

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE**

**Minutes**

A regular meeting of the Public Safety 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 Thursday, March 3, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Legislator Jack Eddington, Chairperson  
Legislator DuWayne Gregory  
Legislator Steven Stern

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:**

Legislator Thomas Barraga  
Legislator Daniel Losquadro

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

George Nolan, Counsel to the Legislature  
Robert Calarco, Aide to Legislator Eddington  
Barbara LoMoriello, Deputy Clerk of the Legislature  
Linda Bay, Aide to Minority Caucus  
Vinessa Manfre, Aide to Legislator Cooper  
Ed Hennessy, County Executive's Office  
Tracy Pollak, Suffolk County Police Department  
Debra Alloncius, AME Legislative Director  
Other Interested Parties

**MEETING TAKEN BY:**

Alison Mahoney, Court Stenographer

**MEETING TRANSCRIBED BY:**

Lucia Braaten, Court Stenographer

**[THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 9:02 A.M.]**

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

Please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Legislator Gregory.

**(\*Salutation\*)**

If we could all remain standing for a moment of silence for Officer Glen L. Ciano, who gave his life in the line of duty with the Suffolk County Police Department.

**(\*Moment of Silence\*)**

Thank you. Mr. Nolan.

**MR. NOLAN:**

I just want to note for the record that I spoke to the Presiding Officer this morning. He has appointed Steven Stern to be on this Committee, replacing Kate Browning.

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

Okay. I'm going to get right to the tabled resolutions.

***I.R. 1865-08 - Establishing the Police Fund Review Committee to examine the impact of escalating Suffolk County Police Department personnel costs on the fiscal stability of the Police Fund (County Executive).***

**LEG. GREGORY:**

Mr. Chair, I make a motion to table.

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

Make a motion to table.

**LEG. STERN:**

Second.

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

Second by Legislator Stern. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? ***(Vote: Tabled 3-0-0-2 - Not Present: Legs. Barraga and Losquadro)***

***I.R. 1904-08 - Establishing community safeguards from the registered sex offenders placed in emergency housing (Schneiderman).*** I'll make a motion to table.

**LEG. GREGORY:**

Second.

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

Second by Legislator Gregory. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? ***(Vote: Tabled 3-0-0-2 - Not Present: Legs. Barraga and Losquadro)***

***I.R. 2207 - A Charter law to prevent double taxation for police services in certain towns and villages (Romaine).*** I'll make a motion to table for Public Hearing.

**LEG. GREGORY:**

Second

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

Second by Legislator Gregory. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? ***(Vote: Tabled for***

***Public Hearing 3-0-0-2 - Not Present: Legs. Barraga and Losquadro)***

***I.R. 1009 - Approving the appointment of Jamie Atkinson to the Suffolk County Citizen Corps Council (County Executive).*** I'll make a motion to approve.

**LEG. GREGORY:**  
Second, Mr. Chair.

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**  
Second by Legislator Gregory. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? ***(Vote: Approved 3-0-0-2 - Not Present: Legs. Barraga and Losquadro)***

**INTRODUCTORY RESOLUTIONS**

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**  
Okay. Introductory Resolution, ***I.R. 1026 - Creating a Silver Alert System in Suffolk County (Stern).***

**LEG. STERN:**  
Motion to approve.

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**  
Motion to approve by Legislator Stern, I'll second that. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? ***(Vote: Approved 3-0-0-2 - Not Present: Legs. Barraga and Losquadro)***

Okay. ***I.R. 1028 - Establishing new procedures for housing homeless sex offenders (Schneiderman).***

**LEG. GREGORY:**  
I make a motion to table.

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**  
Motion to table by Gregory.

**LEG. STERN:**  
Second.

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**  
Second by Legislator Stern. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? ***(Vote: Tabled 3-0-0-2 - Not Present: Legs. Barraga and Losquadro).***

***I.R. 1032 - Approving the appointment of Anthony LaFerrara to the Suffolk County Citizens Corp. Council (County Executive).*** Motion to approve, I'll make that.

**LEG. GREGORY:**  
Second.

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**  
Second by Legislator Gregory. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstention? ***(Vote: Approved 3-0-0-2 - Not Present: Legs. Barraga and Losquadro)***

***I.R. 1064 - Authorizing execution of a Mutual Aid Agreement between New York City and Suffolk County relating to firefighting and other emergency fire and rescue services (County Executive).*** I'll make a motion to approve.

**LEG. GREGORY:**

Second

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

Second by Legislator Gregory. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? ***(Vote: Approved 3-0-0-2 - Not Present: Legs. Barraga and Losquadro)***

***I.R. 1065 - Accepting and appropriating a hundred percent Federal pass-through grant funds from the National Association of County and City Health Officials for the Suffolk County Medical Reserve Corps. (County Executive).*** I'll make a motion to approve and put on the consent calendar.

**LEG. GREGORY:**

Second.

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

Second by Legislator Gregory. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? ***(Vote: Approved 3-0-0-2 - Not Present: Legs. Barraga and Losquadro)***

***I.R. 1083 - Accepting and appropriating a grant in the amount of \$26,600 from the New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee grant, Selective Traffic Enforcement with 100% support of Sheriff's Traffic Safety Initiative (County Executive).*** I'll make a motion to approve and put on the Consent Calendar.

**LEG. GREGORY:**

Second

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

Second by Legislator Gregory. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? ***(Vote: Approved 3-0-0-2 - Not Present: Legs. Barraga and Losquadro)***

***I.R. 1085 - Accepting and appropriating a grant in the amount of \$154,000 from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services for the Suffolk County Police Department's Operation Hot Wheels V Program with 85.55% support (County Executive).*** I'll make a motion to approve

**LEG. GREGORY:**

Second

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

Second by Legislator Gregory. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? ***(Vote: Approved 3-0-0-2 - Not Present: Legs. Barraga and Losquadro)***

***I.R. 1086 - Accepting and appropriating a grant in the amount of \$166,181 from the United States Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency, for a Port Security Program with 75% support (County Executive).*** I'll make a motion to approve.

**LEG. GREGORY:**

Second.

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

Second by Legislator Gregory. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? ***(Vote: Approved 3-0-0-2 - Not Present: Legs. Barraga and Losquadro)***

***I.R. 1087 - Accepting and appropriating a grant in the amount of \$102,575 from the State***

*of New York Governor's Traffic Safety Committee, to target speeding, aggressive driving and distracted driving, and commercial vehicle safety, with 85.8% support (County Executive).* I'll make a motion to approve.

**LEG. GREGORY:**

Second

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

Second by Legislator Gregory. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? *(Vote: Approved 3-0-0-2 - Not Present: Legs. Barraga and Losquadro)*

*I.R. 1088 - Accepting and appropriating a supplemental grant award in the amount of \$100,000 in State funding from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services for the Suffolk County Police Department's First Precinct Gang Task Force 2008 with 100% support County Executive).* I'll make a motion to approve and put on the Consent Calendar

**LEG. GREGORY:**

Second

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

Second by Legislator Gregory. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? *(Vote: Approved 3-0-0-2 - Not Present: Legs. Barraga and Losquadro)*

*I.R. 1089 - Accepting and appropriating \$8,750 additional Federal pass-through grant funds from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services to the Suffolk County Police Department for the S.T.O.P. Violence Against Women Program with 100% support (County Executive).* I'll make a motion to approve and put on the Consent Calendar.

**LEG. GREGORY:**

Second.

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

Second by Legislator Gregory. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? *(Vote: Approved 3-0-0-2 - Not Present: Legs. Barraga and Losquadro)*

*I.R. 1102 - A Local Law to amend Local law No. 1-2000 to increase civil penalties for acts of bias in Suffolk County, "Marcel Lucero's Law" (Horsley).*

**LEG. GREGORY:**

I'll make a motion to approve.

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

Motion to --

**MR. NOLAN:**

Public hearing.

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

No, it has to be tabled for --

**LEG. GREGORY:**

Oh, I'm sorry.

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

Can I have the remotion?

**LEG. GREGORY:**

I make a motion --

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

Table.

**LEG. GREGORY:**

-- to table for a Public Hearing.

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

Well, a motion to table for Public Hearing by Legislator Gregory, I'll second that. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? ***(Vote: Tabled 3-0-0-2 - Not Present: Legs. Barraga and Losquadro)***

I don't see any other business, so if there is none, I'll make a motion to adjourn.

**LEG. GREGORY:**

Second

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

Second by Legislator Gregory. Thank you very much for your attention.

***[THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 9:10 A.M.]***