

**PUBLIC SAFETY & PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE
of the
Suffolk County Legislature**

Minutes

A regular meeting of the Public Safety & Public Information 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 **October 28, 2003**.

Members Present:

Legislator Angie Carpenter - Chairperson
Legislator David Bishop
Legislator William Lindsay
Legislator Andrew Crecca
Legislator George Guldi
Legislator Peter O'Leary

Also In Attendance:

Paul Sabatino - Counsel to the Legislature
Doug Sutherland - Aide to Legislator Carpenter
Tom Donovan - Aide to Legislator Guldi
Jim Spero - Deputy Director/Budget Review Office
Kevin Duffy - Budget Review Office
Bill Faulk - County Executive's Office/Intergovernmental Relations
Alan Otto - Chief of Staff/Suffolk County Sheriff's Office
James Abbott - Chief Deputy Commissioner/Suffolk County Police Dept
James Maggio - Deputy Commissioner/Suffolk County Police Department
John Fitzgerald - Suffolk County Police Department
Frank Luciano - Sergeant/Suffolk County Police Department
Debbie Eppel - Public Information Office
Artie Cliff - President/Superior Officer's Association
Tim Morris - Superior Officer's Association
Jerry Gilmore - Superior Officer's Association
Katherine Hoad - Suffolk County League of Women Voters
Paul Greenberg - Civil Service Department
Leslie Baffa - Civil Service Department
Don Gackenheimer - Suffolk County Fire Academy
All Other Interested Parties

Minutes Taken By:

Lucia Braaten - Court Stenographer

Minutes Transcribed By:

Alison Mahoney - Court Stenographer

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(*The meeting was called to order at 1:05 P.M. *)

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Good afternoon. Welcome to the Public Safety Committee meeting & Public Information. I would ask Legislator O'Leary if he would please lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Salutation

I would just ask everyone to remain standing. I just ask for a moment of silence in respect and in memory to a woman who worked for the Legislature for many years, Legislator Caracappa's Aide -- and before Legislator Caracappa, Legislator Rose Caracappa -- and that's Phyllis McAlevey.

Moment of Silence Observed

Thank you. Needless to say, Legislator Caracappa has an excused absence today. I have no cards. Is there anyone who wishes to address the committee? Then we will -- we will go to the agenda then.

Before we begin, I had been reviewing some facts and figures on public safety over the last decade, and just want to take this opportunity to congratulate the Commissioner and everyone in the Suffolk County Police Department and law enforcement in general, that over the last 10 or 11 years that we have seen a decrease in acts of part one crime of over 50% from nearly 60,000 in 1992 to a little over 28,000 in 2002. So for everyone who's involved in that, we thank you very much. This certainly is a safer County. We'll start with the tabled resolutions,

Tabled Resolutions

IR 1460-93 - Modifying Universal Child Sexual Abuse Reporting Policy for State Mandated reporters at Suffolk County Contract Agencies (Cooper). Motion to table, second by Legislator O'Leary. All those in favor? Opposed? The resolution is tabled (VOTE: 6-0-0-1 Not Present: Legislator Caracappa).

Introductory Resolutions

IR 1786-03 - Reappointing Clifford H. Foster as a member of the Suffolk County Vocational, Education and Extension Board (Guldi). I notice that Don Gackenheimer from VEEB is here. Did you want to

come forward? No, okay. This is a reappointment, we did not require him to be here, but Don has --

LEG. O'LEARY:
Motion.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

-- verified that this gentleman has been a good member and deserves that reappointment. I have a motion by Legislator O'Leary, second by Legislator Crecca. All those in favor? Opposed? The resolution is approved (VOTE: 6-0-0-1 Not Present: Legislator Caracappa).

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Next we go to 1810-03 - Amending the 2003 Capital Budget and Program and appropriating funds in connection with the purchase and installation of security booths at County Correctional Facilities - Yaphank & Riverhead, New York (CP 3011) (County Executive). This was an initiative that we had tried to move forward, it is finally moving forward. I'd like to make that motion, second by Legislator O'Leary. All those in favor? Opposed? Approved. The resolution is approved (VOTE: 6-0-0-1 Not Present: Legislator Caracappa).

The meeting is adjourned. I thank you very much.

(*The meeting was adjourned at 1:09 P.M.*)

Legislator Angie Carpenter, Chairperson
Public Safety & Public Information Committee

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