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5 **BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**
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7 **OF THE**
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9 **SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE**
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11 **MINUTES**

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13 A meeting of the Budget and Finance Committee of the Suffolk County
14 Legislature was held in the Rose Y. Caracappa Legislative
15 Auditorium of the William H. Rogers Legislature Building,
16 725 Veterans Memorial Highway, Smithtown, New York, on Tuesday,
17 April 18th, 2017 at 10:30 a.m.

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19 **Members Present:**

20 *Legislator Lou D'Amaro - Chairman*
21 *Legislator Monica Martinez - Vice Chair*
22 Legislator Thomas Barraga
23 Legislator Kate Browning
24 Legislator Leslie Kennedy
25 Legislator Steven Stern

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27 **Also in Attendance:**

28 *Presiding Officer Gregory - Legislative District No. 15*
29 *Legislator Sarah Anker - Legislative District No. 6*
30 George Nolan - Counsel/Suffolk County Legislature
31 Amy Ellis - Chief Deputy Clerk/Suffolk County Legislature
32 Bennie Pernice - Budget Review Office
33 Thomas Corcoran - Budget Review Office
34 Bob Fonti - Aide to Presiding Officer Gregory
35 Justin Littell - Aide to Legislator D'Amaro
36 Robyn Fellrath - Aide to Legislator Anker
37 Debbie Harris - Aide to Legislator Stern
38 Ali Nazir - Aide to Legislator Kennedy
39 Seth Squicciarino - Aide to Legislator Hahn
40 Katie Horst - Director of Intergovernmental Relations/CE's Office
41 John Marafino - County Executive's Office
42 Lynne Bizzarro - Chief Deputy County Attorney of Suffolk County
43 Ben Zwirn - Director of Legislative Affairs/SCCC
44 Joe Callari - Suffolk AME
45 Rick Brand - Newsday
46 All Other Interested Parties

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48 **Minutes Taken By:**

49 Alison Mahoney - Court Stenographer

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51 **Minutes Transcribed By:**

52 Denise Weaver - Legislative Aide
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(*The meeting was called to order at 10:53 a.m.*)

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3 **CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:**

4 Good morning. Welcome to the Budget & Finance Committee. Please
5 rise and join us in the Pledge of Allegiance led by Legislator
6 Stern.

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8 **Salutation**

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10:53AM 10 Thank you. No correspondence today. Public comments; are there
11 any cards this morning?

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13 **MS. ELLIS:**

14 No, sir.

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16 **CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:**

17 Okay. Is there anyone present that would like to address the
18 committee this morning? Mr. Zwirn, sure, come on up. Good
19 morning.

10:53AM 20
21 **MR. ZWIRN:**

22 Good morning, Mr. Chairman. I just wanted -- it's Ben Zwirn from
23 Suffolk County Community College. I just wanted to give you an
24 update and a personal thank you for the support last week with the
25 CN for the Health and Wellness Facility. As Legislator Barraga
26 mentioned today with the veterans center that we have in Riverhead,
27 some of the rehab might be able to be used at the Health and
28 Wellness Facility when it is completed.

10:53AM 29
30 As you know, it did get included in the State budget; no small
31 task. A number of other community colleges tried to get capital
32 programs in the budget at the last minute and they did not, and the
33 reason was because Suffolk County made a commitment upfront. And
34 because the County, as our local sponsor, committed to this project
35 was the only way the State could consider it in their budget, as we
36 mentioned that night, and that's the only reason why we're the only
37 community college who got something added.

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10:54AM 39 So it'll be a \$10 million contribution from the State toward this
40 project when it is complete. The Board of Trustees will award the
41 contract on Thursday at their regularly scheduled meeting. After
42 that contract we'll go out. The surety and bonds that the
43 developer will need will be applied for, and shortly thereafter
44 this project should be underway and hopefully be done by next year.

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46 So I just want to thank you very much. Usually I don't come before
47 the Budget and Finance Committee, but some of you are not on the
48 Education Committee and if I don't get a chance to thank you at the
49 General meeting, I wanted to make sure I thanked you today.

10:54AM 50
51 **CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:**

52 Okay. Thank you, Mr. Zwirn. We appreciate your comments.

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54 Is there anyone else who would like to address the committee this
55 morning? For the record, there is no response.

Tabled Resolutions

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3 Tabled Resolutions, we have one this morning, is **1107-2017 -**
4 **Adopting a Local Law No. 2017, A Charter Law to limit County fee**
5 **increases. (Trotta)** This requires a public hearing, so I'll offer
6 a motion to table.

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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. **(Tabled for Public Hearing -**
14 **VOTE: 6-0-0-0).**

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16 **Introductory Resolutions**

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18 Now, Introductory Resolutions. The first is resolution **1203-2017 -**
19 **To readjust, compromise, and grant refunds and charge-backs on real**
10:55AM 20 **property correction of errors by: County Legislature (Control No.**
21 **1037-2017). (Co. Exec.)** I'll offer a motion to approve and place on
22 the Consent Calendar.

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24 **LEG. MARTINEZ:**
25 Second.

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27 **CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:**
28 Second by Legislator Martinez. All in favor? Opposed?
29 Abstentions? Motion carries. **Approved and Placed on the Consent**
10:55AM 30 **Calendar (VOTE: 6-0-0-0)**

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32 Next is resolution **1204-2017 - To readjust, compromise, and grant**
33 **refunds and chargebacks on correction of errors/County Comptroller**
34 **by: County Legislature No. 461. (Co. Exec.)** I'll offer the same
35 motion, second by Legislator Barraga. All in favor? Opposed?
36 Abstentions? Motion carries. **Approved and Placed on the Consent**
37 **Calendar (VOTE: 6-0-0-0)**

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39 There's no further business before the committee this morning,
10:56AM 40 we are adjourned. Thank you.

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42 **(*The meeting was adjourned at 10:56 a.m.*)**
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