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LEGISLATOR PATRICK MULLANEY

LEGISLATOR ARNOLD DRUCKER RANKING MEMBER

LEGISLATOR VIVIANA RUSSELL

LEGISLATOR CARRIE A. SOLAGES

MICHAEL PULITZER

Clerk of the Legislature

CHAIRMAN GIANREGORIO: Can I ask
the clerk to please call the Public Works
Committee?

CLERK PULITZER: Thank you, Chairman.
Public works. Michael Giangregorio,
Chairman?

CHAIRMAN GIANREGORIO: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: James Kennedy, vice
chairman?

LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Scott Strauss?

LEGISLATOR STRAUSS: Present.

CLERK PULITZER: Patrick Mullaney?

LEGISLATOR MULLANEY: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Ranking member,
Arnold Drucker?

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Viviana Russell?

LEGISLATOR RUSSELL: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Thank you. And
Carrie A. Solages?

LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: We have a quorum,
sir.

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2 CHAIRMAN GIANREGORIO: Thank you
3 very much.

4 We have one item on the agenda today
5 which is Clerk Item 35-26. This is a
6 resolution authorizing the county
7 executive to execute an amendment to an
8 agreement with the New York State
9 Environmental Facilities Corporation in
10 relation to the New York State Septic
11 System replacement program.

12 May I have a motion, please?

13 Motion by Legislator Kennedy,
14 seconded by Legislator Drucker.

15 This item is before us.

16 Is there anyone here from the
17 Administration?

18 MR. CUOMO: Good afternoon. This is
19 Joe Cuomo from Nassau County Department
20 of Public Works.

21 Resolution 35-26. The resolution
22 authorizing the county executive to
23 execute an amendment with an agreement
24 with the New York State Environmental
25 Facilities Corporation in relation to New

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2 York State Septic Replacement program is
3 for adding an additional 2 million of
4 funding to the current septic program,
5 which would bring up the current level of
6 funding to 8.03 million in funding.

7 CHAIRMAN GIANREGORIO: Thank you.

8 Legislator Drucker?

9 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Thank you.

10 Chairman. Hi. How are you?

11 MR. CUOMO: I'm doing well. How are
12 you?

13 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Does this
14 reimbursement allow it for anywhere in
15 Nassau County or is it designed for
16 certain areas?

17 MR. CUOMO: So this funding from EFC
18 is for any eligible septic system in the
19 county.

20 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: So any, anybody
21 who has a septic system in Nassau County.

22 MR. CUOMO: Correct. As long as it
23 meets the design criteria and the the,
24 there's a catastrophic category for it
25 has to --

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2 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Well, what are
3 some of those specifications?

4 MR. CUOMO: So it's for an enhanced
5 enhanced septic systems which would
6 remove nitrogen from the effluent.

7 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: So does the
8 average homeowner meet the
9 specifications.

10 MR. CUOMO: The average homeowner
11 probably does not have this type of
12 system. This program is to encourage the
13 the use of the system going forward once
14 their system is failing. So if they have
15 a system failure and it's time for them
16 to replace their septic system, these
17 funds are provided to homeowners so they
18 can upgrade to this better quality system
19 that helps the water quality.

20 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: That's
21 interesting. So the average homeowner
22 probably wouldn't meet the
23 specifications. So what kind of
24 housing --

25 MR. CUOMO: No, no, they would meet

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2 the specifications when they're when it's
3 time for them to upgrade their septic
4 system, their current the average
5 homeowner's current septic system does
6 not meet the specifications.

7 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: They want to
8 upgrade it.

9 MR. CUOMO: So when it's time for
10 them to upgrade their septic system. If
11 they choose to, to use one of these
12 higher quality, better, environmentally
13 more friendly septic systems than they
14 would qualify.

15 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: This type of
16 septic system wasn't around decades ago.

17 MR. CUOMO: No it wasn't. And it's
18 also typically a little bit more
19 expensive, hence why there's a funding
20 for the upgrades.

21 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: And it's much
22 more efficient, I would imagine too.

23 MR. CUOMO: It's efficient. I guess
24 it, I mean, I think it still gets the job
25 done, but what it does is really not

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2 efficient. It's more about water quality.
3 It does have a greater impact on water
4 quality.

5 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Groundwater
6 quality. Thank you very much.

7 MR. CUOMO: You're welcome.

8 CHAIRMAN GIANREGORIO: Thank you.
9 Any other questions from the legislators?

10 Yes. Legislator Russell?

11 LEGISLATOR RUSSELL: Can a homeowner
12 voluntarily choose to upgrade without
13 their system failing? Or does it have to
14 fail before they're eligible?

15 MR. CUOMO: Typically, it has to be
16 failing. It's one of the requirements
17 from the state. All the requirements that
18 we have for it are the state's
19 requirements for this project. We are
20 just essentially executing this program
21 for them.

22 LEGISLATOR RUSSELL: Okay. Thank you.

23 MR. CUOMO: You're welcome.

24 CHAIRMAN GIANREGORIO: Thank you.

25 Any other questions?

(Whereupon, no response.)

CHAIRMAN GIANGREGORIO: Seeing none.

We can go for a vote, please? All in favor, please signify by saying aye.

(Whereupon, all members respond in favor.)

CHAIRMAN GIANGREGORIO: Any opposed?

(Whereupon, no response.)

CHAIRMAN GIANGREGORIO: This item passes unanimously.

As there is no other business before this committee, may I please have a motion to adjourn?

Made by Legislator Kennedy, seconded by Legislator Drucker.

All those in favor?

(Whereupon, all members respond in favor.)

CHAIRMAN GIANGREGORIO: The committee is now adjourned.

(Whereupon, meeting adjourned, 2:41 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 9th day of March, 2026.

Karen Lorenzo

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