

**EDUCATION & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**  
**OF THE**  
**SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE**  
**MINUTES**

A meeting of the Education & Information Technology 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 December 8, 2015.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Leg. Sarah S. Anker, Chairperson  
Leg. Monica Martinez, Vice Chair  
Leg. Thomas Cilmi  
Leg. Lou D'Amaro  
Leg. Robert Trotta  
Leg. DuWayne Gregory, Presiding Officer

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

George M. Nolan, Counsel to the Legislature  
Sarah Simpson, Assistant Counsel/Legislature  
Jason Richberg, Clerk of the Legislature  
Ben Zwirn, Suffolk Community College  
Kevin Peterman, Suffolk Community College  
Benny Pernice, Budget Review Office  
Katie Horst, County Executive's Office  
Amy Ellis, Aide to Leg. Anker  
Maria Barbara, Aide to Leg. Cilmi  
Justin Littell, Aide to Leg. D'Amaro  
William Shilling, Aide to Leg. Calarco  
And all other interested parties

**MINUTES TAKEN BY:**

Diana Flesher, Court Stenographer

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**THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 12:00 PM**

**CHAIRPERSON ANKER:**

Welcome to the Education, Information Technology Committee. Please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance led by Legislator Trotta.

**SALUTATION**

Please remain standing for a moment of silent meditation prayer as we think of the servicemen and women serving in our country.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE OBSERVED**

Thank you. Okay, we do not have correspondence. We do not have public comment or presentation. We will go right to the Tabled Resolutions.

**TABLED RESOLUTIONS**

**IR 1927, Amending the 2015 Capital Budget and appropriating funds in connection with capital improvements to new and existing facilities (CP 2153). (Co. Exec.).** I will make a motion to discharge without recommendation.

**LEG. TROTТА:**

Motion to table.

**CHAIRPERSON ANKER:**

Wait, do we have a second to discharge without recommendation?

**P.O. GREGORY:**

I'll second it.

**LEG. MARTINEZ:**

Second.

**MR. NOLAN:**

Is there a second to tabling?

**LEG. D'AMARO:**

On the --

**CHAIRPERSON ANKER:**

Legislator D'Amaro has comments.

**LEG. D'AMARO:**

Yes, thank you. Very quickly, I know that this is on the Tabled Resolutions calendar because a cycle ago we tabled it in this Committee. At that time I think my position was pretty straight forward and I made it clear where I stood on the bill, but I'm never opposed to letting democracy move forward. So if the Chair feels that perhaps the best way to proceed might be to get this before the full Legislature for a vote, I'd be willing to support that.

**CHAIRPERSON ANKER:**

Okay. Thank you.

**LEG. TROTТА:**

I withdraw my motion to table.

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**CHAIRPERSON ANKER:**

We have a withdrawal motion to table by Legislator Trotta. All right, so we have a motion, second. All in favor? Opposed? Abstention?

**LEG. TROTTA:**

(Indicating opposed)

**LEG. CILMI:**

(Indicating opposed)

**CHAIRPERSON ANKER:**

Motion carries. **(VOTE: 4-2-0-0. PO GREGORY INCLUDED IN VOTE. LEGISLATORS TROTTA and CILMI OPPOSED)**

**IR 1974, Accepting and appropriating a grant award increase from the State Education Department, the University of the State of New York, for a Science and Technology Entry Program (STEP) 100% reimbursed by State Funds at Suffolk County Community College. (Co. Exec.)** I'll make a motion to approve and put on the Consent Calendar.

**LEG. D'AMARO:**

Second.

**CHAIRPERSON ANKER:**

All in favor? Opposed? Abstention? Motion carries. **(VOTE: 6-0-0-0. PO GREGORY INCLUDED IN VOTE)**

**IR 1975, Accepting and appropriating a subcontract award from Columbia University Medical Center, the Prime Institution of a grant award funded by the Department of Health and Human Services Office of the National Coordinator (HHS/ONC), for participation in a project entitled "Columbia University Workforce Training to Educate Healthcare Professionals", 100% reimbursed by federal funds at Suffolk County Community College. (Co. Exec.).** I'll make a motion to approve.

**LEG. MARTINEZ:**

Second.

**CHAIRPERSON ANKER:**

And also put on the Consent Calendar. Second. All in favor? Opposed? Abstention? Motion carries. **(VOTE: 6-0-0-0. PO GREGORY INCLUDED IN VOTE)**

**IR 1976, Accepting and appropriating a grant award amendment from the State Education Department, Perkins IV Funds, for the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act (CTEA) Program 100% reimbursed by federal funds at Suffolk County Community College. (Co. Exec.).** Same motion, same second. All in favor? Opposed? Abstention? Motion carries. **(VOTE: 6-0-0-0. PO GREGORY INCLUDED IN VOTE)**

**IR 1977, Accepting and appropriating a grant sub-award amendment from the Research Foundation at SUNY Stony Brook University, the prime recipient of a grant award from the National Institute of General Medical Sciences, for a project entitled, "BioPREP: Biology Partnership in Research and Education Programs", 100% reimbursed by federal funds at Suffolk County Community College. (Co. Exec.).** Same motion, same second. All in favor? Opposed? Abstention? Motion carries. **(VOTE: 6-0-0-0. PO GREGORY INCLUDED IN VOTE)**

**IR 1979, Accepting and appropriating a grant award from New York State Education**

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**Department, the University of the State of New York, for a State Adult Literacy and Basic Adult Education Program, 100% reimbursed by state funds at Suffolk County Community College. (Co. Exec.).** Same motion, same second. All in favor? Opposed? Abstention? Motion carries. **(VOTE: 6-0-0-0. PO GREGORY INCLUDED IN VOTE)**

I see no further business. I want to wish everybody a happy holiday. And this meeting is adjourned.

**THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 12:06 PM  
{ } DENOTES SPELLED PHONETICALLY**