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

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2 LEGISLATOR WALKER: I would like
3 to call the Health and Social Services
4 Committee to order and ask the clerk to call
5 the roll.

6 MR. PULITZER: Health and Social
7 Services roll call. Legislator Joshua
8 Lafazan.

9 LEGISLATOR LAFAZAN: Here.

10 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Arnold
11 Drucker.

12 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Here.

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

15 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:
16 Here.

17 MR. PULITZER: Legislator C.
18 William Gaylor III.

19 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Present.

20 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Laura
21 Schaefer.

22 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Here.

23 MR. PULITZER: Vice Chairwoman
24 Mazi Pilip.

25 LEGISLATOR PILIP: Here.

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2 MR. PULITZER: Chairwoman Rose
3 Marie Walker.

4 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Here.

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

7 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Thank you.
8 There are two items on the agenda today. The
9 first is clerk item 159-22, which is an
10 ordinance supplemental to the annual
11 appropriation ordinance in connection with the
12 Department of Human Services.

13 May I have a motion please. By
14 Legislator Schaefer. Seconded by Legislator
15 Drucker. Do we have anyone to speak on this
16 item?

17 MS. ZAKI: My name is Zema Zaki.
18 I am the fiscal director for Department of
19 Human Services. Clerk item 159-22. There are
20 two items under this and the first one is 100
21 percent New York State OASIS funded for
22 workforce double up initiative. It is for
23 \$269,932. And the purpose is to give relief
24 to the staff and upgrade basically the
25 environment and it is due to COVID crisis and

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2 100 percent state funded.

3 The second item it's regular
4 funding from New York State 100 percent funded
5 New York State Office for Aging. It is
6 \$488,395. It is unmet needs which is a
7 supplemental funding for the already existing
8 programs such as housing, transportation and
9 nutrition. These are all 100 percent funded
10 programs.

11 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Any questions
12 or comments from the legislators? Anyone who
13 is remote do you have any questions or
14 comments?

15 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: No.
16 Thank you.

17 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Any public
18 comment? Hearing none, all those in favor
19 signify by saying aye. Any opposed? This
20 will move on to Finance. Thank you so much.

21 Next item is 160-22, which is a
22 ordinance supplemental to the annual
23 appropriation ordinance in connection with the
24 Department of Social Services.

25 Motion please. By Legislator

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2 Schaefer. Seconded by Legislator Lafazan.

3 And we have Seneta with us.

4 MS. MANJAREKAR: Good afternoon
5 everybody. My name is Seneta Manjarekar. I'm
6 the deputy commissioner at the Department of
7 Social Services.

8 This particular funding is a grant
9 funding that appropriates \$65,000 in funds
10 from New York State Department of Education.
11 The purpose of this grant is to provide funds
12 for lunch meals and snacks to be provided to
13 all eligible children 18 years and under
14 without charge. It's completely grant funded
15 and it benefits the children of Nassau
16 County. Any questions?

17 LEGISLATOR WALKER: I just have a
18 question. I know during the school year all
19 through COVID all of our children have been
20 receiving are eligible to receive free lunch.
21 That is going to continue? Or I thought that
22 program was going to end.

23 MS. MANJAREKAR: That is through
24 the USDA which is separate from this
25 particular grant. But that, from what I hear,

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2 is ending. You would have to apply again for
3 reduced or free lunch for the new school year.

4 LEGISLATOR WALKER: And that goes
5 back to pre-COVID days, correct?

6 MS. MANJAREKAR: Correct.

7 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Just wanted
8 to make sure they were not the same. Any
9 questions or comments from the legislators?
10 Any public comment? Hearing none, all in
11 favor signify by saying aye. Any opposed?
12 This will also move on to Finance.

13 I just want to congratulate
14 Seneta. Her son is a senior in high school
15 and happens to be the high school in my
16 district, which is Hicksville, and he received
17 many scholarships the other night at our award
18 ceremony and our athletic awards ceremony.

19 MS. MANJAREKAR: Bittersweet
20 indeed.

21 LEGISLATOR WALKER: He's your
22 baby, correct? Congratulations.

23 There's no other business before
24 this committee. May I have a motion to
25 adjourn. By Legislator Gaylor. Seconded by

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2 Legislator Drucker. All in favor of
3 adjourning signify by saying aye. Any
4 opposed? We are adjourned.

5 (Committee adjourned at 3:45 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 15th day of
June 2022.

FRANK GRAY