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

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8 **SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE**

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10 **MINUTES**

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15 A meeting of the Government Operations, Personnel, Information
16 Technology & Housing Committee of the Suffolk County Legislature
17 was held in the Rose Y. Caracappa Legislative Auditorium of the
18 William H. Rogers Legislature Building, 725 Veterans Memorial
19 Highway, Smithtown, New York on June 14, 2017.
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24 **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

25 Leg. Robert Calarco, Chairperson
26 Leg. William J. Lindsay, III, Vice Chair
27 Leg. Kara Hahn
28 Leg. Leslie Kennedy
29 Leg. Kevin J. McCaffrey
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34 **ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

35 George M. Nolan, Counsel to the Legislature
36 Sarah Simpson, Assistant Counsel/Legislature
37 Amy Ellis, Chief Deputy Clerk/Legislature
38 Benny Pernice, Budget Review Office
39 Katie Horst, County Executive's Office
40 John Marafino, County Executive's Office
41 Jason Hann, County Executive's Office
42 William Shilling, Aide to Leg. Calarco
43 Brian Sapp, Aide to Leg. Lindsay
44 Alyssa Turano, Aide to Leg. Hahn
45 Ali Nazir, Aide to Leg. Kennedy
46 Rick Brand, Newsday
47 And all other interested parties
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49 **MINUTES TAKEN BY:**

50 Diana Flesher, Court Stenographer
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1 THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 10:05 AM

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3 **CHAIRPERSON CALARCO:**

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

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9 **SALUTATION**

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11 Thank you. Okay, we have no correspondence this morning. We are
12 in the public portion. I don't have any cards this morning. Is
13 there anybody in the audience who would like to address the
14 Committee at this time? Seeing none, we will close the public
15 portion. I have no presentation so we'll go into the agenda.

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17 **TABLED RESOLUTIONS**

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19 Tabled Resolutions, IR 1368, Establishing a salary savings program
10:06AM 20 for employees excluded from bargaining units. (Co. Exec.) Motion
21 by Legislator Hahn; second by Legislator Lindsay. Anybody on the
22 motion?

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24 **LEG. McCAFFREY:**

25 Yes, on the motion.

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27 **CHAIRPERSON CALARCO:**

28 Legislator McCaffrey.

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30 **LEG. McCAFFREY:**

31 Yes. I understand this sense of fiscal urgency that we have here
32 in the County. And, I think, I expressed that as much if not more
33 than anybody. My true frustration is this piecemeal approach to
34 certain classes of employees in the County. I know that every one
35 of the unions have expressed an interest in coming back to the
36 table to help us deal with our situation -- our fiscal situation.
37 One of the reasons is the fact that if we don't get it under
38 control, we're going to end up with a Fiscal Control Board, which
39 void the contracts and affect every one of us adversely. And I
10:07AM 40 think they understand the situation and they truly want to come.

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42 I'm very much concerned about the fact that the County Executive
43 has not made more of a proactive approach in meeting with them.
44 And I don't like this piecemeal approach the way we're doing things
45 here today. I understand there's a sense of urgency in this part
46 of the legislation because the timing of it, but I think more needs
47 to be done to make this an overall situation where everybody's
48 involved in this and not just certain employees in the County.

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10:08AM 50 And hopefully that the County Executive would -- will one day agree
51 with me and make it an overall situation and actually does
52 something as opposed to these little piecemeal things that are
53 nothing more than in my mind just press releases, say we're doing
54 something that doesn't really accomplish or amount to big savings
55 that are going to make a difference in these County finances.

1 I'm going to support this today only because we need to. And I am
2 hopeful that the County Executive will move forward and bring the
3 people to the table that can actually move the needle in terms of
4 our financial savings.

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6 **CHAIRPERSON CALARCO:**

7 Anybody else? Okay, I have a motion and a second. All those in
8 favor? Opposed? Abstentions? **IR 1368 is approved. (VOTE:**
9 **5-0-0-0)**

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11 I have no other items on the agenda this morning, unless anybody
12 has something, we will stand adjourned. Thank you everyone.

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15 **THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 10:08 AM**
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