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**BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
**OF THE**  
**SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE**  
**MINUTES**

A meeting of the Budget and Finance Committee of the Suffolk County Legislature was held in the Rose Y. Caracappa Legislative Auditorium of the William H. Rogers Legislature Building, 725 Veterans Memorial Highway, Smithtown, New York, on Tuesday, January 31, 2017 at 10:30 a.m.

**Members Present:**

***Legislator Lou D'Amaro - Chairman***  
***Legislator Monica Martinez - Vice Chair***  
Legislator Kate Browning  
Legislator Leslie Kennedy  
Legislator Steven Stern

**Members Not Present:**

Legislator Thomas Barraga (*Excused Absence*)

**Also in Attendance:**

George Nolan - Counsel/Suffolk County Legislature  
Amy Ellis - Chief Deputy Clerk/Suffolk County Legislature  
Robert Lipp - Director/Budget Review Office  
Justin Littell - Aide to Legislator D'Amaro  
Debbie Harris - Aide to Legislator Stern  
Katie Horst - County Executive's Office  
All Other Interested Parties

**Minutes Taken By:**

Gabrielle Severs - Court Stenographer

**Minutes Transcribed By:**

Denise Weaver - Legislative Aide

**THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 10:36 AM**

**CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:**

Okay, ladies and gentlemen, good morning. We're going to begin the Committee on Budget and Finance. If everyone would please rise and join the committee in the Pledge of Allegiance led by Legislator Monica Martinez.

**SALUTATION**

Thank you. Okay, the committee has not received any correspondence this morning. To the Clerk, are there any cards?

**MS. ELLIS:**

No, sir.

**CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:**

All right, the public portion, there are no cards. Is there anyone here who would like to address the committee this morning as part of our public portion? For the record, there's no response.

**TABLED RESOLUTIONS**

We do not have any presentations today so we will continue on the agenda to section five, Tabled Resolutions, and I'll call the first, which is **1853-2016 - Adopting Local Law No. -2016, A Charter Law to ensure revenue replacement (Co. Exec.)** This has been carried on our tabled agenda for quite some time; I'll offer a motion to table once again.

**LEG. STERN:**

Second.

**CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:**

Second by Legislator Stern. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Motion carries. (**TABLED - VOTE: 5-0-0-1 - Not Present: Leg. Barraga**)

**INTRODUCTORY RESOLUTIONS**

Next, Introductory Resolutions. The first is Resolution **1001-2017 - Authorizing the County Comptroller to borrow cash funds from other County funds for 2017 (P.O. Gregory)**. This is a pro forma bill that we pass annually and I will offer a motion to approve.

**LEG. STERN:**

Second.

**LEG. MARTINEZ:**

Second.

**CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:**

Second; who said second? Kate? Monica? Second by Legislator Martinez. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Motion carries. (**APPROVED - VOTE: 5-0-0-1 - Not Present: Leg. Barraga**).

1 Next is Resolution 1012-2017 - Delegating authority to refund  
2 certain erroneous tax payments to the Suffolk County  
3 Comptroller-Control No. 458-16 (Co. Exec.) This is Control No.  
4 458-16, another pro forma bill that gives the Comptroller the  
5 authority to refund erroneous tax payments of up to \$2500.  
6 I'll offer a motion to approve.

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8 **LEG. MARTINEZ:**

9 Second.

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11 **CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:**

12 Second by Legislator Martinez. All in favor? Opposed?  
13 Abstentions? Motion carries. (APPROVED (VOTE: 5-0-0-1 -  
14 Not Present: Leg. Barraga)

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16 Next is resolution 1013-2017 - Amending the 2017 Operating Budget  
17 and appropriating funds in connection with bonding for a settlement  
18 for a liability case against the County (Co. Exec.) This is  
19 appropriating \$800,000 in bonded funds as part of a settlement for  
20 negligence action against the County and this settlement was  
21 approved by the Ways and Means Committee. I'll offer a motion to  
22 approve.

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24 **LEG. STERN:**

25 Second.

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27 **CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:**

28 Second by Legislator Stern. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?  
29 Motion carries. (APPROVED - VOTE: 5-0-0-1 - Not Present: Leg.  
30 Barraga).

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32 Next is Resolution 1021-2017 - To readjust, compromise, and grant  
33 refunds and charge-backs on real property correction of errors by:  
34 County Legislature (Control No. 1036-2017)(Co. Exec.) I'll offer  
35 a motion to approve and place on the Consent Calendar.

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37 **LEG. BROWNING:**

38 Second.

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40 **CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:**

41 Second by Legislator Browning. All in favor? Opposed?  
42 Abstentions? Motion carries. (APPROVED and placed on the Conset  
43 Calendar - VOTE: 5-0-0-1 - Not Present: Leg. Barraga).

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45 And finally Resolution 1024-2017 - Approving 2016 funding for a  
46 contract agency (IGHL Foundation)(Calarco), and this is authorizing  
47 the release of \$45,000 in funding to the organization. This  
48 organization maintains the Flight TWA -- the TWA Flight 800  
49 Memorial at Smith's Point. I'm sorry? You -- motion by Legislator  
50 Browning to approve, and for discussion purposes I'll offer a  
51 second. Is there anyone here from the organization this morning?

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53 **LEG. STERN:**

54 The Comptroller's Office is here.

1 **CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:**  
2 The Comptroller's Office? Who's here from the Comptroller's  
3 Office? Hi, yeah, come on up. And for the record, Legislator  
4 Barraga is not with us this morning and has an excused absence.

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6 Come on up. Good morning. State your name.

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8 **MR. PECORELLA:**  
9 Joe Pecorella --

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11 **CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:**  
12 Hi, Joe.

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14 **MR. PECORELLA:**  
15 -- Suffolk County Comptroller's Office.

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17 **CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:**  
18 Thank you. Did you have an opportunity to review the  
19 administrative costs overall??

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21 **MR. PECORELLA:**  
22 The agency's at 51% right now.

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24 **CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:**  
25 Fifty-one percent, this particular agency; 51% goes towards what?

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27 **MR. PECORELLA:**  
28 Administrative expenses.

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30 **CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:**  
31 And what's included in those administrative expenses?

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33 **MR. PECORELLA:**  
34 They did not provide a breakdown for 2015. I could tell you the  
35 numbers, though. One hundred forty-two thousand dollars in  
36 administrative expenses and two hundred seventy-two thousand  
37 dollars in total expenses.

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39 **CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:**  
40 The non-administrative expenses are comprised of what types of  
41 expenditures?

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43 **MR. PECORELLA:**  
44 Again, they're not broken out on the agency's financial statements.  
45 They just have it categorized as other program related, \$134,000.

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47 **CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:**  
48 Other.

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50 **MR. PECORELLA:**  
51 Yes.

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53 **CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:**  
54 Huh. So we don't know the administrative expenses. Is that  
55 towards salaries? Because I have a copy here of an application  
56 dated July 6th of 2015 from the agency and it states that \$40,725

1 went towards payroll and 4275 -- \$4,275 went to fringe benefits,  
2 and I'm just trying to understand what the justification may be for  
3 permitting this to exceed the 20% threshold from the agency.

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5 **MR. PECORELLA:**

6 I have 2014's Form 990 in front of me from the agency.

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8 **CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:**

9 Uh-huh.

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11 **MR. PECORELLA:**

12 Back in 2014, it was \$106,000 in payments to affiliates on the Form  
13 990, that's really putting them over the limit.

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15 **CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:**

16 Payments to affiliates?

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18 **MR. PECORELLA:**

19 Yes.

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21 **CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:**

22 Affiliates; I don't know what that is.

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24 **MR. PECORELLA:**

25 I believe they're affiliated with a couple of other organizations,  
26 and there's the \$60,000 in compensation to current offices, \$50,000  
27 in employee benefits; these are all administrative expenses on the  
28 Form 990.

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30 **CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:**

31 I see. And that's from 2014?

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33 **MR. PECORELLA:**

34 Fourteen, correct.

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36 **CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:**

37 When the County approves this funding, 45,000, it's -- I think the  
38 thought is that this is going to towards maintaining the memorial  
39 and I'm not -- you could make the argument that paying these  
40 salaries maintains the memorial, but I don't have enough  
41 information as to whether or not it's for, you know, work, labor  
42 done on the memorial or if it's just we're paying general  
43 administrative expenses.

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45 **MR. PECORELLA:**

46 Well, the County contracted at \$45,000, we're paying salaries for  
47 two employees, the way it looks.

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49 **CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:**

50 I'm sorry, repeat that.

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52 **MR. PECORELLA:**

53 Salaries and fringe benefits for two employees.

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55 **CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:**

56 Right.

1 **MR. PECORELLA:**

2 One person is paid \$21 an hour, that's the manager of the flight  
3 memorial. There's an assistant manager that's paid \$16 an hour.  
4 Pretty much the contract is just to maintain the grounds the way it  
5 looks as far as, you know, weeding, fertilizer, mowing the grass,  
6 supervise the volunteer workers.

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8 **CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:**

9 What contract is that?

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11 **MR. PECORELLA:**

12 That's the contract we're talking about, the \$45,000 contract with  
13 the County.

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15 **CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:**

16 Oh, our grant.

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18 **MR. PECORELLA:**

19 Yes, 2016.

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21 **CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:**

22 Okay. So the contract is to maintain the memorial. And are you --  
23 do you have any opinion as to whether or not the 45,000 is used for  
24 that purpose?

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26 **MR. PECORELLA:**

27 At this time we cannot give an opinion on that, no.

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29 **CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:**

30 Right, it's hard for me to form one as well. Legislator Browning.

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32 **LEG. BROWNING:**

33 Yeah, I'm familiar with this. I know that we've had several  
34 meeting, Jon Schneider and Legislator Calarco and myself. They --  
35 there's a lot of back and forth that's been going on since the  
36 Flight 800 was built and the County kind of backed off on doing  
37 anything with it, yet there was a commitment when it was built.  
38 So that's when IGHL come in and they contracted with IGHL to  
39 maintain the memorial and do landscaping.

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41 **CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:**

42 Who contracted with them?

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44 **LEG. BROWNING:**

45 The County did, yeah, and over the years the funding has  
46 dramatically dropped; however, IGHL continues to do the  
47 maintenance. Yeah, I believe there are a couple of supervisors,  
48 but most of the people who do the maintenance work are clients of  
49 IGHL, so it's kind of a work program. They also have -- they have  
50 a nursery in my district where a lot of them work growing plants,  
51 and I believe that's where they get a lot of their landscaping  
52 supplies from. So I don't think that -- like I said, I know that  
53 the number is much less than what it used to be and I don't know if  
54 you have that, what the contracts used to do be, how much money  
55 they've received in the past?

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1 **MR. PECORELLA:**

2 I think it was \$50,000 the year before.

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4 **LEG. BROWNING:**

5 Was it only 50? Okay. I thought it was more.

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7 **MR. PECORELLA:**

8 I think it was about the same.

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10 **LEG. BROWNING:**

11 But like I say it's -- when you go down and you see, because  
12 there's really very few County workers anymore doing work. They do  
13 lend a hand on occasion, but we don't have enough Parks employees  
14 either to go down and do that work and that's why the contract is  
15 the way it is, to hire IGHL to do it, so. And I know that the  
16 sheriff has sent prisoners down on occasion. But to keep it  
17 maintained the way it's been maintained, you know, I have to say, I  
18 think it's fair.

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20 And I wonder, too, because when you're talking about, you know, the  
21 -- their administrative costs; should they not be separating the  
22 45,000 and what that cost is, or is that -- that 45,000 is 51% is  
23 administrative; yes?

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25 **MR. PECORELLA:**

26 They're at 51%, yes, based on their financial statements. I don't  
27 know how they're classifying their numbers.

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29 **LEG. BROWNING:**

30 But is that just on this contract?

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32 **MR. PECORELLA:**

33 That's the total agency.

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35 **LEG. BROWNING:**

36 Okay. But should they not be separating that contract from  
37 everything else?

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39 **MR. PECORELLA:**

40 Well, the way the law reads, it doesn't matter what the County's  
41 funding, the County contract itself. It's the total expenses for  
42 the agency. So we're giving them 45,000 and they have \$300,000 in  
43 expenses, it's based on the total expenses for the whole agency.  
44 The County is funding program expenses for the most part, not  
45 administrative expenses, so they could -- it depends what they're  
46 doing with the money, the rest of their money.

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48 **LEG. BROWNING:**

49 Yeah, I just feel that maybe it would be better that they should be  
50 separating that contract from everything else they do.

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52 **MR. PECORELLA:**

53 Does the Parks Department maintain the grounds at all for this?  
54 Because it looks like the Parks should maintain some of it.

1 **LEG. BROWNING:**

2 Well, they should, that's the word. But again, you know, if you go  
3 down there and you see how many Parks employees there are -- talk  
4 to our Parks Commissioner about how few there are. I mean, I've  
5 been making many complaints, I know Katie's sitting back there  
6 going, *Oh, no, here she goes.* The condition of the campsite is a  
7 disaster and they can't even keep up with the work that does need  
8 to be done elsewhere. So, you know, we -- it's supposed to be one  
9 of our jewels, the Smith Point County Park, and I can't tell you  
10 how many complaints I get. And the answer I get all the time is *We*  
11 *just don't have enough people.* So that's why we contracted with  
12 IGHL because I guess we believed IGHL would be less expensive than  
13 having to hire more County workers.

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15 **MR. PECORELLA:**

16 What can I say?

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18 **LEG. BROWNING:**

19 I'm glad you said that, though.

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21 **CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:**

22 Legislator Browning, the only reason why I questioned this is  
23 because their own application says that the entire grant amount is  
24 going towards personnel salaries. Okay? And in the past we have  
25 always looked to ensure that the large portion of whatever the  
26 County funding is is going towards the program expense not the  
27 administrative expense, which is not the case here. By their own  
28 application they're saying 100% of this grant is going towards  
29 administrative expense. So even if you -- even if you separate  
30 this contract out, it's still 100% --

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32 **LEG. BROWNING:**

33 No, I know what you're saying.

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35 **CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:**

36 -- you're paying someone's salary so -- but it doesn't, you know,  
37 this is more of a unique situation, they don't necessarily have --  
38 I mean, the earmark of this funding is for the memorial, and I'm  
39 not sure what other expense there is beyond the salary expense.  
40 And that's why --

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42 **LEG. BROWNING:**

43 Right, somebody has to supervise the clients --

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45 **CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:**

46 Right.

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48 **LEG. BROWNING:**

49 -- that are doing the work.

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51 **CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:**

52 Right. So, you know, it's not like they're buying materials or,  
53 you know --



1 **LEG. BROWNING:**

2 Well, can I make a recommendation? Because I know that Rob put  
3 this in and I'd like to follow -- honestly, I didn't see that he  
4 had this, so. Granted it's his district, but I'm impacted by it,  
5 anytime there's a complaint about Smith Point I get the phone  
6 calls. But I certainly -- we have to maintain this memorial,  
7 that's the bottom line. But if we could at least even consider a  
8 discharge to next Tuesday and then --

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10 **CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:**

11 I'm not adverse to that at all. You know, in fairness to the  
12 applicant, it says, "*Employees assigned to the TWA Memorial at*  
13 *Smith Point*," so, you know, that could be considered 100% program  
14 expense if that's what they're actually doing. But there's no one  
15 here to really speak on their behalf about that.

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17 **LEG. BROWNING:**

18 Well, the sponsor, I think, maybe he might be able to give us a bit  
19 more information on that.

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21 **CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:**

22 Yeah.

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24 **LEG. BROWNING:**

25 And that's why I'm saying maybe just discharge without  
26 recommendation and see what he's got to say.

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28 **CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:**

29 Okay, thanks. Legislator Stern?

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31 **LEG. STERN:**

32 Yeah, thank you. First to the Comptroller's Office. It would  
33 seem, then, that if -- if the entire dollar amount was being used  
34 to pay these salaries, then based on what they're doing it would  
35 seem like that is the service that they are providing, right, the  
36 maintenance of the memorial is the service that's being provided.  
37 So does this become a question more of characterization on the  
38 report? Do you see that there could be a restatement in any way of  
39 what services are being provided, or do you see that from a  
40 definitional standpoint that this is administrative which is  
41 administrative which is administrative and there's no way out of  
42 that?

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44 **MR. PECORELLA:**

45 Well, the \$50,000 can be considered all program expenses, but I  
46 don't think that's what putting them over their limit with the  
47 administrative expense total, unless we had a breakdown of all  
48 their expenses. They never gave me a 2015 IRS Form 990, which has  
49 a breakdown line-by-line of all the expenses. I had a conference  
50 call at the agency about four weeks ago, they were supposed to give  
51 me more information, I never received anything from them. And we  
52 really can't -- I mean, there's nothing else really we can do but  
53 just go by the numbers that they gave us.

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1 **LEG. STERN:**

2 Based on what you see so far, without further explanation and  
3 notwithstanding what their own application says, you're saying that  
4 even if the \$45,000 grant was considered to be services, that still  
5 based on the numbers of the overall organization and their  
6 operations that that even if you recharacterized it all as service  
7 being provided that it still wouldn't make the numbers.

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9 **MR. PECORELLA:**

10 Correct. Their 2014 IRS Form 990 was done by an accounting firm  
11 and they were at 74% in 2014.

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13 **LEG. STERN:**

14 Right.

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16 **MR. PECORELLA:**

17 So, I mean, I have to believe the numbers are right for 2014.  
18 They're lower for '15, but they're still at 51%, based on what they  
19 gave us.

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21 **LEG. STERN:**

22 So that's not really just a question of a recharacterization, I  
23 mean, that's an issue that goes beyond just what's being reported.  
24 I mean, there's some real work that has to be done there to make  
25 those numbers work.

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27 **CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:**

28 Right, the litmus test for organizations receiving this type of  
29 County funding usually is your overall administrative expenses  
30 cannot exceed 20% of your overall budget, and that's our mechanism  
31 to ensure that the funding or majority of our funding is going  
32 towards the program expense. Here, as Legislator Stern points out,  
33 this organization is top-heavy on administrative expenses. And in  
34 the past we have very rarely granted this type of approval except  
35 if -- I think we've only done it where we've come close for the  
36 year in question and then the following year, now that they  
37 understood the process, they were going to redirect their funding  
38 the proper way. But there's no one here from this organization to  
39 speak to this today; see, that's an issue for me.

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41 **LEG. BROWNING:**

42 Yeah. Again, I didn't sponsor the bill so I don't know why, maybe  
43 they weren't asked to come. But then again, like Steve said, you  
44 know, it's -- yeah, there's two people hired to supervise how many  
45 clients? You know, there could be, you know, 10, 15, 20 clients  
46 doing the work, someone needs to supervise them and they're going  
47 to get paid. So if you look at the bigger picture, it's -- it's  
48 different. It's hard to explain.

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50 **LEG. STERN:**

51 Definitely, it's a different model --

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53 **LEG. BROWNING:**

54 It is, right, right.

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1 **LEG. STERN:**

2 But even if, even if you said that the two employees that are being  
3 covered under the contract are part of service, even if you  
4 characterized every dollar as service, what the Comptroller's  
5 Office is saying is that still doesn't rise to the level of  
6 overcoming the administrative overhead for the rest of the services  
7 that -- that this organization provides outside of this contract.

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9 **CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:**

10:54AM 10 Right, and that goes to the overall organization. We're not in the  
11 business of providing grant funding just to sustain salaries. We  
12 want to make sure that organizations are funneling this money down  
13 to providing the service that they're mandated to provide. And in  
14 fairness to all the other organizations who get their feet held to  
15 the fire --

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17 **LEG. BROWNING:**

18 No, I understand that.

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20 **CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:**

21 -- you know, I think that this organization should be here to at  
22 least explain to us why this is and perhaps justify it, would be  
23 helpful.

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25 **LEG. BROWNING:**

26 No, I understand. And again, you know, I don't much -- I don't  
27 know how much of the landscaping materials that they actually  
28 provide, and would that have been a better offset for them to pay  
29 for the landscape materials, then that wouldn't be as much of  
10:55AM 30 administrative costs. So, you know, again, if you're willing to  
31 discharge without recommendation and maybe we'll have Legislator  
32 Calarco get back to us and see if maybe we can come up with  
33 something different that we don't know?

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35 **CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:**

36 I see also in the application it says that, *"IGHL will use these*  
37 *funds to reimburse salaries and benefits for those employees who*  
38 *are assigned directly to this maintenance program at the TWA Flight*  
39 *800 Memorial at Smith Point. The staff will be responsible for*  
10:55AM 40 *planting, mulching, installing fertilizer, mowing grass,*  
41 *supervising volunteer workers and making minor repairs to maintain*  
42 *the beauty of the memorial which is free and open to the public."*  
43 And that's great, so that's telling us that our funding is going  
44 towards maintaining the memorial or the program expense.

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46 **LEG. BROWNING:**

47 Uh-huh.

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49 **LEG. D'AMARO:**

10:56AM 50 But the overall organization still has an issue, so.

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52 **LEG. BROWNING:**

53 I get you.

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55 **CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:**

56 Legislator Stern.

1 **LEG. STERN:**

2 Yeah, Legislator Browning maybe you know; maybe, Joe, you can tell  
3 from -- from the documentation that you have. But the two  
4 salaries, these two supervisors, are they exclusive to the -- to  
5 the memorial or do they provide other services to the overall  
6 organization outside of their responsibilities to the memorial?  
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8 **MR. PECORELLA:**

9 I think they may do a little bit more than that, we're not sure  
10 based on what they gave us. All I have is the budget for the  
11 contract. And like I said, the one employee makes almost \$22 an  
12 hour, the other one makes \$16 an hour. I don't have any of the  
13 claims submitted by the agency for 2015 or '16.  
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15 **CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:**

16 Yeah, and just as a practical matter, I would doubt, you know, 365  
17 days a year that someone's working on the memorial.  
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19 **MR. PECORELLA:**

20 I agree with you.  
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22 **CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:**

23 Yeah. So, but of course we don't really know the answer to that.  
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25 **LEG. BROWNING:**

26 I'm pretty sure they're full-time employees for IGHL.  
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28 **CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:**

29 Oh, no, I agree with that, but they're probably doing other  
30 administrative work. Let me just ask; is this time sensitive?  
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32 **LEG. BROWNING:**

33 Well --  
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35 **MR. NOLAN:**

36 Yeah, I would say it is.  
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38 **LEG. BROWNING:**

39 Once the Spring gets here, yeah.  
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41 **MR. NOLAN:**

42 The only thing is this is 2016 money, it's not 2017 money. So I  
43 think if we don't pass this probably on this cycle, they're not  
44 going to get the '16 money at any point, so I think the committee  
45 has --  
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47 **MR. PECORELLA:**

48 Well, they could accrue it back, I think, but you have to check  
49 with accounting services on that.  
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51 **MR. NOLAN:**

52 Yeah, I actually had run that question by somebody and there is a  
53 time sensitivity, though, I'm not sure if -- you would be cutting  
54 it close.  
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1 **LEG. BROWNING:**

2 Well, I think this would need to be resolved, too, because I'm  
3 pretty sure there's funding in the budget for them for 2017, to do  
4 the work in 2017.

5  
6 **CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:**

7 Right.

8  
9 **LEG. BROWNING:**

10:57AM 10 So that's something that this committee's going to have to decide;  
11 are we going to continue to pay IGHL and provide the \$45,000 to  
12 them to do the work, or are we going to hire more Parks employees?  
13 Hire more Parks employees if you don't want to do the contract.  
14 And I don't think there's anybody here to tell us how many  
15 employees. If you want to find out how many IGHL workers there are  
16 doing the work, then we're going to have to hire almost as many  
17 Parks employees.

18  
19 **CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:**

10:58AM 20 Yeah, there's -- there's a checkered history to the maintenance of  
21 this monument or memorial. But at the end of the day, we don't  
22 want to do anything that, you know, insults the memory of the folks  
23 that were lost. So I'm willing to give the benefit of the doubt  
24 and discharge without recommendation, but I would really encourage  
25 either the sponsor or yourself to reach out to them and ask them to  
26 come to the meeting.

27  
28 **LEG. BROWNING:**

10:58AM 29 Okay. And I'll -- okay, I'm withdrawing my motion to approve and  
30 I'll second the discharge.

31  
32 **CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:**

33 Okay. So there is a -- are there any other questions?

34  
35 **LEG. STERN:**

10:59AM 36 Not another question, but I do agree and I'll support the -- the  
37 discharge. I think it's important for the organization to come and  
38 make explanation, but I would also encourage representatives of the  
39 organization to reach out and have a conversation with the  
40 Comptroller's Office. I think it would be important to all of us  
41 to have -- to make sure that the Comptroller's Office has a full  
42 understanding of what it is they are presenting and what changes,  
43 if any, need to be made and to have them involved in that step as  
44 well before they come and make their case.

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46 **LEG. BROWNING:**

10:59AM 47 Okay. And I'd also -- Katie, if you could speak with Jon  
48 Schneider. Because I know we've had numerous conversations with --  
49 you know, we had meetings with the family members, with IGHL, this  
50 was going back a couple of years, because of the issues of the lack  
51 of maintenance and the need to have the maintenance continued and  
52 the commitment that the County made when it was first built. And  
53 the County has basically backed off in their commitment and this  
54 was the alternative to that commitment. So, you know, we got --  
55 we've got to resolve this.

1 **CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:**

2 Okay, thank you. Yes, Presiding Officer, good morning.

3  
4 **P.O. GREGORY:**

5 Thank you. Good morning. I just got off the phone with the -- the  
6 sponsor and I'm not sure if this was expressed during some of the  
7 dialogue, but he had mentioned to me that the money to the  
8 foundation, it exceeded the administrative cap. So the thought is  
9 and the plan is to next year switch the funding to IGHL Inc., which  
10 will fall under the -- I think it'll probably fall in at 11% as  
11 opposed to whatever the percentage is now.

12  
13 But you're right, Legislator Browning, you know, with the history  
14 of it, they do take care of the Flight 800 Memorial and, you know,  
15 it's important that they maintain this funding.

16  
17 **CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:**

18 Okay. So next year they would have a different organization, an  
19 affiliated organization that would meet the threshold.

20  
21 **P.O. GREGORY:**

22 This is the non-for-profit arm of it --

23  
24 **CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:**

25 Right.

26  
27 **P.O. GREGORY:**

28 -- and so it's going to be switching from the foundation to the --  
29 to the Inc.

30  
31 **CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:**

32 Okay. All right, so there is a motion pending to discharge without  
33 recommendation. I've seconded the motion and I'll call the vote.  
34 All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Motion carries. **(DISCHARGED**  
35 **WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION (VOTE: 6-0-0-1 - Not Present: Leg. Barraga -**  
36 **P.O. Gregory included in the vote)**

37  
38 There's no further business this morning. We are adjourned.  
39 Thank you for attending.

40  
41 **THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 11:01 AM**

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