

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 April 5, 2016.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Leg. Monica Martinez, Chairperson
Leg. Thomas F. Barraga, Vice Chair
Leg. Robert Calarco, DPO
Leg. Kara Hahn
Leg. Leslie Kennedy
Leg. Kate M. 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
Benny Pernice, Budget Review Office
John O'Neill, Commissioner/Department of Social Services
Ben Zwirn, Suffolk Community College
Kevin Peterman, Suffolk Community College
Katie Horst, County Executive's Office
Lisa Pinkard, Aide to Leg. Martinez
Justin Littell, Aide to Leg. D'Amaro
Seth Squicciarino, Aide to Leg. Hahn
Ali Nazir, Aide to Leg. Kennedy
Michael Pitcher, Director of Communications/PO
And all other interested parties

MINUTES TAKEN BY:

Diana Flesher, Court Stenographer

MINUTES TRANSCRIBED BY:

Denise Weaver, Legislative Aide

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 1:01 PM

CHAIRPERSON MARTINEZ:

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

SALUTATION

Thank you. Okay, we have not received any correspondence and we do not have any cards today either. We do not have any presentations nor Tabled Resolutions. We do have an Introductory Resolution, but before I discuss that one, I know that we have the Commissioner of the Department of Social Services, which I was made aware you have nothing to say to the Committee. Thank you for being here.

And we also have Ben and Kevin from the college. Is there anything that you would like to present to the Committee today?

MR. ZWIRN:

No.

MR. PETERMAN:

Yes.

CHAIRPERSON MARTINEZ:

Yes, please. Hi, Kevin.

MR. PETERMAN:

If I may just give you an update, Kevin Peterman from the Faculty Association of Suffolk Community College. You know, the budget passed last week in Albany. And after a lot of educating, I wouldn't say lobbying, a lot of educating, the State did give community colleges an increase of \$100 in FTE aid. So I just wanted you to know that we were trying to hard to get that other leg of the stool to come up with some money and we were successful. Unfortunately, most of the SUNY State {ops} did not get anything so I feel that we -- we at least were able to get some support from the State in this budget. So I want you to be aware that we -- we do try as we tell you to -- to get our support where we can and hopefully we can count on you as well. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON MARTINEZ:

I know you do, Kevin. Thank you. Do we have any questions from the Committee members?

INTRODUCTORY RESOLUTIONS

Okay, so we'll continue with our agenda. **Introductory Resolution number 1254, and that's Accepting and appropriating a grant award increase from the State Education Department, the University of the State of New York, for a Liberty Partnerships Program (LPP) 100% reimbursed by State funds at Suffolk County Community College. (Co. Exec.).** I would like to make a motion to approve and to place on the Consent Calendar; second by our Vice Chair, Legislator Barraga. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Motion carries. **(VOTE: 6-0-0-0 APPROVED and PLACED on the CONSENT CALENDAR)**

And that pretty much concludes our agenda. So thank you and have a great day.

**THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 1:04 PM
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