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Comptroller Jack Schnirman Announces Revitalization of Independent Audit Advisory Committee

Citizen-led group provides independent oversight of county finances

MINEOLA, NY – Nassau County Comptroller Jack Schnirman today announced he will be reconvening the county’s Independent Audit Advisory Committee and accepting applications for new members so the group can begin its review of the county’s finances.

“The Independent Audit Advisory Committee plays a key role in providing much-needed fiscal oversight,” Schnirman said. “This committee acts as another set of eyes and ears, and its feedback will help us develop solutions to address systemic problems like poor fiscal controls or inefficient management practices.”

The Independent Audit Advisory Committee, first created in 2003, will be tasked with reviewing the county’s financial reporting processes and providing oversight of its internal fiscal controls. It will also play an important role in regularly examining the county’s annual external audit. Unlike in previous years, the committee will meet on a quarterly basis so it can generate timely public reports.

The voting members of the committee will include five members of the public who have no conflicts of interest or business related to county government and hold no position in any political party or local government.

The Comptroller, the County Executive or her designee, and a majority and minority member of the Legislature’s finance committee or their designees will serve as ex-officio non-voting members of the committee.

The committee’s will first be tasked with reviewing last year’s external audit findings to ensure the county is currently addressing the corrective actions recommended in the report and adhering to a sound system of internal controls.

“This committee gives local subject-matter experts who are not connected to government a seat at the table, and its role is too important to not have a consistent meeting schedule or clear goals,” Schnirman said. “We committed to starting this process in our first 100 days in office so this group could get to work helping restore accountability to government.”

Nassau County residents with governmental accounting, auditing, or finance experience who are interested in serving on the committee are asked to visit

<https://www.nassaucountyny.gov/4489/Independent-Audit-Advisory-Committee> to download and fill out the required form. All positions on the committee are unpaid.

The Office of the Nassau County Comptroller will be announcing other citizen-involved committees in the coming months that will be established to provide feedback on areas central to the work of the Comptroller's Office and moving Nassau County forward.