

NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEES MEETING

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FINANCE COMMITTEE

HOWARD KOPEL

CHAIRMAN

County Executive and Legislative Building

1550 Franklin Avenue

Mineola, New York

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Monday, December 5, 2022

4:14 p.m.

TAKEN BY: KAREN LORENZO, OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER

LEGISLATOR HOWARD KOPEL CHAIRMAN  
LEGISLATOR FERRETTI VICE CHAIR  
LEGISLATOR THOMAS MCKEVITT  
LEGISLATOR ROSE MARIE WALKER  
LEGISLATOR ARNOLD DRUCKER RANKING MEMBER  
LEGISLATOR CARRIE SOLAGES  
LEGISLATOR JOSHUA LAFAZAN

A L S O A P P E A R E D :

JOHN GROSS, ESQ.

COMMISSIONER BELYEA, PARKS

ANDY PERSICH, OMB

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3 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: All right. I'd  
4 like to call the Finance Committee to  
5 order. Mr. Pulitzer, would you please  
6 call the roll?

7 CLERK PULITZER: Thank you,  
8 Chairman. Finance roll call. Legislator  
9 Joshua Lafazan?

10 LEGISLATOR LAFAZAN: Here.

11 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator  
12 Carrie A. Solages?

13 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Here.

14 CLERK PULITZER: Ranking Member  
15 Arnold Drucker?

16 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Here.

17 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Rose  
18 Marie Walker?

19 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Here.

20 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Thomas  
21 McKevitt?

22 LEGISLATOR MCKEVITT: Here.

23 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator John  
24 Ferretti?

25 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Here.

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2 CLERK PULITZER: Chairman Howard  
3 Kopel.

4 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Here.

5 CLERK PULITZER: Thank you. We have  
6 a quorum, sir.

7 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Okay. We are going  
8 to start out with a motion to suspend the  
9 Rules. Motion made by Mr. Ferretti,  
10 seconded by Ms. Walker. All those in  
11 favor of suspending the Rules, please so  
12 indicate by saying aye.

13 (Whereupon, all members of  
14 the Finance Committee respond  
15 in favor.)

16 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Any opposed?

17 (Whereupon, no verbal  
18 response.)

19 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: The Rules are  
20 suspended.

21 The next thing we're going to do is  
22 several items which have gone through  
23 previous committees have been approved  
24 and require no further debate or  
25 discussion as they have been agreed to by

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2 both the Majority and Minority. And I  
3 will call those next, and those are  
4 numbers 382-22, 383-22, 384-22, 385-22,  
5 386-22 and on the addendum, 389-22,  
6 390-22, 391-22. Motion by Mr. Drucker,  
7 seconded by Mr. McKevitt, all those in  
8 favor of those items please say aye.

9 (Whereupon, all members of  
10 the Finance Committee respond  
11 in favor.)

12 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Any opposed?

13 (Whereupon, no verbal  
14 response.)

15 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Next, we're going  
16 to go a little bit out of order. That  
17 would be number 373 which is a resolution  
18 ratifying a collective bargaining  
19 agreement between County of Nassau and  
20 Nassau Community College and that his  
21 movement Ms. Walker and seconded by Mr.  
22 Lafazan.

23 Mr. Gross, I understand you'd like  
24 to -- I don't think this is a very  
25 controversial item, but go ahead.

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2 MR. GROSS: I just wanted to point  
3 out that if any of the legislators  
4 wondered why it took five years to settle  
5 this contract, I did want to point out  
6 that this agreement was a first  
7 agreement; in other words it was a new  
8 bargaining unit, and whenever a new  
9 bargaining unit is created the  
10 negotiations are starting from scratch.

11 Secondly, the monetary demands of  
12 the Union were quite high.

13 Thirdly, it just was a very  
14 difficult negotiations to get a deal we  
15 finally have. The County was directly  
16 involved in the negotiations as well as  
17 the College. So I really do urge. These  
18 individuals have been without an increase  
19 for quite a while and I would  
20 respectfully ask for approval of the  
21 Resolution.

22 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Okay. Thank you.  
23 Any discussion, comment, Legislators?

24 (Whereupon, no verbal  
25 response.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Hearing none, all  
those in favor of number 373, please  
indicate by saying aye.

(Whereupon, all members of  
the Finance Committee respond  
in favor.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Any opposed?

(Whereupon, no verbal  
response.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: That is unanimous.  
Thank you.

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2 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Next, number 374,  
3 which is a resolution authorizing the  
4 County Executive to execute an amendment  
5 to a Grant Agreement with the County of  
6 Nassau and with Parks and Recreation and  
7 Girls Bands Rock. That is moved by Mr.  
8 Solages and seconded by Mr. McKeivitt.

9 COMMISSIONER BELYEA: Good afternoon  
10 again. Darcy Belyea, Commissioner of  
11 Parks.

12 This item is an amendment to a Grant  
13 Agreement for \$10,000 from the  
14 Hotel/Motel Tax Program. It is with Girls  
15 Band Rock, Inc. doing business as Girls  
16 Rising, which is the foundation that  
17 holds an annual music festival in Glen  
18 Cove. As part of their mission, they  
19 provide year round workshops for school  
20 age girls and young women and also offer  
21 collage scholarships to young musicians.

22 This amendment is being presented  
23 because the festival could not be held in  
24 2020 and 2021 due to the pandemic. These  
25 funds will be provided retroactively and

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2 provide support for their recent June  
3 2022 festival.

4 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Thank you. Any  
5 questions, any concerns?

6 (Whereupon, no verbal  
7 response.)

8 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Hearing none, all  
9 those in favor of this item, please so  
10 indicate by saying aye.

11 (Whereupon, all members of  
12 the Finance Committee respond  
13 in favor.)

14 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Any opposed?

15 (Whereupon, no verbal  
16 response.)

17 COMMISSIONER BELYEA: Thank you.

18 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Thank you. That  
19 item is unanimous.

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2 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Number 387, Andy,  
3 are you there I think you probably have a  
4 couple now. A transfer of  
5 appropriations, and that motion is made  
6 by Ms. Walker and seconded by Mr.  
7 Drucker.

8 MR. PERSICH: Good afternoon. Andy  
9 Persich, Office of Management & Budget.  
10 Item 387 is just a transfer  
11 appropriations of \$2,381 between grants.  
12 It's just a maximize grant utilization.

13 If you have any questions.

14 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Any questions?

15 (Whereupon, no verbal  
16 response.)

17 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Hearing none, all  
18 those in favor, please indicate by saying  
19 aye.

20 (Whereupon, all members of  
21 the Finance Committee respond  
22 in favor.)

23 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Any opposed?

24 (Whereupon, no verbal  
25 response.)

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2 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: That's unanimous.

3 Andy, you have another one?

4 MR. PERSICH: Yes, I have one more,  
5 it's Item 393, it's on the addendum.

6 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Motion is made by  
7 Ms. Walker and seconded by Mr. Lafazan.

8 MR. PERSICH: This is just a final  
9 year-end clean up. So I don't have to do  
10 any poling for salaries like we've done  
11 in the past. We just rebalancing some of  
12 the equation that we need for some areas  
13 where we might be short appropriations in  
14 the last month of the year. If you have  
15 any specific questions about some of the  
16 items on here, I'll gladly answer them.

17 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Any questions?

18 (Whereupon, no response.)

19 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Hearing none. All  
20 those in favor please say aye.

21 (Whereupon, all members of  
22 the Finance Committee respond  
23 in favor.)

24 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Any opposed?

25 (Whereupon, no verbal

response.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Thank you.

Number 392 is a transfer of appropriations as well. That motion is made by Mr. McKevitt and seconded by Mr. Lafazan.

MR. PERSICH: That is a legislative majority item which is just transferring money from your employee benefit reserve out to other things.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Any questions here?

(Whereupon, no verbal response.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: All those in favor, please say aye.

(Whereupon, all members of the Finance Committee respond in favor.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Any opposed?

(Whereupon, no verbal response.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: That is unanimous.  
Thank you, Andy.

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2 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Now we have a  
3 number of items that are going to require  
4 Executive Session. I will call the items  
5 first, and those are numbers 362, 363,  
6 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370 and  
7 372. The ones up to three and 70 are, I  
8 think, Workers Comp and 372 is pertaining  
9 to a performance bond. Motion is made by  
10 Mr. McKevitt, seconded by -- did I miss  
11 one? 381 as well. Motion on all those  
12 is made by Mr. McKevitt and seconded by  
13 Mr. Drucker.

14 Now I will take a motion for  
15 Executive Session made by Mr. Lafazan,  
16 seconded by Ms. Walker. All those in  
17 favor of Executive Session, please  
18 indicate by saying aye.

19 (Whereupon, all members of  
20 the Finance Committee respond  
21 in favor.)

22 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Any opposed?

23 (Whereupon, no verbal  
24 response.)

25 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: We're in Executive

Session, to which members of the Rules  
Committee are invited as well.

(Whereupon, Executive  
Session, 4:22 p.m. to 4:57  
p.m.)

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2 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: The Finance  
3 Committee is back. We're out of Executive  
4 Session. We're just going to deal with  
5 those with those items. Specifically,  
6 we're going to vote on 362, 363, 364,  
7 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 372, 381.  
8 All those in favor of passing those  
9 items, please indicate by saying aye.

10 (Whereupon, all members of  
11 the Finance Committee respond  
12 in favor.)

13 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Any opposed?

14 (Whereupon, no verbal  
15 response.)

16 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Those items  
17 unanimous.

18 Mr. McKevitt moves to adjourn and  
19 Mr. Drucker seconds the motion. All those  
20 in favor of adjourning, please so  
21 indicate by saying aye.

22 (Whereupon, all members of  
23 the Finance Committee respond  
24 in favor.)

25 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Any opposed?



(Whereupon, no verbal  
response.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Okay. We're back  
to Rules.

(Whereupon, Finance  
Committee adjourns, 4:58 p.m.)

C E R T I F I C A T E

STATE OF NEW YORK                    )  
  :  SS.:  
COUNTY OF NASSAU                    )

I, KAREN LORENZO, a Notary Public for and  
within the State of New York, do hereby  
certify:

That the above is a correct transcription  
of my stenographic notes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set  
my hand this 15th day of December, 2022.

Karen Lorenzo  
KAREN LORENZO

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