

NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEES MEETING

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THOMAS MCKEVITT

CHAIRMAN

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

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Mineola, New York

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2:08 p.m.

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A P P E A R A N C E S

CHAIRMAN THOMAS MCKEVITT

VICE CHAIRMAN MICHAEL GIANGREGORIO

LEGISLATOR JAMES KENNEDY

LEGISLATOR ROSE MARIE WALKER

LEGISLATOR CARRIE SOLAGES RANKING MEM.

LEGISLATOR DEBRA MULE

LEGISLATOR OLENA NICKS

MICHAEL PULITZER Clerk of the Legislature

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2 CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: Mr. Pulitzer,
3 please call the roll for the Finance
4 Committee.

5 CLERK PULITZER: Thank you, sir.

6 Chairman Thomas McKevitt?

7 CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: Here.

8 CLERK PULITZER: Vice chairman
9 Michael Giangregorio?

10 LEGISLATOR GIANREGORIO: Here.

11 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator James
12 Kennedy?

13 LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: Here.

14 CLERK PULITZER: Rose Marie Walker?

15 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Here.

16 CLERK PULITZER: Ranking Member
17 Carrie A. Solages?

18 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Here.

19 CLERK PULITZER: Thank you.

20 Debbie Mule?

21 LEGISLATOR MULE: Here.

22 CLERK PULITZER: Olena Nicks?

23 LEGISLATOR NICKS: Here.

24 CLERK PULITZER: We have a quorum,
25 sir.

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2 LEGISLATOR MCKEVITT: Thank you very
3 much.

4 We actually have two Addendums at
5 this point. So at this point, I'll
6 entertain a motion to suspend the Rules
7 that's being made by Legislator
8 Giangregorio, seconded by Legislator
9 Solages.

10 All those in favor of suspending the
11 Rules for the purpose of adding two
12 addendum items, please signify by saying
13 aye.

14 (Whereupon, all members
15 respond in favor.)

16 CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: All opposed?

17 (Whereupon, no response.)

18 CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: Passes
19 unanimously 7 to 0.

20 So the items are going to be adding
21 will be numbers 24 and 29.

22 For now we're going to go and
23 consider the following items which will
24 be number 22, 23, 24 and 29.

25 That motion is made by Legislator

Walker, seconded by Legislator Mule.

First item we will call is number 22-26, dealing with the American Guitar Museum. Commissioner Belyea.

COMMISSIONER BELYEA: Good afternoon, Darcy Belyea, Parks Commissioner. Presenting a hotel/motel tax grant agreement between the County and American Guitar Museum in New Hyde Park.

The requested amount of funding is \$30,000, and the purpose is for upgrades and improvements to the facilities in an effort to enhance tourism to the facility. Contract term is December 1st, 2025 to November 30th, 2026 and the funding source is the Hotel/Motel Tax Grant fund.

LEGISLATOR MCKEVITT: Any questions for any of the legislators?

(Whereupon, no response.)

COMMISSIONER BELYEA: Thank you.

LEGISLATOR MCKEVITT: If not, thank you.

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2 CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: The next item is
3 23-26. No need to have any discussion on
4 this. This is a pro forma item we take
5 every year. And what simply does is it
6 distributes the mortgage recording taxes
7 to the necessary agencies through the
8 County Treasurer.

9 Are there any questions from the
10 legislators?

11 (Whereupon, no response.)

12 CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: If not, we'll
13 then continue on that one.

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2 CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: And both the
3 agenda items, I'll call them together. Is
4 24-26 and 29-26. 24-26 is a local law to
5 establish a real property tax exemption
6 for surviving spouses of police officers
7 killed in the line of duty.

8 And number 29 is a local law to
9 amend the Administrative Code of Nassau
10 County in relation to the income eligible
11 level for real property tax exemption for
12 senior citizens of certain limited
13 income.

14 Both of these items are items that
15 come from state law. So again, we do not
16 have any control over either the
17 parameters or the income limits, but the
18 State Legislature enacts it and it's up
19 to local municipality whether we'd want
20 to adopt it. We truly believe we should
21 be getting as much tax relief as possible
22 for those, again, especially to spouses
23 of police officers.

24 And again, once again, what the
25 senior citizen level does is, is it

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2 increases some additional exemptions.
3 Right now the maximum exemption is 50%.
4 It adds a couple more categories to bring
5 up to 65%. And again, it brings it down
6 to \$47,000 for the income to get the
7 maximum amount, which again looking at
8 Nassau, I don't know how you survive on
9 that, but we are allowing it. The problem
10 is it's a state law statute. So it
11 applies from here to New York City
12 throughout the state. So perhaps it
13 should be different, but that's what the
14 state gives us.

15 Are there any questions, any of
16 those items?

17 (Whereupon, no response.)

18 CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: If not, all in
19 favor please signify by saying aye.

20 (Whereupon, all members
21 respond in favor.)

22 CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: All opposed?

23 (Whereupon, no response.)

24 CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: Those items are
25 passed unanimously, 7 to 0.

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2 I now have a motion from Legislator
3 Kennedy to adjourn. That is seconded by
4 Legislator Nicks.

5 All in favor, please signify by
6 saying aye.

7 (Whereupon, all members
8 respond in favor.)

9 CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: All opposed?

10 (Whereupon, no response.)

11 CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: We are
12 adjourned.

13 Back to Rules.

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15 (Whereupon, meeting
16 adjourned, 2:12 p.m.)
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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 9th day of February, 2026.

Karen Lorenzo

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