

WAYS AND MEANS
COMMITTEE
of the
SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE
Minutes

A regular meeting of the Ways and Means Committee of the Suffolk County Legislature was held in the Rose Y. Caracappa Legislative Auditorium of the William H. Rogers Legislature Building, Veterans Memorial Highway, Smithtown, New York, on Wednesday, January 30, 2013.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Legislator Lou D'Amaro - Chairman
Legislator Steve Stern - Vice-Chairman
Legislator Robert Calarco
Legislator John Kennedy, Jr.
Legislator Lynne Nowick

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

George Nolan - Counsel to the Legislature
Sarah Simpson - Assistant Counsel to the Legislature
Renee Ortiz - Chief Deputy Clerk of the Legislature
Presiding Officer William J. Lindsay, Legislative District No. 8
Robert Lipp - Deputy Director - Budget Review Office
Laura Halloran - Budget Review Office
Paul Perillie - Aide to Legislator Gregory
Debbie Harris - Aide to Legislator Stern
Greg Moran - Aide to Legislator Nowick
Ali Nazir - Aide to Legislator Kennedy
Tom Vaughn - County Executive's Office
Jill Rosen-Nikoloff - Economic Development Department
Wayne Thompson - Department of Environment and Energy
Dennis Brown - County Attorney's Office
Rick Brand, Newsday
All other interested parties

MINUTES TAKEN BY:

Gabrielle Skolom - Court Stenographer

MINUTES TRANSCRIBED BY:

Denise Weaver - Legislative Aide

(THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 10:12 a.m.)

CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:

Good morning, and welcome to the Ways and Means Committee of the Suffolk County Legislature. Please rise and join the committee in the Pledge of Allegiance led by our vice-chair this morning, Legislator Steve Stern.

(*Salutation*)

Okay. Once again, good morning, and welcome.

We'll turn to our agenda this morning, the first being the correspondence. The board -- the committee, rather, has not received any correspondence, for the record.

We'll turn now to the public portion of our meeting. Is there anyone present who would like to address the committee this morning? And, to the Clerk, did we receive any requests, any cards?

MS. ORTIZ:

No.

CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:

None. Okay. Thank you.

We'll turn first to resolutions. I want to request from the committee that we take a resolution out of order this morning. With us this morning is our County Comptroller, Mr. Joseph Sawicki. Welcome. And, Mr. Sawicki, if you'd like to come on up, I'm going to make a motion to take **Resolution Number 1019** of 2103 out of order.

1019 - Appointing member to the Judicial Facilities Agency (Joseph Sawicki). (Pres. Off.) Seconded by Legislator Stern. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Motion carries. That resolution is now pending before the committee. And, once again, to our Comptroller, nice to see you.

MR. SAWICKI:

Thank you. Good morning, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:

Good morning. Would you like to make an opening statement?

MR. SAWICKI:

Well, I appreciate the opportunity to be considered for this position. And I believe that at the -- as an appointee of the Legislature, the responsibility that I would have would be one that I have continued over the past 10 years or 11 years now as your Comptroller, and that is doing what's best not only for our County government and working with the Legislature and the County Executive but particularly what's best for the residents of -- of this County.

CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:

Very good.

MR. SAWICKI:

And I appreciate the opportunity to be able to help in any way that I can on this -- on this commission.

CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:

Thank you. And I, of course, appreciate the fact that you're willing to step forward and serve on

this committee. I'm a former member of the JFA myself, and, like everything else that we do, it's very time-consuming, and I know you're busy, and I just think it would be a great fit, however, to have your knowledge, your expertise on the Judicial Facilities Agency, so I appreciate that very much.

Are there any questions from any committee member of our Comptroller this morning? Yes, to Presiding Officer Lindsay.

P.O. LINDSAY:

Yeah. I do, too, want to echo Chairman D'Amaro's comments. Joe, I'm so happy that you found time in your schedule to serve on the JFA. It's one of those boards that was really dormant. They didn't do anything for a while, and then we started with the jail construction, and it became pretty much more prominent again. And now we're looking at this refinancing of Dennison and your expertise as far as bonding is concerned, I think, will be invaluable in this process.

So thank you, thank you for serving.

MR. SAWICKI:

My pleasure, Mr. Presiding Officer, and thank you for the consideration. And not only is it myself that I would lend to, you know, into the JFA but also my staff as well, and, you know, the staff we have is very professional. In these tough difficult financial times of the County, I think it's important that we pool all our resources as best we can to try to get us out of this hole that we're in, so thank you.

CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:

Very good. And, Joe, just -- I think we should raise it for the record -- since you are the County Comptroller, I'm sure you've considered whether there would be any conflict with you being a member of this board as well and concluded that there is not. You want to add anything to that?

MR. SAWICKI:

Yeah, I have a -- if you'd like a copy, I have an opinion from the County Attorney, which is also supported by Matt Packman, the Attorney for the JFA, and they both concur that there would be no conflict. You're absolutely right, Legislator D'Amaro, it was the first thing that came to my mind --

CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:

Sure.

MR. SAWICKI:

-- because it's -- it's basically a State authority or a State agency --

CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:

Right.

MR. SAWICKI:

-- as the County Comptroller, I have no legal authority to -- to audit them.

CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:

Right, you have no oversight or audit authority over this particular agency.

MR. SAWICKI:

That's correct.

CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:

Right.

MR. SAWICKI:

Only the State comptroller.

CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:

Okay. Very good. All right. If there are no other questions or comments, I'll offer a motion to approve.

P.O. LINDSAY:

Second.

CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:

Second by our Presiding Officer Lindsay. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Motion carries.

APPROVED (VOTE: 5-0-0-1 - P.O. Lindsay included in the vote - Not Present: Leg. Kennedy).

Mr. Sawicki, thank you very much.

MR. SAWICKI:

Thank you again, ladies and gentlemen.

CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:

Okay. All right. Turning to the next portion of the agenda, tabled resolutions.

TABLED RESOLUTIONS

I'll call the first. **1702-2012 - Adopting Local Law No. -2012, A Charter Law to make transparent the County's rule making process. (Cilmi)** This has been previously tabled in the committee. I'll offer a motion to table.

LEG. STERN:

Second.

CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:

Second by Legislator Stern. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Motion carries. **TABLED (VOTE: 4-0-0-1 Not Present: Leg. Kennedy)**

2002-2012 - Authorizing Suffolk County to enter into an agreement with the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals ("SPCA") in connection with the Animal Abuse Offenders Registry. (Co. Exec.) I'm going to offer a motion to table this resolution. Second by Legislator Stern. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Rob, did you have a comment on this?

LEG. CALARCO:

No.

CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:

No. Okay. Abstentions? Being none, motion carries. The resolution is tabled. **TABLED (VOTE: 4-0-0-1 Not Present: Leg. Kennedy)**

2020-2012 - Adopting Local Law No. -2012, A Local Law to maximize use of County funds provided to contract agencies. (Cilmi)

LEG. STERN:

Motion to table.

CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:

Motion to table by Legislator Stern.

LEG. CALARCO:

Second.

CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:

Second by Legislator Calarco. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Motion carries. The resolution is tabled. **TABLED (VOTE: 4-0-0-1 Not Present: Leg. Kennedy)**

2060-2012 - Establishing a permanent Contract Agency Oversight Committee. (Cilmi)

LEG. STERN:

Motion to table.

CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:

Motion by Legislator Stern to table.

LEG. CALARCO:

Second.

CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:

Second by Legislator Calarco. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Motion carries. The resolution is tabled. **TABLED (VOTE: 4-0-0-1 Not Present: Leg. Kennedy)**

2092-2012 - Pursuing acquisition of sensitive parcels in the Mastic-Shirley area. (Browning) I will offer a motion to table.

LEG. STERN:

Second.

CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:

Second by Legislator Stern. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Motion carries. **TABLED (VOTE: 4-0-0-1 Not Present: Leg. Kennedy)**

2181-2012 - Sale of County-owned real estate pursuant to Local Law No. 13-1976 Robert I. Toussie (SCTM No. 0200-167.00-03.00-020.000). (Co. Exec.) I will offer a motion to approve.

LEG. STERN:

Second.

CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:

Second by Legislator Stern. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Motion carries. **APPROVED (VOTE: 4-0-0-1 Not Present: Leg. Kennedy)**

2182-2012 - Sale of County-owned real estate pursuant to Local Law No. 13-1976 Lawrence C. Schulz, Jr. (SCTM No. 0209-030.00-02.00-022.000). (Co. Exec.) Motion by Legislator Stern to approve, I'll second. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Motion carries. **APPROVED (VOTE: 4-0-0-1 Not Present: Leg. Kennedy)**

Another Local Law 13 resolution is number **2185-2012 - Sale of County-owned real estate pursuant to Local Law No. 13-1976 Myron A. Hauptman and Ralph Delea, Trustees (SCTM**

No. 0200-188.00-03.00-029.000). (Co. Exec.) I'll offer a motion to approve.

LEG. STERN:

Second.

CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:

Second by Legislator Stern. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Motion carries. **APPROVED (VOTE: 4-0-0-1 Not Present: Leg. Kennedy)**

And resolution **2186-2012 - Sale of County-owned real estate pursuant to Local Law No. 13-1976 Myron A. Hauptman and Ralph Delea, Trustees (SCTM No. 0200-167.00-04.00-025.000).** (Co. Exec.) This is a 40-by-100 paper street in Miller Place. I'll offer a motion to approve.

LEG. STERN:

Second.

CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:

Second by Legislator Stern. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Motion carries. **APPROVED (VOTE: 4-0-0-1 Not Present: Leg. Kennedy)**

I failed to announce, by the way, there will be an Executive Session after we finish the regular agenda.

Next resolution is number **2188-2012 - Authorizing the sale, pursuant to Local Law No. 16-1976, of real property acquired under Section 46 of the Suffolk County Tax Act Barrett's Cool Spot Beverage, Inc. (SCTM No. 0100-189.00-03.00-003.001).** (Co. Exec.) This is a Local Law 16 as a matter of right of redemption. I'll offer a motion to approve and place on our consent calendar.

LEG. STERN:

Second.

CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:

Second by Legislator Stern is. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Motion carries. **APPROVED and PLACE on the CONSENT CALENDAR (VOTE: 4-0-0-1 Not Present: Leg. Kennedy)**

2205-2012 - Increasing Transparency of §72-h Program. (Cilmi) I'll offer a motion to table.

LEG. STERN:

Second.

CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:

Second by Legislator Stern. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Motion carries. **TABLED (VOTE: 4-0-0-1 Not Present: Leg. Kennedy)**

INTRODUCTORY RESOLUTIONS

2229-2012 - Authorizing certain technical correction to Adopted Resolution No. 842-2012. (Co. Exec.) I'll offer a motion to approve and place on the consent calendar.

LEG. STERN:

Second.

CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:

Second by Legislator Stern. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Motion carries. **APPROVED and PLACE on the CONSENT CALENDAR (VOTE: 4-0-0-1 Not Present: Leg. Kennedy)**

2233-2012 - Authorizing the sale, pursuant to Local Law No. 16-1976, of real property acquired under Section 46 of the Suffolk County Tax Act Jean M. MacDonald (SCTM No. 0200-923.00-03.00-024.000). (Co. Exec.) This is a Local Law 16, which is a right of redemption. I'll offer a motion to approve and place on our consent calendar.

LEG. STERN:
Second.

CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:
Second by Legislator Stern. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Motion carries. **APPROVED and PLACE on the CONSENT CALENDAR (VOTE: 4-0-0-1 Not Present: Leg. Kennedy)**

2236-2012 - Sale of County-owned real estate pursuant to Local Law No. 13-1976 William J. Duffy and Elizabeth T. Duffy, his wife (SCTM No. 0100-041.00-01.00-018.000). (Co. Exec.) This is a 59 by 100 by 45 by 100 non-street frontage parcel in Deer Park off Nicolls Road. It's being sold or auctioned to an adjoining property owner. I'll offer a motion to approve.

LEG. STERN:
Second.

CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:
Second by Legislator Stern. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Motion carries. **APPROVED (VOTE: 4-0-0-1 Not Present: Leg. Kennedy)**

2237-2012 - Authorizing the transfer of certain property to Suffolk County Department of Public Works. (Co. Exec.) I'll offer a motion to approve.

LEG. STERN:
Second.

CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:
Second by Legislator Stern. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Motion carries. **APPROVED (VOTE: 4-0-0-1 Not Present: Leg. Kennedy)**

2240-2012 - Sale of County-owned real estate pursuant to Section 72-h of the General Municipal Law - Town of Brookhaven - (SCTM No. 0200-047.00-05.00-005.000). (Co. Exec.) Conveying down a parcel to the town, a vacant parcel for drainage purposes. I'll offer a motion to approve.

LEG. CALARCO:
Second.

CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:
Second by Legislator Calarco. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Motion carries. **APPROVED (VOTE: 4-0-0-1 Not Present: Leg. Kennedy)**

2241-2012 - Sale of County-owned real estate pursuant to Local Law No. 13-1976 Waterways Development Corp. (SCTM No. 0200-854.00-04.00-002.089). (Co. Exec.) This is a parcel auctioned to an adjoining property owner. I will offer a motion to approve. Second by Legislator Stern. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Motion carries. **APPROVED (VOTE: 4-0-0-1 Not Present: Leg. Kennedy)**

2245-2012 - Sale of County-owned real estate pursuant to Local Law No. 13-1976 Craig Savino and Annette Savino, husband and wife (SCTM No. 0500-030.00-01.00-008.000). (Co. Exec.) Another vacant parcel located in Hauppauge to an adjoining owner. I'll offer a motion to approve.

LEG. STERN:
Second.

CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:
Second by Legislator Stern. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Motion carries. **APPROVED (VOTE: 4-0-0-1 Not Present: Leg. Kennedy)**

2247-2012 - Authorizing the sale of County-owned real property pursuant to Section 72-h of the General Municipal Law to the Town of East Hampton (SCTM Nos. 0300-058.00-08.00-005.000, 0300-058.00-08.00-006.001 and 0300-058.00-08.00-006.002). (Schneiderman) This is for three parcels going to the town for general municipal purposes. I'll offer a motion to approve.

LEG. STERN:
Second.

MS. ROSEN-NIKOLOFF:
Excuse me, Chairman.

CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:
Yes.

MS. ROSEN-NIKOLOFF:
The amount that's set forth in the resolution is incorrect. I believe it sets forth that the town will pay us \$4788.88 and the actual amount that's owed to the town -- County is \$,7920.26, so that will need to be corrected.

MR. NOLAN:
No, we updated it. It was amended.

MS. ROSEN-NIKOLOFF:
It was amended?

MR. NOLAN:
The bill was amended on January 4th. It reflects \$7,920.56 to the County.

MS. ROSEN-NIKOLOFF:
That would do it. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:
All right. Thank you for bringing that to our attention. So the bill has been amended to the accurate price to the municipality. So I'll offer a motion to approve.

LEG. CALARCO:
Second.

CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:
Second by Legislator Calarco. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Motion carries. **APPROVED**

(VOTE: 4-0-0-1 Not Present: Leg. Kennedy)

2254-2012 - Accepting the donation of certain underwater land and transferring such land to the Suffolk County Department of Economic Development and Planning for aquaculture purposes. (Schneiderman) Aquaculture purposes. I'm sorry. Motion by Legislator Calarco and I'll second the motion. I just wanted to ask a quick question. Is the Department of Real Estate still here? Is there anyone here that can answer a question?

*(*Legislator Kennedy entered the meeting at 10:24 AM*)*

MR. THOMPSON:

If I can answer that. Wayne Thompson. Is it on? It's on. Yes, sir.

CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:

Hi. Good morning.

MR. THOMPSON:

Good morning.

CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:

So this is the County accepting underwater parcels, correct?

MR. THOMPSON:

Yes, I don't think we were as much part of this was put in by the Legislator, but these properties appear to be oyster lots, which the Department of Planning is managing this aquaculture where we would take such properties and try to rent them out or improve the oyster lots to a point where they could be harvested again.

CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:

It's 593 acres that -- of underwater --

MR. THOMPSON:

Yeah, that would be in --

CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:

-- property that -- that's being conveyed to the County. Who's the present owner of the property? Who are we taking the conveyance from?

MR. THOMPSON:

I think it has it in here.

CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:

Oh, actually, I have that here.

MR. THOMPSON:

Yep.

CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:

Coastal Farms, Inc. So it's in private ownership?

MR. THOMPSON:

Yes.

CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:

Interesting. Now, before the County acquires this type of property, is there any kind of

environmental review? I mean, we have to kind of know what we're getting here.

MR. THOMPSON:

I'm not familiar with -- I just stepped up to answer what I could because this was introduced without -- do you have any knowledge on this, Tom?

CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:

All right. Why don't we first -- Tom, just hold off one second and let's defer to our counsel, Mr. Nolan.

MR. NOLAN:

Just that last week, late last week, I had a conversation with the Planning people, Laretta Fischer, I think -- DeWitt Davies, they asked us to change some of the language so that they're comfortable with it. In terms of the environmental review, this going to the Acquaculture Lease Program, which already underwent SEQRA review, substantial SEQRA review. So since that's just being added to the program, it just becomes a Type II, at least according to the people in Planning.

CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:

All right. Very good. Thank you, George. I was just concerned that we were doing unnecessary environmental review before taking an underwater parcel like this. And I appreciate that. Okay. Was there a motion pending, to the Clerk?

MS. ORTIZ:

Yes, to approve.

CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:

There was to approve, with a second. All right. I'll call the vote.

All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Motion carries. **APPROVED (VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**

Next is 1003-2013 - Authorizing the sale, pursuant to Local Law No. 16-1976, of real property acquired under Section 46 of the Suffolk County Tax Act Belinda A. Marquis (SCTM Nos. 0100-058.00-01.00-062.000 and 0100-058.00-01.00-064.000). (Co. Exec.)

I'll offer a motion to approve and place on the consent calendar.

LEG. STERN:

Second.

CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:

Second by Legislator Stern. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Motion carries. **APPROVED and PLACE on the CONSENT CALENDAR (VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**

1004-2013 - Authorizing the sale, pursuant to Local Law No. 16-1976, of real property acquired under Section 46 of the Suffolk County Tax Act Juan Fernandez (SCTM No. 0100-199.00-03.00-015.000). (Co. Exec.) Same motion, same second and, with no objection, same vote. **APPROVED and PLACE on the CONSENT CALENDAR (VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**

1005-2013 - Authorizing the sale, pursuant to Local Law No. 16-1976, of real property acquired under Section 46 of the Suffolk County Tax Act Lawrence H. Womack, M.D. and Mary E. Porter (SCTM No. 0500-297.00-01.00-125.000). (Co. Exec.) Same motion, same second, same vote. **APPROVED and PLACE on the CONSENT CALENDAR (VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**

1006-2013 - Authorizing the sale, pursuant to Local Law No. 16-1976, of real property acquired under Section 46 of the Suffolk County Tax Act Michael R. Horenstein (SCTM No. 0200-980.00-03.00-022.000). (Co. Exec.)

I'll offer the same motion, same second and, with no objection, same vote. **APPROVED and**

PLACE on the CONSENT CALENDAR (VOTE: 5-0-0-0)

Next is resolution **1010-2013 - Authorizing execution of Intermunicipal Agreements pursuant to §§ 119-o with the Towns, Villages and Municipal Corporations and Districts of Suffolk County for mutual aid as a result of Hurricane Sandy. (Co. Exec.)** Mr. Brown, would you like to please come up and perhaps start with just a brief explanation of -- of the bill and why we need to put this through the legislative process.

MR. BROWN:

Sure. Thank you, Legislator D'Amaro.

CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:

Good morning.

MR. BROWN:

Good morning. So it's just an intermunicipal agreement. And it does cover -- at this point, it does cover more than just towns and villages within Suffolk County because there were a couple of outside counties -- for example, Lewis County and Erie County that provided some aid to us as well. So the intermunicipal agreement -- this resolution is really -- it's almost like a stopgap measure in case FEMA denies us any reimbursement with respect to aid that we supplied outside of the jurisdiction of Suffolk County. So there may have been times where -- where aid was requested by a town or village and we had provided that aid to the town or village. FEMA ordinarily takes the position that in order for there to be reimbursement, there has to be an intermunicipal agreement between the receiving jurisdiction and between the sending jurisdiction. But we've taken the position that the County's jurisdiction is Countywide and we've written -- I did an opinion-of-counsel letter for FEMA and FEMA -- and FEMA agrees that in cases where the County has supplied -- has supplied aid as a result of Sandy to areas that are not strictly within the -- the jurisdiction of the County, that we would still be entitled to reimbursement because the County does -- has overall responsibility to all of the citizens in the County.

So when we originally did -- drafted this resolution, it was only to cover circumstances where FEMA denies our applications for reimbursement and then we'll be able to move quickly to get an intermunicipal agreement in place. And after we did the resolution subsequently learned about outside counties, which we ultimately will need an intermunicipal agreement with them with respect to FEMA reimbursement.

CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:

So FEMA's taking the position that where there is another level of municipality overlaying the County, we need to have an intermunicipal agreement with that other jurisdiction?

MR. BROWN:

That's correct. That's generally their position, and we did establish an understanding with FEMA that if we sent aid to a village or a town, irrespective of whether it was formally requested by the supervisor or the village mayor, we would be entitled to reimbursement because of our broad jurisdiction over the County and its citizens, and FEMA had agreed with -- with that point, at least with respect to intra-county aid assistance.

CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:

Right. So once this agreement is in place, then we can proceed with the reimbursement process with FEMA --

MR. BROWN:

That's correct.

CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:

-- for those particular jurisdictions.

MR. BROWN:

That's correct.

CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:

Okay.

MR. BROWN:

That's correct. Either we would be an applicant for reimbursement or another jurisdiction might be an applicant for reimbursement, but whenever there's that shared service, the agreement needs to be in place, absent some general legal responsibility to do the type of work that's involved.

CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:

Okay. All right. Very good. Are there any questions for Mr. Brown this morning? Dennis, thank you very much. I appreciate that.

MR. BROWN:

Okay. No problem. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:

Okay. I will offer a motion to approve resolution 1010 of 2013. Second by Legislator Stern. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Motion carries. **APPROVED (VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**

Okay. Resolution 1019-2013 appointing member -- oh, I'm sorry. We already did that, and it's approved.

Okay. I'm going to offer -- thank you -- I'm going to offer a motion to go into Executive Session of the Committee -- second by Legislator Stern -- for the purposes of discussing pending litigation. Second by Legislator Stern. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Okay. We will be back. Thank you.

(*An executive session was held from 10:32 a.m. until 11:12 a.m.*)

Okay. Going back on the record, out of executive session. The committee has met in executive session and has authorized the settlement of the following three cases: The first is Stephanie Price and Nicholas Franco against the County of Suffolk. The second is Joseph Franco against the County of Suffolk. And the third is Jeffrey Lynch against the County of Suffolk. The Committee has authorized the settlement in executive session of all three of those pending litigations. There's no further business before the committee this morning. We are adjourned. Thank you.

(The meeting was adjourned at 11:12 a.m.)