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BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE
OF THE
SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE
MINUTES

A meeting of the Budget & Finance Committee of the Suffolk County Legislature was held via video conference in the Rose Y. Caracappa Legislative Auditorium of the William H. Rogers Legislature Building, 725 Veterans Memorial Highway, Smithtown, New York on March 9, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Leg. Jason Richberg, Chairman
Leg. Thomas Cilmi, Vice Chair
Leg. Susan A. Berland
Leg. Sarah Anker
Leg. Steven J. Flotteron
Leg. Kara Hahn

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Sarah Simpson, Counsel to the Legislature
Dan DuBois, Chief Deputy Clerk/Legislature
T.J. Corcoran, Budget Review Office
And all other interested parties

MINUTES TAKEN BY:

Gabrielle Severs, Court Stenographer

1 (The meeting was called to order at 9:37 a.m.)
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4 **CHAIRMAN RICHBERG:**

5 Good morning, and welcome to our March 9, 2021, Budget and Finance
6 Committee agenda -- meeting, rather. This meeting is going to be
7 held in live stream and in hybrid function with the presiding
8 officer in Hauppauge due to Covid restrictions. Any public comment
9 can be submitted to the clerk. Please stand for the Pledge of
10 Allegiance led by Legislator Berland.

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12 (Pledge of Allegiance)
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14 If we could please remain standing in commemoration of those for
15 International Women's Day for those who continue to break glass
16 ceilings, whether it be vice presidents or scientists creating our
17 Covid vaccine virus, and also for the family of Vernon Jordan,
18 civil rights activist who has passed away last week, and for all
19 those men and women serving our country, civil servants as well,
20 who put their lives on the line for us every day.

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22 (Moment of silence observed.)
23

24 Thank you.

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26 So as I said in our preamble, this meeting is being held in hybrid
27 fashion with the Presiding Officer in Hauppauge and legislators
28 working remotely. Public speakers can attend this meeting by
29 filling out a public speaking form on the website or you can e-mail
30 your comments to clerk.legislature@suffolkcountyny.gov. With
31 seeing no further business there, Mr. Clerk -- sorry. To the
32 clerk's office, do we have any speaker cards?
33

34 **MR. DUBOIS:**

35 We do not.
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37 **CHAIRMAN RICHBERG:**

38 Thank you, Mr. Clerk. We do not have any speaker cards. We have
39 no appointments. We have no presentations. We'll move to the
40 tabled resolutions.
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42 **IR 1762, Amending the 2020 Operating Budget to place certain**
43 **funding into a dedicated reserve fund for Cultural Programming**
44 **Organizations. (Kennedy)**
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46 **LEG. ANKER:**

47 Motion to table.
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49 **CHAIRMAN RICHBERG:**

50 There's a motion to table by Legislator Anker. Is there a second?
51 Second by Legislator Berland. Is there any discussion? I think
52 for the record.
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54 **LEG. BERLAND:**

55 Did you mean 1060? Because I think you said 1062.
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1 **CHAIRMAN RICHBERG:**
2 1762.
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4 **LEG. CILMI:**
5 You're on the wrong agenda, Susan.
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7 **LEG. BERLAND:**
8 That's weird.
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10 **LEG. CILMI:**
11 No, you're just missing one; that's all.
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13 **LEG. BERLAND:**
14 Okay.
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16 **CHAIRMAN RICHBERG:**
17 Yes. 1060 is the next resolution. This is to amend the 2020
18 operating budget, and I believe Legislator Kennedy has worked to
19 put other legislation forward for the 2021 budget; that's why this
20 one is being tabled. So we have a motion and a second. Mr. Clerk,
21 please call the roll.
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23 (The roll was called by Mr. DuBois)
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25 **LEG. ANKER:**
26 Yes.
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28 **LEG. BERLAND:**
29 Yes.
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31 **CHAIRMAN RICHBERG:**
32 Yes.
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34 **LEG. CILMI:**
35 Yes.
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37 **LEG. HAHN:**
38 Yes.
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40 **LEG. FLOTTERON:**
41 Yes.
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43 **P.O. CALARCO:**
44 Yes.
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46 **MR. DUBOIS:**
47 Seven. Tabled (VOTE: 7-0-0-0)
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49 **CHAIRMAN RICHBERG:**
50 The motion is tabled.
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52 **IR 1060, Amending the 2021 Operating Budget to allocate funding**
53 **from the limited reserve for Cultural Arts Programming. (Kennedy).**
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55 I believe we have not gotten the final numbers from the
56 comptroller; is that correct?

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MS. NOWAK:
That's correct.

CHAIRMAN RICHBERG:
Thank you, Counsel. I will make a motion to table. Second by
Legislator Cilmi. Any discussion? Seeing none, Mr. Clerk please
call the roll.

(The roll was called by Mr. DuBois)

CHAIRMAN RICHBERG:
Yes.

LEG. CILMI:
Yes.

LEG. HAHN:
Yes.

LEG. ANKER:
Yes.

LEG. FLOTTERON:
Yes.

LEG. BERLAND:
Yes.

P.O. CALARCO:
Yes.

MR. DUBOIS:
Seven. Tabled (VOTE: 7-0-0-0)

We are now going to Introductory Resolutions.

**Introductory Resolution 1084, Approving County funding for a
contract agency (East End Special Players). (Fleming)**

LEG. CILMI:
Motion to approve.

CHAIRMAN RICHBERG:
There's a motion by Legislator Cilmi. Second by Legislator
Berland. Any discussion? Seeing none, Mr. Clerk, please call the
roll.

(The roll was called by Mr. DuBois)

LEG. CILMI:
Yes.

LEG. BERLAND:
Yes.

1 **CHAIRMAN RICHBERG:**
2 Yes.
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4 **LEG. HAHN:**
5 Yes.
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7 **LEG. ANKER:**
8 Yes.
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10 **LEG. FLOTTERON:**
11 Yes.
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13 **P.O. CALARCO:**
14 Yes.
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16 **MR. DUBOIS:**
17 Seven. Approved (VOTE: 7-0-0-0)
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19 **CHAIRMAN RICHBERG:**
20 Motion is approved.
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22 **1094, To readjust, compromise, and grant refunds and charge-backs**
23 **on real property correction of errors by: County Legislature**
24 **(Control No. 1105-2021). (Co. Exec.)**
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26 I'll make a motion to approve and place on the consent calendar.
27 Is there a second?
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29 **LEG. CILMI:**
30 Second.
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32 **CHAIRMAN RICHBERG:**
33 Second by Legislator Cilmi. Is there any discussion? Seeing none,
34 Mr. Clerk, please call the roll.
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36 (The roll was called by Mr. DuBois.)
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38 **CHAIRMAN RICHBERG:**
39 Yes.
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41 **LEG. CILMI:**
42 Yes.
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44 **LEG. HAHN:**
45 Yes.
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47 **LEG. ANKER:**
48 Yes.
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50 **LEG. FLOTTERON:**
51 Yes.
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53 **LEG. BERLAND:**
54 Yes.
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56 **P.O. CALARCO:**

1 Yes.

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3 **MR. DUBOIS:**

4 Seven. Approved/Consent Calendar (VOTE: 7-0-0-0).

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6 **CHAIRMAN RICHBERG:**

7 Thank you. The motion is approved and placed on the consent
8 calendar.

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10 Introductory Resolution 1115, To readjust, compromise, and grant
11 refunds and charge-backs on real property correction of Errors by:
12 County Legislature (Control No. 1106-2021). (Co. Exec.)

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14 **CHAIRMAN RICHBERG:**

15 I'll make another motion. Can I do same motion, same second?

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17 **MR. DUBOIS:**

18 Yes.

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20 **CHAIRMAN RICHBERG:**

21 Please call the roll, Mr. Clerk.

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23 (The roll was called by Mr. DuBois)

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25 **LEG. CILMI:**

26 Yes.

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28 **LEG. HAHN:**

29 Yes.

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31 **LEG. ANKER:**

32 Yes.

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34 **LEG. FLOTTERON:**

35 Yes.

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37 **LEG. BERLAND:**

38 Yes.

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40 **P.O. CALARCO:**

41 Yes.

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43 **MR. DUBOIS:**

44 Seven. Approved/Consent Calendar (VOTE: 7-0-0-0).

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46 **CHAIRMAN RICHBERG:**

47 Seeing no further business, we are adjourned. Thank you.

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50 (The meeting was adjourned at 9:42 a.m.)

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