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COMMITTEES MEETING

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C. WILLIAM GAYLOR

CHAIRMAN

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

County Executive and Legislative Building

1550 Franklin Avenue

Mineola, New York

Monday, January 8, 2024

2:41 p.m.

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A P P E A R A N C E S

CHAIRMAN C. WILLIAM GAYLOR

VICE CHAIR ROSE MARIE WALKER

LEGISLATOR MAZI MELESA PILIP

LEGISLATOR PATRICK MULLANEY

LEGISLATOR DEBRA MULE' RANKING MEMBER

LEGISLATOR SETH KOSLOW

LEGISLATOR SCOTT DAVIS

MICHAEL PULITZER

Clerk of the Legislature

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CHAIRMAN GAYLOR: At this time, I will call the Veteran Committee to order and I will act as Clerk and call the roll.

Ranking Member Legislator Debra Mule?

LEGISLATOR MULE: Here.

CHAIRMAN GAYLOR: Legislator Seth Koslow?

LEGISLATOR KOSLOW: Here

CHAIRMAN GAYLOR: Legislator Scott Davis?

LEGISLATOR DAVIS: Present.

CHAIRMAN GAYLOR: Legislator Rose Marie Walker?

LEGISLATOR WALKER: Here.

CHAIRMAN GAYLOR: Legislator Mazi Pilip?

LEGISLATOR PILIP: Here.

CHAIRMAN GAYLOR: Legislator Patrick Mullaney.

CHAIRMAN MULLANEY: Here.

CHAIRMAN GAYLOR: And I am here.

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We have a quorum.

We have two items on the agenda and they are Procedural Resolutions 1 and 2.

Procedural Resolution 1-2024 is a resolution to adopt the proposed statement of purpose for the Veterans Committee, pursuant to the Rules of the Procedure of the Nassau County Legislature.

Procedural Resolution 2-2024 is a resolution to adopt the proposed rules of the procedure of the Veterans Committee, pursuant to the Rules of Procedure of the Nassau County Legislature.

May I have a motion? Moved by Legislator Walker second. Second by Legislator Mule.

These two items are now before us. Is there any debate or discussion?

(Whereupon, no verbal response.)

CHAIRMAN GAYLOR: None.

Any public comment? I think I heard Ms. Mereday. Good afternoon, Ms.

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Mereday. Please state your name for the record.

MS. MEREDAY: Meta J. Mereday.

CHAIRMAN GAYLOR: Thank you.

MS. MEREDAY: I'm encouraged. I'm glad that Legislator Gaylor is still chairing. I think there were some significant inroads that were made on this committee. I welcome the new members to the committee as well as the new members of the legislature.

I want to be optimistic, since this is January, that we're going to do a better job for the thousands of veterans and their families who continue to be underserved in this county.

It's my hope, again, that we can direct our efforts in a bipartisan fashion to address the increase in suicides, homelessness and despair within our veteran community and the military family community.

So, again, I'm hoping that we can look towards the resources that we

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continue to not track on the state and federal level, to address these issues, to bring some resolution.

I myself have drafted, I think, enough legislation for this body, to not be an elected official considering, one particular piece of legislation that's, I believe, almost ten years old now for contracting opportunities for service disabled veteran businesses. I have yet to see any real teeth to that. I've yet to see any real development and outreach to grow veteran businesses, to provide qualified paying jobs for our veterans, to keep our young veterans here, to address, again, the suicide, the debt and that type of despair.

So again, I want to be encouraged, and I have stood before here before this group, and I'm also working behind the scenes, but we all have to do this together. The suicide rate for our veteran community is on the rise. We have issues with mental health and support

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services for veterans of color. And again, we need to do this together on a bipartisan basis.

Again, welcome aboard. For those who are new; let's get busy, for those that are here and let's all work together.

Thank you very much.

CHAIRMAN GAYLOR: Thank you, Ms. Mereday, and thank you for your service and dedication to all our veterans.

Any other public comment?

(Whereupon, no verbal response.)

CHAIRMAN GAYLOR: All those in favor of adopting these rules, please signify by saying, "Aye".

(Whereupon, all members of the Veterans Committee respond in favor with, "Aye.")

CHAIRMAN GAYLOR: Any opposed?

(Whereupon, no verbal response.)

CHAIRMAN GAYLOR: None. The items passed unanimously.

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There being no other business in front of this committee, may I have a motion to adjourn?

Moved by Legislator Pilip. Seconded by Legislator Mullaney.

All those in favor?

(Whereupon, all members of the Veterans Committee respond in favor with, "Aye.")

CHAIRMAN GAYLOR: Passes unanimously. The committee is now adjourned.

(Whereupon, the Veterans Committee is adjourned, 2:44 p.m.)

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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 8th day of January, 2024.

Karen Lorenzo

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