quorum,
4 sir.

5 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: As per
6 usual, we will be considering the contracts
7 portion first. I'm going to call them all
8 together. We will consider them and then vote
9 on them either together or separately.

10 A-2 of 2022, A-4, A-5. These are
11 resolutions authorizing the commissioner of
12 shared services to award and execute blanket
13 purchase orders between the county and Federal
14 Sales LLC, Hi Tech Air Conditioning Service
15 and Long Island Locksmith and Alarm.

16 E-1, E-2, E-3, U-1 of 2022. These
17 are resolutions authorizing the county
18 executive to execute personal services
19 agreements or amendments to personal services
20 agreements between the county and Top Key
21 Court Reporting, Jacobs Project Management
22 Company, Triad Group and the Incorporated
23 Village of Lake Success.

24 We will start with the
25 assessment-related item first, which is A-2 of

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2 2022. Before we do that I need a motion.

3 Moved by Deputy Presiding Officer Kopel.

4 Seconded by Legislator DeRiggi-Whitton. Those
5 contracts are before us.

6 Start with the assessment item
7 which is A-2 with the contract with IT Federal
8 Sales.

9 MR. JACOVINA: Good afternoon.
10 I'm Joe Jacovina, deputy commissioner
11 information technology. A-2-2022. The vendor
12 is Federal Sales LLC. The product is called
13 Cyclomedia. This product provides
14 geocyclorama, a 360-degree panoramic
15 photograph with ultra high resolution. The
16 request is for a six-year agreement with data
17 captures every other year for three years.

18 The first year is 2022 and it's for
19 \$897,000. The second data capture is in 2024
20 for \$944,000. And the third data capture is
21 in 2026 for \$992,000. We will be encumbering
22 one year at a time.

23 The data capture will be used by a
24 variety of agencies including but not limited
25 to the Department of Assessment, DPW and fire

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2 marshal. It is being procured off the GSA
3 state contract. I have representatives from
4 the Assessment if you have any questions on
5 how this product will be used by their
6 department.

7 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: I'm just
8 curious as to how the images will be
9 captured. Is it street level? Is it captured
10 from satellite? Any more details on this?

11 MR. ROSS: Daniel Ross,
12 Department of Assessment. If you picture how
13 Google creates it it's going to be a car
14 that's going to be driving all of streets,
15 roadways and they will be capturing the
16 imagery from the street level.

17 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: So, then
18 this will enable you, Department of Assessment
19 and other departments in the county, to have
20 more information, more detailed information as
21 to the structures that it captures, is that
22 accurate?

23 MR. ROSS: That is correct. All
24 properties will have new imagery collected
25 based on that.

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2 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Deputy
3 Presiding Officer Kopel has a question.

4 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Thank you.
5 You mentioned that it's kind of similar to the
6 Google maps kind of thing. The way they take
7 all these pictures?

8 MR. ROSS: Similar, yes.

9 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: So why do we
10 need a separate one? Why can't the Department
11 of Assessment use some publicly available
12 things like Google or some analogous service?

13 MR. ROSS: It's similar in the
14 way that it just appears but there's a lot of
15 available technology that's behind there.
16 It's tied into our GIS systems. So, imagery
17 and data points are collected I believe it's
18 every 15 feet along the way. You can measure
19 off of it from the streets. So you can do a
20 lot more. It's not just an imagery capture
21 that you would find --

22 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: So it's a lot
23 of data that you need that's not available on
24 other publicly available or other services?

25 MR. ROSS: Correct.

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2 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Legislator
3 DeRiggi-Whitton.

4 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: I
5 was just wondering, who's going to actually
6 own the data, the photos that you take? Or
7 that they take. This company.

8 MR. ROSS: The imagery, from my
9 understanding, is owned by them. However, if
10 we use I believe it's called an API, and I can
11 get more, there's a third party. If we
12 download the imagery, which I'm under the
13 impression that it is easily able to be done,
14 we can extract that data and own it
15 ourselves. As long as we go about that in the
16 downloading.

17 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:
18 Going forward, we're going to be basically
19 kind of married to this company or else we
20 would lose all the data; is that correct?

21 MR. ROSS: Not necessarily. The
22 goal and -- you want to elaborate on that
23 portion?

24 MR. BATISTA: Eric Batista, IT
25 specialist Nassau County IT. This product is

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2 considered software as a service. So it will
3 be hosted on cyclomedia servers and the county
4 will be paying a maintenance license to access
5 that content.

6 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: So
7 going forward if we didn't want to renew a
8 contract with them, IT Federal Sales, would we
9 still have access to the information? The
10 information would be available through the
11 maintenance license that we would be paying
12 for going forward?

13 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Do
14 we have a copy of the maintenance license yet
15 or no?

16 MR. BATISTA: Yes. That is all
17 in the packet with the price guide.

18 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:
19 Thank you.

20 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Legislator
21 Schaefer.

22 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Good
23 afternoon. Did you say earlier that it was
24 going to be like a car or a vehicle going by
25 taking the photo?

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2 MR. ROSS: Correct.

3 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: So then how
4 do they get the back? Are you getting above
5 and on the sides of the properties or just the
6 front?

7 MR. ROSS: It is just straight up
8 from the public right of way.

9 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Just from
10 the front you're saying?

11 MR. ROSS: Correct.

12 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: That
13 provides you with all the information that you
14 need to get what you need from that?

15 MR. ROSS: It will enhance our
16 abilities exponentially. We do have updated
17 aerial imagery. We will be able to tie that
18 in through mapping software and everything
19 else that this provides. So we will be able
20 in reality get a complete picture from aerial
21 as well as street imagery, which we don't have
22 currently.

23 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: The aerial
24 is that something the county takes care of as
25 well? We have our people that go out?

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2 MR. ROSS: We do have
3 contractors.

4 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: So they
5 work together in other words, the two
6 programs?

7 MR. ROSS: They do work well
8 together, yes.

9 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Okay.

10 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: What
11 functions does this replace that are being
12 performed by Assessment?

13 MR. ROSS: It doesn't necessarily
14 replace anything. It enhances it and it gives
15 us the ability to more efficiently collect the
16 data and get a better understanding of what's
17 going on with the property as we speak as
18 opposed to delayed and outdated imagery and
19 everything else.

20 MR. CRONIN: Matthew Cronin,
21 Department of Assessment. It would also
22 update current photography in the system. It
23 will be able to access as to the point the car
24 took the photo as opposed to outdated pictures
25 that we have. It would update that

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2 exponentially.

3 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: I recall
4 when they did the assessment 20 years ago they
5 had people going to every house in the county
6 taking photographs and using that.

7 As Google does, they update their
8 imagery. Will this be updated? Will this go
9 past the same blocks more than once? Is that
10 something that will happen or no?

11 MR. ROSS: I'm sorry. Will you
12 repeat that?

13 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Will it be
14 going past the same premises more than once?
15 Does it go down the same block more than
16 once? Or is it just one sweep for the whole
17 county?

18 MR. ROSS: It will be done over a
19 three-month period the collections my
20 understanding. It's usually, from what I was
21 understanding from the demonstration, that it
22 goes in both directions of the land. So it
23 will go up and down the block.

24 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: I was
25 curious as to whether it gets updated. Google

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2 Maps goes out every two or three years and
3 images get updated.

4 MR. ROSS: This will be updated
5 every other year.

6 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Any other
7 questions? Thank you.

8 Next contracts are with Public
9 Works starting with A-4, Hi Tech Air
10 Conditioning.

11 MR. ARNOLD: Good afternoon. Ken
12 Arnold, Public Works. A-4 is a service
13 blanket order for building management systems
14 maintenance and repair. We had one bidder.
15 And our annual expectation is about a million
16 dollars a year for this maintenance activity
17 for buildings with management systems
18 included.

19 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: I think
20 the question we had was why was there only one
21 bidder on a contract of this magnitude? Do
22 you have an idea or reason?

23 MR. ARNOLD: We have a hard time
24 getting multiple bids on any HVAC work. I
25 don't know what the pool of vendors are on

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2 this myself. I'd have to do some research on
3 that.

4 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: It was
5 obviously advertised in customary ways.

6 MR. ARNOLD: Yes. All through
7 purchasing like any purchase req would go
8 out.

9 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Any HVAC
10 company that's on our list will get --

11 MR. ARNOLD: -- notified,
12 correct.

13 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Any other
14 questions? Legislator Bynoe.

15 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Thank you
16 Presiding Officer. Hi Ken. Just kind of to
17 piggyback back off that question by the
18 presiding officer. I understand there's a
19 requirement when you only get one bid in.
20 However, we had other companies or entities
21 request the package. That we kind of do our
22 due diligence to go back and inquire as to why
23 those entities did not formally submit. Can
24 you tell me how many companies we reached out
25 to and what were their responses?

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2 MR. ARNOLD: I'd have to refer to
3 purchasing. They would do that for this type
4 of contract.

5 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Is purchasing
6 here?

7 MS. COLASURDO: Claudia
8 Colasurdo, Office of Purchasing. 19 people
9 looked at this bid. We contacted all 19.

10 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: And what was
11 the feedback?

12 MS. COLASURDO: Not interested.
13 Don't this type of work. Not able to do this
14 type of work. Don't do this type of work.
15 Not interested. So, we received one bid and
16 they met the specifications and we made the
17 recommendation of award.

18 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Thank you.

19 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Anyone
20 else? Let's go to A-5, Long Island Locksmith.

21 MR. ARNOLD: A-5 is another
22 service blanket order for locksmith
23 maintenance repair services. Again, there was
24 only one bidder. This contract will help
25 assist the county's locksmith in facilities to

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2 address any issues that may arise. Our annual
3 spend looks like \$100,000 a year on this.

4 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Any
5 questions?

6 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Are
7 you aware of the situation at the jail that
8 they're having a hard time finding a
9 locksmith?

10 MR. ARNOLD: I am not.

11 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:
12 They're having a hard time finding a
13 locksmith.

14 MR. ARNOLD: What I know is what
15 I've heard in this chamber.

16 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: I
17 don't know if there's any way we can correlate
18 this with that. I know it may be a separate
19 union or something. But the last update I
20 remember they really were relying upon one
21 gentleman and, you know, with that many
22 locks. I don't know if we can do that. Can
23 we assist them with this contract?

24 MR. ARNOLD: I don't know if this
25 contract has them included or not. I don't

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2 know.

3 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: To follow
4 up on that. Do you know if something else is
5 in the works for the jail?

6 MR. ARNOLD: I'm not aware of
7 what the jail is doing on their behalf.

8 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Would that
9 come to Public Works?

10 MR. ARNOLD: No. They have their
11 own facilities people.

12 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Legislator
13 Bynoe.

14 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Thank you
15 Presiding Officer. I have the same question
16 regarding this contract for purchasing.

17 MS. COLASURDO: 17 people looked
18 at this bid. We contacted all 17.

19 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: And?

20 MS. COLASURDO: Same scenario.

21 Don't do this type of work. One we left a
22 message. Not interested. Not interested.
23 Don't do this type of work.

24 So, it goes out to everybody that
25 registers for this particular commodity

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2 codes. The bid goes out electronically. It
3 electronically alerts the vendors that say
4 they do this type of work. So, they have the
5 option to bid on it. They do call with
6 questions. And then when we get low bid
7 response we do follow-up with all the vendors
8 to see what potentially would they be
9 interested in a bid. Why wouldn't they want
10 to bid and so on. In this case same scenario
11 as the previous contract.

12 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: So, we called
13 locksmiths and they said that they don't do
14 lock or repair?

15 MS. COLASURDO: They don't do
16 this type of work. This is door service
17 repair.

18 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Door service?

19 MS. COLASURDO: Right. Long
20 Island Locksmith won the bid.

21 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Thank you very
22 much. I just have one follow-up for Ken
23 then. Thank you very much.

24 Ken, what kind of doors are we
25 talking about here?

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2 MR. ARNOLD: Any door within the
3 county that has a lock on it.

4 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: It's a lock
5 repair. Are they repairing the hinges on the
6 lock or the door rather or is it the lock?

7 MR. ARNOLD: Make sure that the
8 locking feature works properly. If the door's
9 not closing and locking properly this contract
10 would assist our staff if our staff couldn't
11 address the issue.

12 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: These are
13 typically fire-rated doors?

14 MR. ARNOLD: Could be interior
15 doors. Could be all types of doors. Any door
16 that has security associated with it.

17 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: And we're
18 finding that companies don't do that kind of
19 work? That seems odd to me. We're talking
20 about regular locking mechanisms. I can't
21 imagine that a locksmith can't, other
22 locksmith companies don't do this kind of
23 work. Go ahead Howard.

24 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: So, I'm kind
25 of wondering with all these one-bid situations

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2 what are the terms of payment? How long does
3 it take until people get paid? Or how long
4 are they required to be paid and how long does
5 it take until they are paid?

6 MR. ARNOLD: I know on publicly
7 bid contracts, I can't speak for not purchase
8 order because that's not my area of expertise,
9 put publicly bid contracts I believe the New
10 York State GML requires payment within 45 days
11 of an approvable claim.

12 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: So, do you
13 know as a matter of course have people said
14 that they don't want to do this because they
15 don't get paid quickly enough?

16 MR. ARNOLD: On my publicly bid
17 contracts, when I do this analysis, we do get
18 some vendors that say that. Some vendors will
19 say they don't want to bond for the project.
20 Some vendors will say they don't have the
21 insurance or the apprenticeship program. So
22 on my contracts, this is a purchase req
23 contract, so I don't know all their processes.

24 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: But your
25 contracts they would apply in either case I

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2 would assume.

3 MR. ARNOLD: I think you would
4 get similar results.

5 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: So, the issues
6 then are time of payment, bonding?

7 MR. ARNOLD: Bonding, insurance,
8 apprenticeship program.

9 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Are any of
10 these onerous for small businesses?

11 MR. ARNOLD: Apprenticeship
12 program could be if they're not in an approved
13 apprenticeship program. That would eliminate
14 some people from applying for certain
15 projects.

16 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: So a small
17 locksmith can't afford this for example?

18 MR. ARNOLD: Yeah. It's a mom
19 and pop operation.

20 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: They're
21 excluded?

22 MR. ARNOLD: Right. But I don't
23 know if that applies to this contract. I'd
24 have to go back and look at that. But
25 insurance and bonding, I'm not sure bonding

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2 applies it but I'm sure insurance does. There
3 could be an insurance requirement that they
4 can't afford.

5 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Okay. Thank
6 you Ken.

7 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Anyone
8 else? Let's go on to the next one.

9 MR. ARNOLD: The next item is
10 E-2. E-2 is a contract amendment for Jacobs
11 Engineering to supply project management
12 assistance for our environmental facilities
13 work. This is an amendment for six months for
14 \$356,000. We do have a contract being
15 processed right now to replace this one. It's
16 our on-call program management contracts where
17 we'll do task orders to solicit a vendor for
18 this. But right now I have a void that I have
19 to fix the overlap. That's what that
20 amendment is for.

21 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Any
22 questions? Let's go on to the last one.

23 MR. ARNOLD: Last one is U-1.
24 U-1 is a \$12,000 contract with the Village of
25 Lake Success for DWI enforcement. This is

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2 funding that is passed through the traffic
3 safety board from New York State. This is a
4 five-year contract for \$2,500 per year.

5 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Any
6 questions? Thank you Ken.

7 Next contract is with TPVA. It's
8 E-1 of 2022 with Top Key Reporting.

9 MR. MULLIN: Mark Mullin and
10 Christopher Komolka with Traffic and Parking.
11 The New York State VTL requires that certain
12 proceedings at TPVA be transcribed including
13 conferences, trials and other meetings.

14 The contract is to provide court
15 stenographers to TPVA to fulfill the county's
16 legal obligation to provide that service. Top
17 Key has been providing these services to the
18 agency since 2010 and is a certified
19 women-owned business enterprise. The contract
20 is for a three-year term with two one-year
21 extensions for a total of five years.

22 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Thank
23 you. Any questions? We're good. Thank you.

24 Our last contract is with I think
25 the budget office with E-3 of 2022 and Triad

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2 Group. Let the record reflect that Legislator
3 Rhoads is leaving the chambers. He is
4 recusing himself. He will not be
5 participating in any debate, discussion or
6 vote on this item.

7 MR. NOLAN: Chris Nolan from the
8 Office of Management and Budget. Item E-3
9 2022 is a contract with the Triad Group to act
10 as the county's administrator for worker's
11 compensation claims. Triad had been selected
12 through an RFP issued last May. The county
13 received responses from nine firms. Two of
14 those firms were deemed nonresponsive. Of the
15 remaining seven firms the committee ranked and
16 evaluated and in each category Triad was
17 ranked the highest. That's why they are being
18 recommended to you today.

19 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Any
20 questions? Sure.

21 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: I
22 was just curious how the payment goes for
23 them. Is this part of your budget?

24 MR. NOLAN: Yes.

25 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: So

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2 you can pay them directly? I'm just being
3 asked to read something into the record.
4 According to Exhibit-B, these payments are not
5 subject to voucher procedural as described in
6 Section 4B of this agreement. However, the
7 contractor may be required to certify to the
8 actual charges to provide the sufficient
9 backup supporting the amount claimed as
10 requested by the county.

11 Basically we just want to put on
12 the record that the payments aren't subject to
13 the voucher procedure that's described in our
14 4.b of the agreement.

15 Is that correct? That's all we
16 wanted to put on the record.

17 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Legislator
18 Schaefer.

19 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Hi. How
20 are you? Quick question. So, we've been
21 using this group for quite a while now; is
22 that correct?

23 MR. NOLAN: Yes. I believe about
24 15 years.

25 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Is this a

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2 service that we could do in-house at all? Is
3 there an opportunity to save any money?

4 MR. NOLAN: I would say no.

5 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Don't have
6 the staff for it?

7 MR. NOLAN: Yes. We'd have to
8 staff up to account for this. Again, they've
9 been doing this for about 15 years. They have
10 a very good history of the county's claims
11 process. And they're really among the
12 cheapest of the firms that responded.

13 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Okay.
14 Thank you.

15 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Thank
16 you. Any other questions? I think we're
17 good. With respect to -- hold on a second.
18 Is there any public comment on those
19 contracts?

20 MS. MEREDAY: Meta J. Mereday.
21 Just a quick question. I guess it's a
22 confirmation that the Triad Group under
23 consideration is the one based in Troy,
24 New York?

25 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Yes,

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2 that's accurate.

3 MS. MEREDAY: I would definitely
4 support having that company. It is something
5 that I have dealt with again as a 9-11 first
6 responder and having to deal with worker's
7 compensation. They have also proven to be
8 very efficient and accurate in terms of their
9 proceedings and representation in that
10 matter.

11 Having said that, the other
12 questions that were brought up by Legislator
13 Bynoe are something that are very concerning
14 for the fact that I believe only one other
15 company, and again, Triad is a women-owned
16 business. I'm very encouraged by that. But
17 when only one other contract mentioned here
18 was highlighted that it was a women-owned
19 business, I have yet to hear emphasized or
20 stressed or addressed here with the fact that
21 minority-owned, veteran-owned businesses
22 continue to be left out of the mix even as a
23 possible subcontractor.

24 So, I'm gravely concerned with
25 regard to the same list or same outreach

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2 activities that are involved with the
3 procurement activities. Having served for a
4 number of years as a vice president for the
5 New York-New Jersey Minority Purchasing
6 Counsel where I know that there are many
7 businesses having, in fact, also made sure
8 that there was diversity and inclusion in the
9 rebuild of the twin towers. I know there are
10 HVAC companies of color that could perform the
11 work even on a subcontract basis.

12 I feel that we need to do better in
13 terms of our outreach and our procurement and
14 our purchasing efforts. The long dusty
15 Service Disabled Veteran Owned Business Act,
16 the VOB Act, I don't really feel that that's
17 being initiated here to its fullest
18 potential. So, I just want to again put that
19 on the table.

20 There has been a long-standing
21 problem with the lack of representation and
22 inclusion on apprenticeship programs in
23 construction having worked with a major
24 construction firm, Turner Construction
25 Corporation, who initiated on their own time

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2 and dime apprenticeship programs that made
3 opportunities more accessible for minority
4 contractors who were too often left out of
5 that mix.

6 Again, I'm asking that now in 2022
7 we step up our efforts to be more inclusive,
8 as well as the equity portion of these
9 contracts and access. And if there is a
10 possibility to review how and where these
11 purchasing agreements and requests are
12 disseminated. That is what I'm looking
13 forward to seeing at this point.

14 Also to make sure that no friends,
15 relatives and close associates are involved
16 with the contracting or the specific companies
17 involved. Let's just put it on the table
18 ahead of time before it becomes a News 12 or
19 Newsday announcement. Thank you.

20 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Any other
21 public comments? Hearing none, I'll have a
22 vote on the E-3 2022 Triad contract first.
23 All in favor of that contract signify by
24 saying aye. Those opposed? Passes
25 unanimously by a vote of six to nothing.

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2 Invite Legislator Rhoads back in.

3 Now we're going to vote on the
4 other contracts. A-2, A-4, A-5, E-1, E-2,
5 U-1. All in favor of those contracts signify
6 by saying aye. Those opposed? They carry
7 unanimously.

8 I'll put the Rules Committee in
9 recess so we can move on to the other
10 committees.

11 (Committee recessed at 2:11 p.m.)

12 (Committee reconvened at 3:43 p.m.)

13 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Let's call
14 the Rules Committee back into session. To
15 start things off, we have a consent calendar
16 which are items that went through committees a
17 few moments ago. It's been agreed by the
18 Majority and Minority that no further debate
19 or discussion is needed for these consent
20 items. I will call them now.

21 Items 8, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16,
22 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 25, 26, and 27.

23 Motion by Legislator Bynoe. Seconded by
24 Legislator Schaefer. Any debate or discussion
25 on these items? Hearing none, all in favor

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2 signify by saying aye. Those opposed? They
3 carry unanimously.

4 Next item is number 9 of 2022,
5 which is a resolution appointing a Democratic
6 commissioner of elections for the county of
7 Nassau.

8 Moved by Minority Leader Abrahams.
9 Seconded by Legislator Bynoe. Any debate or
10 discussion on this item? Hearing none, all in
11 favor signify by saying aye. Those opposed?
12 Carries unanimously.

13 We have some IMAs which are items
14 28, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36 and 37. These are
15 resolutions authorizing the county executive
16 to execute intermunicipality agreements with
17 the City of Long Beach, Village of Rockville
18 Centre, Village of Lynbrook, Village of East
19 Williston, Village of Williston Park and the
20 Manhasset Union Free School District.

21 Moved by Legislator Deputy
22 Presiding Officer Kopel. Seconded by
23 Legislator Schaefer. Any debate or discussion
24 on these items? Hearing none, all in favor
25 signify by saying aye. Those opposed? They

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2 carry unanimously.

3 The first addendum. I will call
4 all these together. If you need us to
5 segregate them out to call individually, vote
6 individually, I will. Item five, 40, 41, 42.
7 Actually, before I do that, I neglected to
8 make a motion to suspend the rules. Motion to
9 suspend the rules. Legislator Rhoads.
10 Seconded by Deputy Presiding Officer Kopel.
11 All in favor of suspending the rules signify
12 by saying aye. Those opposed? The rules are
13 suspended.

14 Let's go back and start all over
15 again. I'm going to call these appointments
16 except for one at this time. Items 5, 40, 41,
17 42, 43, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52. These
18 are resolutions to confirm the county
19 executive's appointment of the Honorable
20 Thomas Adams to county attorney.

21 Ladonna Taylor to executive
22 director of the Nassau County Youth Board.

23 David Chang to the position of
24 county treasurer.

25 Arooj Islam to the position of

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2 executive director of the Office of
3 Asian-American Affairs.

4 Darcy Belyea to the position of
5 commissioner of the Department of Public
6 Parks, Recreation and Museums.

7 The Honorable Paul Meli to the
8 position of executive director of TPVA.

9 46, appointment of the Honorable
10 Steven Bucaria as commissioner and chair of
11 the Assessment Review Commission.

12 The appointment of Jill Nevin to
13 the position of commissioner of Department of
14 Human Services.

15 Dennis Monette to the position of
16 commissioner of Office of Emergency
17 Management.

18 Honorable Angelo Delligatti to the
19 Nassau County Board of Elections.

20 John Bach to the Nassau County
21 Board of Elections.

22 Samuel Nahmias to the Nassau County
23 Bridge Authority.

24 And Vincent Pasqua to the Bridge
25 Authority.

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2 Motion by Legislator Schaefer.

3 Seconded by Legislator Rhoads.

4 These appointments were made by the
5 county executive. We expect that all of the
6 nominees will be here for the full legislative
7 meeting on the 28th. But what we will be
8 doing today is passing them through committees
9 to get them ready for the full confirmation
10 hearings.

11 Any debate or discussion on these
12 appointments? Hearing none, all in favor
13 signify by saying aye. Those opposed?
14 Carries unanimously.

15 Item 44 of 2022 is a resolution to
16 confirm the county executive's appointment of
17 John Capece to the position of commissioner of
18 Consumer Affairs.

19 Moved by Deputy Presiding Officer
20 Kopel. Seconded by Legislator Rhoads. That's
21 before us. Any debate or discussion on this
22 nomination?

23 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Presiding
24 officer, just before we get into debate and
25 discussion, if I may again, just in regards to

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2 the previous vote on all the appointees, as we
3 normally, customarily do we generally tee
4 these things up and allow them to be voted
5 through with very minimal debate or
6 discussion. But we do plan to have, we hope
7 at the next legislative meeting, there will be
8 more conversation or more questioning back and
9 forth for some of the positions that some of
10 the department heads will have.

11 So, we do plan to ask more in-depth
12 questions. But at this point we would just
13 plan to just tee it up and then I don't want
14 anyone to interpret teeing it up is us
15 forwarding in the affirmative in two weeks
16 pending those answers. Thank you.

17 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Thank
18 you. We understand that position.

19 Any discussion on the nomination of
20 Mr. Capece? If not, all in favor signify by
21 saying aye. Those opposed? That passes by a
22 vote of four to three.

23 Now we're moving on to the second
24 addendum. Item 53 of 2022 is a resolution to
25 amend Resolution number 119 of 2021 as amended

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2 by Resolution number 1 of 2022 establishing
3 the special legislative task force to combat
4 anti-Semitism. Motion by Deputy Presiding
5 Officer Kopel. Seconded by Legislator
6 Schaefer.

7 MR. LEIMONE: Chris Leimone from
8 the administration. We have Chief Deputy
9 County Executive Arthur T. Walsh to present on
10 this item.

11 MR. WALSH: Good afternoon
12 members of the legislature. Thank you for
13 having me today. I'm here on behalf of the
14 county executive to propose an amendment to
15 the anti-Semitism bill. The amendment
16 includes expanding the membership into this
17 group not only adding an additional member of
18 each of the legislative parties, also having
19 the county executive as the person to
20 designate the chairperson. Most importantly,
21 from the five community members we are
22 proposing to have 18 community members.

23 Since County Executive Blakeman has
24 come to office he's received numerous calls
25 from the various Jewish groups indicating some

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2 interest in this legislation and participation
3 in the task force.

4 As you might all know, Nassau
5 County has a 16 percent of our population is
6 Jewish. There's at least six different areas
7 of the county that have populations with
8 different sects of the Jewish faith. Many of
9 them have called the county executive and
10 asked that they participate in this program.
11 So going from five to 18 seemed logical.

12 As far as the county executive
13 being the chair, this is not uncommon. I
14 count at least ten of the committees and
15 boards of the county where the chairman is
16 appointed directly from the county executive.
17 Mr. Blakeman has been on the forefront of the
18 anti-Semitism move. When he was in the town
19 counsel he was part of the first municipality
20 to pass anti-BDS legislation.

21 In addition, in 2021, he was
22 instrumental in an executive order which dealt
23 with the ill-fated decision by Ben and Jerry's
24 not to sell ice cream in the Israeli occupied
25 West Bank. He has publicly announced that in

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2 his new position he will be a pulpit to speak
3 out about anti-Semitism. If there's any
4 questions.

5 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Any
6 questions by committee members? Legislator
7 DeRiggi-Whitton.

8 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: We
9 just had one concern. In the new piece of
10 legislation it does not have a date as to when
11 the committee should be formed. I just don't
12 want to see it linger for any reason. If we
13 could amend that possibly.

14 MR. WALSH: I do understand the
15 legislation does have an end date for a report
16 based on a holiday that is going to approach.
17 So there is an end date. The county executive
18 has spoken to many different people in the
19 community and we would act promptly on it to
20 get this going. We think it's important
21 legislation. It's important to move ahead
22 with it. So I believe there was an end date
23 for a report in the legislation other than as
24 amended in here.

25 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: So, the

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2 concern is that there will be a deadline for
3 having the appointees made.

4 MR. WALSH: As long as the
5 legislature picks their members, the county
6 executive will pick his six members and we'll
7 move ahead. He publicly announced this on the
8 27th at our signing of it that he is strong
9 willed to go ahead with this legislation. I
10 don't where the delay would fall.

11 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Legislator
12 Drucker you asked to make a statement. You
13 can do so.

14 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Thank you
15 presiding officer. Very brief.

16 I was the drafter, the sponsor of
17 this legislation. So it's very important to
18 me and we've really made some progress so
19 far. But getting everyone together and
20 coordinating meetings has been challenging.
21 But we were able to do it so far. And the
22 original legislation provides for the
23 legislators to pick who the chair should be
24 and who the community members should be. This
25 bill is now curtailing the function of the

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2 legislature.

3 The original legislation called
4 for, you know, six additional community
5 members aside from the 12 legislators and now
6 you're going to have 18. I think it's going
7 to become unwieldy. I'm afraid that getting
8 everyone together to meet the timeline, it's a
9 compressed timeline, and we keep losing time
10 on this. It was supposed to have been done
11 originally, the formation of the task force in
12 January. We have dates in March for public
13 hearings and then everything has to be
14 completed by May 27th, which is Holocaust
15 Remembrance Day.

16 I'm just concerned that we're
17 making this task force to be unwieldy and
18 incapable of getting the mission
19 accomplished. I think that the legislative
20 function is to appoint the chair and to decide
21 on the community members that should
22 participate. Those are my concerns. Thank
23 you presiding officer for allowing me to
24 speak.

25 MR. WALSH: With all due respect

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2 Mr. Drucker, the legislation that was passed
3 had a three-three vote as far as both sides of
4 the aisle to appoint the chair. We think that
5 would have been deadlock and there would have
6 been no progress. This has the initiative of
7 having the county executive appoint someone,
8 there won't be a deadlock.

9 And quite frankly, five people on
10 the board would clearly disenfranchise several
11 members of several of the communities. We
12 have the Persians in the Great Neck
13 peninsula. We have the Orthodox in the Five
14 Towns. We have the conservative reforms in
15 northeast. And we also have other people in
16 the south shore.

17 So, quite frankly, our position is
18 the way we have rewritten it is the right way
19 for it to move forward. The way it was
20 written was not going to move forward.

21 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Appreciate
22 that. I would just point out that the county
23 executive is first Jewish-American county
24 executive. I think in this particular
25 instance I think it's appropriate to have a

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2 direct role in it. As you said, there are so
3 many different -- I'm trying to search for the
4 correct word -- but there's so many different
5 interested parties. And it's not everyone of
6 the Jewish faith. I think that's what's
7 compelling --

8 MR. WALSH: We've heard other
9 members of the clergy that are interest in
10 joining it also.

11 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Any other
12 debate or discussion? All in favor signify by
13 saying aye. Those opposed? Carries
14 unanimously.

15 Last item is 55. Thank you
16 Arthur. 55 of 2022. It's a resolution to
17 amend Resolution number 387 of 2008 as last
18 amended by Resolution 241 of 2021 to designate
19 newspapers to publish and identify the real
20 property, listed by school district number,
21 located wholly or partly in the towns and
22 cities on which real estate tax liens are
23 subject to sale by the county treasurer for
24 unpaid taxes.

25 Motion by Legislator Schaefer.

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2 Seconded by Legislator Rhoads.

3 This basically adds an additional
4 newspaper to the list of newspapers that are
5 authorized to participate in this and it is I
6 believe the North Shore Leader which
7 represents a number of north shore
8 communities.

9 Any debate or discussion? All in
10 favor signify by saying aye. Those opposed?
11 Carries unanimously.

12 Motion to adjourn. Legislator
13 Rhoads. Seconded by Legislator
14 DeRiggi-Whitton. All in favor of adjourning?
15 Passes unanimously.

16 (Committee adjourned at 3:58 p.m.)

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FRANK GRAY