

**GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, PERSONNEL,
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY & HOUSING COMMITTEE**

OF THE

SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE

MINUTES

A meeting of the Government Operations, Personnel, Information Technology & Housing 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 July 20, 2016.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Leg. Robert Calarco, Chairperson
Leg. William J. Lindsay, III, Vice Chair
Leg. Kara Hahn
Leg. Leslie Kennedy
Leg. Kevin J. McCaffrey

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

George M. Nolan, Counsel to the Legislature
Jason Richberg, Clerk of the Legislature
Scott Mastellon, appointee/Commissioner IT
Katie Horst, County Executive's Office
John Marafino, County Executive's Office
Michael Pitcher, Director of Communications/PO
William Shilling, Aide to Leg. Calarco
Brian Sapp, Aide to Leg. Lindsay
Zachary Baum, Aide to Leg. Hahn
Rick Brand, Newsday
And all other interested parties

MINUTES TAKEN BY:

Diana Flesher, Court Stenographer

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 10:12 AM

CHAIRPERSON CALARCO:

Good morning and welcome to the Government Operations, Personnel, Housing and Information Technology Committee. If we could all please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance led by Legislator Hahn.

SALUTATION

If we could all please remain standing for a moment of silence for the officers in Baton Rouge and Dallas who have been killed mercilessly in the line of duty.

MOMENT OF SILENCE OBSERVED

Thank you. Okay. We are going to go into our agenda. I have no correspondence for the Committee this morning. So I'll go onto the Public Portion. I do not have any cards. Is there anybody in the audience who would like to address the Committee at this time? Seeing none, we will move into the agenda. It is a short agenda so we'll go rather quickly here.

TABLED RESOLUTIONS

Tabled Resolutions, **IR 1439, To develop and maintain an online affordable housing directory in Suffolk County. (Cilmi)** I believe this resolution was amended recently.

MR. NOLAN:

It was.

CHAIRPERSON CALARCO:

Okay. Do I have any -- do I have a motion? Motion by Legislator Kennedy.

LEG. McCAFFREY:

Second.

CHAIRPERSON CALARCO:

Second by Legislator McCaffrey. I believe the sponsor was working with the administration on this. I think the amendments were things that, I think, accomplished his goal.

MS. HORST:

Yes.

CHAIRPERSON CALARCO:

And everyone's in agreement.

MS. HORST:

Yes.

CHAIRPERSON CALARCO:

Very good. Then we have a motion and a second. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?
1439 is approved. (VOTE: 5-0-0-0)

INTRODUCTORY RESOLUTIONS

IR 1619, Confirming appointment of Suffolk County Commissioner of Information

Technology Scott Mastellon. (Co. Exec.) And Mr. Mastellon is here with us this morning so what I'm going to do is make a motion to approve; second by Legislator McCaffrey.

If Scott would come up, please, and just -- you can have a seat at the table here. Thank you for joining us here this morning. Scott, maybe you could give us a quick background on yourself, your history, why you're looking to -- what you're looking to accomplish in this job.

MR. MASTELLON:

Sure. Good morning and thank you. First of all, it is an honor and a privilege to be here seeking the confirmation of the Commissioner of IT. I'm extremely excited about the opportunity here to extend my role in the department and move forward plans that the former Commissioner, Vincent Mezzanotte and myself put forth over a year ago.

Many of you know I started around 2013 or in 2013, I should say, as the Assistant Deputy Commissioner of Police for Police Management Information Systems. And in that role I supported and assisted the Police Commissioner on various technology initiatives as well as acted as a liaison to the County Executive on various enterprise-wide or county-wide technology as well as continuous improvement initiatives.

And over that -- over that period of time, I really got an opportunity to understand a lot as it relates to the people, the processes and the technology here within the County. And in April of 2015, I was asked to take on the role of Deputy Commissioner of IT and work directly under Vincent Mezzanotte, the previous Commissioner.

So, in the last year I really felt as if I've gained a significant understanding as it relates to not only the people within IT and the talented people that we have in IT, their capabilities, but I also developed relationships with many of the key IT people within the County different departments as well as many of the commissioners and directors within the organization here. And it truly has given me an appreciation and understanding as it relates to various priorities and I think has positioned me well to play the role here as Commissioner of Technology.

Prior to my role here or my tenure here in the County, I worked in the private sector as a public sector consultant, which I had an opportunity to work with many different municipalities. I've worked in pretty much every town here on Long Island, both Suffolk and Nassau County. I worked in many departments here in Suffolk County as a consultant. I worked in many departments in Nassau County. I worked in New York City. I worked in Westchester County. I worked at New York State. I worked for the United States Army Corps of Engineers. I worked for the United Way. I also worked for the City of New Orleans. And this truly gave me a really good understanding as it relates not only to government technology, but, again, government operations. And I feel as if it put me in a tremendous position to really take on the role here as Commissioner.

So that's kind of how I got here. Again, I am truly honored to be in front of you today and I'll open it up to any questions.

CHAIRPERSON CALARCO:

Thank you, Scott. Does anybody have any questions for Scott? Okay. I would just add, you know, we've been able to work together on the open data policy and putting together that platform and launching a website. And you have been nothing but extremely helpful. And while you have some big shoes to fill, your predecessor in his short tenure did, I think, a really good job in the County in terms of making IT a very proactive department and really making sure that technology is serving our needs very well. And you have some great people that are working for you in that department. You know, we are -- I'm very appreciative of those efforts and I look forward to continue to work with you over the next few years.

MR. MASTELLON:

Thank you. And I'll reiterate the fact that that was a great team that was -- who has worked with me to get those things as well as other things, you know, working forward with -- for It. So thank you.

CHAIRPERSON CALARCO:

Now you definitely -- the department has put their full force towards putting that open data program together and we are making very good strides and I appreciate that. Okay. I have no other issues, no other questions. I have a motion and a second. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? **IR 1619 is approved. (VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**

IR 1651, Updating standard work day and reporting for Elected Officials - 2016. (Pres. Off.) I'll make a motion to approve.

LEG. LINDSAY:

Second.

CHAIRPERSON CALARCO:

Second by Legislator Lindsay. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? **IR 1651 is approved. (VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**

And, Scott, just for the record, I think it would be good for you to be here on Tuesday in case any -- when you go to the full Legislature, usually we ask our commissioner appointees to show up in case any of our colleagues have questions for you.

MR. MASTELLON:

Will do.

CHAIRPERSON CALARCO:

Great. Thank you very much.

MR. MASTELLON:

Sure.

CHAIRPERSON CALARCO:

I have no other business before us so with that, we are adjourned.

**THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 10:20 AM
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