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

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4 LEGISLATOR HOWARD KOPEL

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7 LEGISLATOR JOHN FERRETTI

8 Vice Chair

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10 LEGISLATOR TOM MCKEVITT

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12 LEGISLATOR ROSE MARIE WALKER

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14 LEGISLATOR ARNOLD DRUCKER

15 Ranking member

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17 LEGISLATOR CARRIE SOLAGES

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19 LEGISLATOR JOSHUA LAFAZAN

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2 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Michael,
3 please call the roll.

4 MR. PULITZER: Roll call Finance
5 Committee. Legislator Joshua Lafazan.

6 LEGISLATOR LAFAZAN: Here.

7 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Carrie
8 Solages.

9 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Here.

10 MR. PULITZER: Ranking member
11 Arnold Drucker.

12 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Here.

13 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Rose
14 Marie Walker.

15 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Here.

16 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Thomas
17 McKevitt.

18 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Substituting
19 Steven Rhoads.

20 MR. PULITZER: Thank you
21 Legislator Rhoads. Vice Chairman John
22 Ferretti.

23 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Here.

24 MR. PULITZER: And Chairman
25 Howard Kopel. We have a quorum sir.

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2 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Thank you.

3 Since we have a numbers of items on the
4 addendum that we are going to deal with early,
5 I'm going to ask for a motion to suspend the
6 rules. And so moved by Legislator Walker and
7 seconded by Legislator Drucker. All in favor
8 of suspending the rules please say aye. The
9 rules are suspended. Thank you.

10 Now, I'm going to call a number of
11 items all of which are similar. These are
12 either to wholly or partially exempt certain
13 real properties, various properties around the
14 county and those would be numbers 256, 257,
15 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 267,
16 268. And on the addendum 295. All those in
17 favor of those items please signify by saying
18 aye. Motion by Mr. Ferretti. Seconded by
19 Ms. Walker. All those in favor of those items
20 please say aye. Any opposed? Those items are
21 passed unanimously.

22 Next we are going to deal with a
23 number of items that have gone through other
24 committees and require no further debate or
25 discussion. Those items would be number 266,

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2 270, 272, 273, 274, 275, 279, 280, 282, 283.

3 That's it.

4 Motion for those items by Mr.

5 Drucker and seconded by Mr. Ferretti. All
6 those favor of those items please so signify
7 by saying aye. Any opposed? Those items are
8 once again unanimous.

9 Now for the remaining items and
10 we'll start with, let's see here, number 271,
11 which is an ordinance supplemental to the
12 annual appropriation in connection with the
13 Department of Toxicology, the medical
14 examiner.

15 There's a motion by Mr. Rhoads and
16 seconded by Mr. Lafazan.

17 MS. KELLY: Carolyn Kelly, deputy
18 medical examiner on behalf of this number
19 271-22. It's an annual supplemental to the
20 annual appropriation ordinance in connection
21 with the Department of Toxicology. This
22 covers three grants. The first is the New
23 York State Aid to Crime Lab grant from DCJS in
24 the amount of \$102,108. It's used to support
25 the accreditation costs and activities of the

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2 toxicology lab under the umbrella of the
3 medical examiner's office.

4 The second grant is a New York
5 State DMV Highway Traffic Safety grant in the
6 amount of \$36,000. It's a federal
7 pass-through grant. This one supports drunk
8 driving and drugged driving impaired driver
9 testing of blood and urine.

10 The third grant is a New York State
11 Department of Health enhanced toxicology
12 testing grant in the amount of \$63,452.
13 Again, this is also a federal pass-through
14 grant. This grant supports drug testing
15 related to the opioid and drug overdoses.

16 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: So they're all
17 pass-throughs. Are there any questions?
18 Hearing none, all those in favor of this item,
19 item 271, please so signify by saying aye.
20 Any opposed? That item is unanimous.

21 Number 276, which is transfer of
22 appropriations, and there's a motion by
23 Mr. Solages. Seconded by Ms. Walker.

24 MR. ARNOLD: Ken Arnold. Good
25 afternoon. 276 is a board transfer to

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2 reallocate traffic safety funds from the
3 interfund account in the department's budget
4 to the general expense account.

5 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Any
6 questions? All those in favor please say
7 aye. Any opposed? That item is unanimous
8 once again.

9 Number 277 is another transfer of
10 appropriations and there's a motion on that
11 one by Mr. Drucker. Seconded by Ms. Walker.

12 MR. DELANEY: Thomas Delaney,
13 Office of Emergency Management. Item 277-22
14 is a board transfer within a single
15 appropriation allowing us to spend down the
16 grant funds that we were awarded.

17 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Any
18 questions? All those in favor please say
19 aye. Any opposed? That item is unanimous.

20 278 is a supplemental to the annual
21 appropriations in connection with the county
22 clerk and there's a motion on that by
23 Mr. Rhoads. Seconded by Mr. Ferretti.

24 MR. BUTLER: John Butler, fiscal
25 officer for Nassau County Clerk Maureen

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2 O'Connell's office.

3 Item 278-22 is for a New York State
4 local government records management
5 improvement fund grant in the amount of
6 \$5,435. Our office will use this grant to
7 further the digitalization of records in our
8 office. Specifically \$50,000 oath of office
9 carts.

10 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Thank you.
11 Any questions? All those in favor please say
12 aye. Any opposed? 278 is unanimous. Thank
13 you.

14 Number 284 is a supplemental with
15 the office of management and budget. Motion
16 by Mr. Rhoads. Seconded by Mr. Drucker.

17 MR. PERSICH: Good afternoon.
18 Andy Persich, Office of Management and
19 Budget. This item is appropriating \$3 million
20 of the worker's comp money received in 2018.
21 We have a list of claims that we will be
22 coming to you with.

23 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: You said from
24 the state?

25 MR. PERSICH: This is the money

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2 from the state that we got. We have a list of
3 the claims that didn't line us simultaneously
4 with the settlement of the claims but we
5 wanted to appropriate the money now because we
6 have a 30-day window once we make those
7 settlements that we have to get the money out
8 the door. This is settling some old claims
9 that we had out there and this is the monies
10 from the state that we are using.

11 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Do you have
12 anything else or is that it?

13 MR. PERSICH: I have one other
14 item which is yours which is the board
15 transfer 301.

16 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Why don't I go
17 ahead and call 301 as well. 301 is a board
18 transfer for the year 2022. That is a motion
19 by Ms. Walker and seconded by Mr. Lafazan.

20 MR. PERSICH: This is a board
21 transfer between the clerk of the legislature
22 between line items for monies that they
23 require.

24 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Any
25 questions? All those in favor of those two

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2 items please say aye. Any opposed? Those are
3 unanimous as well. Thank you Andy.

4 285 is another transfer of
5 appropriations. Another motion by Ms. Walker
6 and seconded by Mr. Drucker.

7 MR. DELANEY: Item 285-22 is a
8 board transfer within a single appropriation.
9 Again, allowing us to spend down our grant
10 funds.

11 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Any
12 questions? All those in favor of 285 please
13 say aye. Any opposed? That is unanimous.
14 Thank you.

15 On the addendum now. First
16 addendum. 288 is a resolution authorizing the
17 county to implement a program of projects
18 funded by state master transportation capital
19 program. Motion on that by Mr. Ferretti and
20 seconded by Mr. Rhoads.

21 MR. ARNOLD: Good afternoon. Ken
22 Arnold. 288 is a master agreement with the
23 New York State DOT. This is the ten percent
24 match that we get for our bus funding. The
25 federal government provides 11.5. This is the

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2 state's way of getting us the 1.5 million.

3 And this is used for our rolling stock,

4 capital improvements, capitalized maintenance.

5 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Thank you.

6 Any questions? All those in favor please say

7 aye. Any opposed?

8 Number 296 is making certain

9 determinations pursuant to SEQRA relative to a

10 franchise agreement between the county of

11 Nassau and Signal Outdoor Advertising as a

12 franchisee authorizing the franchisee to

13 maintain and install bus shelters and bus

14 benches at various bus stops.

15 And that motion is made by

16 Mr. Ferretti. Seconded by Mr. Solages.

17 MR. HOMMEL: Ted Hommel from the

18 county attorney's office appearing for the

19 Department of Public Works.

20 This is to approve an amendment to

21 a franchise agreement that expired on March 31

22 of 2020 right at the inception of the COVID

23 pandemic.

24 The initial franchise agreement was

25 for a term of ten years. It had two five-year

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2 renewal options. This amendment, subject to
3 the legislature's approval, would formally
4 exercise the first renewal the option. The
5 franchisee installs and maintains the bus
6 shelters and benches throughout the county and
7 has the exclusive advertising rights on those
8 facilities. They pay a percentage of the
9 gross advertising. They pay a percentage of
10 the gross advertising receipts billed versus
11 the minimum guarantee of \$600,000 per year.
12 Those are the essentials. If there are any
13 questions I will be happy to try to answer
14 them.

15 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Any
16 questions? Hearing none, all those in favor
17 of that item please say aye. Any opposed?
18 Thank you.

19 Number 270 is a supplemental with
20 Parks, Recreation and Museums. Never mind.

21 Now I'm going to call a number of
22 items which will require executive session.
23 I'm going to call them all together. Those
24 would be numbers 228 on the regular calendar.
25 And on the addendum we will have numbers 289,

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2 290, 291, 292, 293, 302. And motion on those
3 items is made by Mr. Drucker and seconded by
4 Mr. Ferretti.

5 And now I'm going to have a motion
6 to go into executive session on all those
7 items made by Mr. Rhoads and seconded by
8 Mr. Lafazan. All those in favor of going into
9 executive session please say aye. Any
10 opposed? We are going into executive session
11 on those items to which members of the Rules
12 Committee are invited as well.

13 (Committee went into executive
14 session at 3:34 p.m.)

15 (Committee reconvened at 4:09 p.m.)

16 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: On the
17 following items we've been in executive
18 session and those would be numbers 228, 289,
19 290, 291, 292, 293, 295, 302. All those in
20 favor of all those items please so indicate by
21 saying aye. Any opposed? Those items are all
22 unanimous.

23 Now, Mr. Drucker moves to adjourn.
24 Mr. Rhoads seconds the motion. All those in
25 favor of adjourning Finance please say aye.

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2 Any opposed? We are back to finish Rules.

3 (Committee adjourned at 4:10 p.m.)

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8 I, FRANK GRAY, a Notary
9 Public in and for the State of New
10 York, do hereby certify:

11 THAT the foregoing is a true and
12 accurate transcript of my stenographic
13 notes.

14 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have
15 hereunto set my hand this 11th day of
16 September 2022

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20 FRANK GRAY
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