

EDUCATION & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
OF THE
SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE
MINUTES

A meeting of the Education & Human Services 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 March 15, 2016.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Leg. Monica Martinez, Chairperson
Leg. Thomas F. Barraga, Vice Chair (excused absence)
Leg. Robert Calarco, DPO
Leg. Kara Hahn (excused absence)
Leg. Leslie Kennedy
Leg. Kate Browning

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

George M. Nolan, Counsel to the Legislature
Sarah Simpson, Assistant Counsel/Legislature
Amy Ellis, Chief Deputy Clerk/Legislature
Jill Moss, Budget Review Office
John O'Neill, Commissioner/DSS
Ben Zwirn, Suffolk Community College
Kevin Peterman, Suffolk Community College
Katie Horst, County Executive's Office
Lisa Pinkard, Aide to Leg. Martinez
Zachary Baum, Aide to Leg. Hahn
Ali Nazir, Aide to Leg. Kennedy
Michael Pitcher, Director of Communications/PO
Dave Schwartz, Newsday
And all other interested parties

MINUTES TAKEN BY:

Diana Flesher, Court Stenographer

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 1:00 PM

CHAIRPERSON MARTINEZ:

Good afternoon and welcome to today's Education & Human Services Committee. If we could all rise for the Pledge of Allegiance to be led by Legislator Calarco.

SALUTATION

Thank you. For the record, please note the excused absence for Legislator Barraga as well as Legislator Hahn. All right. And continuing with our agenda, we do not have any correspondence. Do we have any speakers, Madam Clerk?

MS. ELLIS:

No, we do not.

CHAIRPERSON MARTINEZ:

Anyone in the audience that would like to address the Committee? There is no one who would like to address the Committee. We also have the Commissioner, Department of Social Services here, as well as representatives from the College. We have Ben and Kevin. Would either one of you have anything to say before the Committee?

MR. ZWIRN:

We're good.

CHAIRPERSON MARTINEZ:

No, you're good? Okay. So continuing, there are no presentations, no Tabled Resolutions. We do have three Introductory Resolutions.

INTRODUCTORY RESOLUTIONS

1193, Accepting and appropriating 100% grant funding in the amount of \$800,000 from the New York State Department of Health to the Suffolk County Department of Social Services to provide Education, Outreach Services and Enrollment Assistance into Government-Sponsored Health Insurance Programs to the Aged, Certified Blind and Certified Disabled Populations of Suffolk and Nassau Counties through the Consumer Assistance to the Aged, Blind and Disabled Program and authorizing the County Executive and the Commissioner of Social Services to execute a (contact) -- contract. (Co. Exec.).

Contract. Thank you. Legislator Kennedy will make a motion to approve and to place on the Consent Calendar; second by Legislator Calarco. All approved? **(VOTE: 4-0-0-2.**

LEGISLATORS BARRAGA AND HAHN NOT PRESENT/CONSENT CALENDAR)

Introductory Resolution 1194, Accepting and appropriating 100% pass through funding from the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) to the Suffolk County Department of Social Services to increase the number of child trafficking victims identified and served and authorizing the County Executive and the Commissioner of Social Services to execute a contract. (Co. Exec.). Same motion, same second, same vote. (VOTE: 4-0-0-2. LEGISLATORS BARRAGA AND HAHN NOT PRESENT/CONSENT CALENDAR)

Introductory Resolution 1216, Accepting and appropriating a grant award increase from the State University of New York for a SUNY Child Care Program 100% reimbursed by State funds at Suffolk County Community College. (Co. Exec.). Same motion, same vote,

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also on the Consent Calendar, and same second. My apologies. **(VOTE: 4-0-0-2. LEGISLATORS BARRAGA AND HAHN NOT PRESENT/CONSENT CALENDAR)**
So that ends our meeting for today. We are adjourned. Have a great day.

THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 1:03 PM