

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 22, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Leg. Steve Flotteron, Chairman  
Leg. Leslie Kennedy, Vice Chair  
Leg. Nicholas Caracappa  
Leg. Samuel Gonzalez (Not Present)  
Leg. Jason Richberg  
Leg. Dominick Thorne

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

Frank Tassone, Clerk of the Legislature  
Brett Robinson, Deputy Clerk of the Legislature  
TJ Corcoran, Budget Review Office  
And all other interested parties

**MINUTES TAKEN BY:**

Gabrielle Severs, Court Stenographer

(The meeting was called to order at 9:33 a.m.)

**CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**

Good morning. I want to call the Budget and Finance committee to begin. I'd ask if you could all please stand. Legislator Thorne, if you could lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

(Pledge of Allegiance)

If we could all remain standing for a moment of silence for our military and our first responders and especially our prayers for the people in Ukraine.

(Moment of Silence Observed)

Thank you. If the clerk can please call roll call.

(The roll was called by Deputy Clerk Robinson)

**CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**

Here.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Here.

**LEG. CARACAPPA:**

Here.

**LEG. GONZALEZ:**

(No response.)

**LEG. CARACAPPA:**

He's coming on right now.

**LEG. RICHBERG:**

Here.

**LEG. THORNE:**

Here.

**LEG. GONZALEZ:**

Here.

**DEPUTY CLERK ROBINSON:**

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**CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**

Thank you. Any correspondence?

**DEPUTY CLERK ROBINSON:**

No, Mr. Chairman.

**CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**

And there's no speakers for the public portion?

**MR. DELUCA:**

1 No.

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3 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**

4 Appointment resolutions: None. Presentations. We have Lance from  
5 BRO, the county legislator (sic), just wanted to finish up. Last  
6 week, he got 90 percent through his presentation. I'll let him  
7 conclude. I think it was mostly he showed us where our sales tax  
8 -- how it increased the past year, but also what we did last year  
9 in the budgeting, I think he wanted to show the final page about  
08:34AM 10 some of the smart moves you did last year and hopefully we will  
11 continue this year.

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13 **DIRECTOR REINHEIMER:**

14 Yes. Thank you, Mr. Chairman; and I just want to correct you on  
15 the smart moves. It's the smart moves that the legislature did and  
16 County Executive in adopting the budget. You set the policy. We  
17 just give you the numbers.

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19 So you know this budget, the 2022 budget, reversed a lot of the  
08:34AM 20 one-shots that we've done in the past that have increased our  
21 budget expenditures each year, and it's a structurally sound  
22 budget, conservative in revenue projections and instituted a lot of  
23 measures that really will help to mitigate increases in budget  
24 expenses in the coming years, next two or three years. Legislator  
25 Flotteron asked me just to review those and bring them to the  
26 forefront, especially for legislators that weren't here last fall,  
27 so that you have a better understanding of the budget.

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29 I have a, which I will send out to every legislator, a two-page  
08:35AM 30 presentation, and one page is the title so it's really one page  
31 which makes it a little bit easier. It's up on the screen now.  
32 There's about nine different policy changes or things that we did  
33 to help mitigate debt service, provide for the future, provide for  
34 a downturn in the economy that we're prepared for that.

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36 So just to go over the areas, we have a 155 million to prepay all  
37 outstanding retirement amortizations. Over the years when we've  
38 had budget shortfalls, the county was forced to amortize a portion  
39 of several budget years of retirement payments. We have the funds,  
08:36AM 40 and we can pay those the outstanding amortization so that we'll be  
41 current on our retirement, and we won't have to pay for previous  
42 years. We also over the years had deferred salaries through  
43 various collective bargaining agreements and had some of these  
44 salaries were paid as employees left or were going to be paid out  
45 in certain years. So we have 48 million to pay deferred salaries,  
46 lag payrolls, and some of the one-shots that we've did during the  
47 past year.

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49 We've conservatively and fully funded or prepared for terminal pay  
08:36AM 50 so that the budget has sufficient funds as people retire. We do  
51 have an aging workforce. We do have people leaving, and so this  
52 provides sufficient terminal pay so that we don't have a shortfall  
53 in that area.

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55 Several years ago, we did the lease buyback of the Dennison  
56 Building. I think it provided \$70 million one-shot for an

1 operating budget. We have out standing bonds to pay that off.  
2 Those bonds are callable in 2023, so we have a contingency and a  
3 reserve fund to pay that off when that comes due next year. We  
4 also for a change have resourced the retirement -- I'm sorry -- the  
5 insurance reserve fund to provide for large settlements. This will  
6 result in lower debt service, as we don't have to borrow for all of  
7 our future liability for any legal settlements. The 2022 capital  
8 program has about 22 million in pay-as-you-go funds, and the  
9 operating budget reflects and provides the funds to do that. This  
08:38AM 10 will reduce the need to borrow \$20 million, \$24 million which helps  
11 for serial bonds for capital projects. I know that in the next  
12 legislature meeting, you have several capital projects that will be  
13 funded through pay-as-you-go funds, so it's a good policy, and it  
14 will reduce service in the upcoming years.  
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16 The budget also included \$10 million contingency for snow and ice  
17 removal for highways. You know, that's always predicting the  
18 future, and predicting weather is always hard to do. If those  
19 funds aren't expended in 2022, they will roll into 2023. Just as  
08:38AM 20 we're ending the bad weather season, winter, and coming into  
21 spring, we do have next December, so there is a possibility that we  
22 could incur additional snow and ice removal costs, highway snow and  
23 ice removal in December. We also have contingency for salary  
24 upgrades and where they would -- county has reviewed salaries and  
25 some titles are a little bit low compared to private industry and  
26 looking to increase the salary in some titles, and this is a  
27 contingency if we were to do any of those changes.  
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29 And lastly we have the largest balance in the tax stabilization  
08:39AM 30 reserve fund, \$254 million. This is just about the maximum you  
31 could put in by New York State finance regulations, and that  
32 provides for future downturns in the economy and shortfalls. So  
33 the budget is sound. As I said in the last meeting, sales tax is  
34 still coming in at a pretty good rate. We were conservative in our  
35 projections. We should have -- 2023 budget should be structurally  
36 sound, balanced, and will not need one-shots, and even going into  
37 2024. So as I said at the last meeting, we're structurally sound.  
38 We've got a good budget. Our finances are in good shape, and we're  
39 looking forward to the future.

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41 I'll be happy to answer any questions.  
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43 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**

44 Yeah, actually I have a couple questions. On the 155 million  
45 prepaid outstanding retirement amortization, so we're fully paid up  
46 on this now?  
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48 **DIRECTOR REINHEIMER:**

49 Yeah. Whether they actually made the the payments, I'm not sure,  
08:40AM 50 but we're prepared to make the payments on that outstanding  
51 amortization. That includes police and employees retirement  
52 system.  
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54 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**

55 Now I remember hearing at one time how we were on this different  
56 chart of how we almost paid more not just because -- because we one

1 time borrowed -- like one way that you got sort of penalized that  
2 you had to put a little bit more into the program. Is that still  
3 going to happen or?

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5 **DIRECTOR REINHEIMER:**

6 Yeah, that's a little confusing and I'll have to study that before  
7 I can give you an answer that is correct. That is confusing and  
8 there is something to do with that.

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10 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**

11 That's going to be a big part of the budgeting when we -- this  
12 summer, whatever, for next year in one way. Are we paying inflated  
13 costs compared to other counties who never amortize? Is there a  
14 way legally to correct that since we're fully paid up or?

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16 **DIRECTOR REINHEIMER:**

17 Yeah. It may result in some cost, but when you look at the size of  
18 our budget, the size of our retirement cost, it's not a -- I don't  
19 want to say to understate the cost because it could be a million or  
20 \$2 million, which is money, but in the big picture of what we're  
21 paying for retirement and the size of our budget, it's not going to  
22 influence or materially change the outcome of the 2023 budget. I  
23 can research that and get back to you the next meeting and give you  
24 a better explanation as to going forward what our retirement costs  
25 are going to be and how amortization may have impacted the future  
26 costs for our retirement.

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28 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**

29 Well, I know a lot of times in these budgets, just \$1 million can  
30 make a difference of us making the tax cap or not and I guess  
31 different contracts, we have to worry about that. The insurance  
32 reserve fund, 42 million, do you know roughly off the top of your  
33 head how much we usually spend? I know it goes up and down, but  
34 what we spend on claims each year.

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36 **DIRECTOR REINHEIMER:**

37 Yeah. We can research that and give you an answer as to what our  
38 average cost has been. As you know, we do have liability or legal  
39 settlements. The legislature considers those terms if we're going  
40 to to borrow on an individual basis, so it can be anywhere from a  
41 couple million, 10 million, depending on the case. We're looking  
42 it up now. We should be able to give you an answer on what the  
43 average payment has been.

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45 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**

46 The reason I'm asking, I don't know if it's 10 million a year or if  
47 it's 100 million or what the average might be between. I guess my  
48 point is if it is, whatever number it is, this is a reserve right  
49 now which means hopefully this is enough to cover all claims this  
50 year and our goal would then be to replace that each year, to maybe  
51 keep this number roughly 42, not to just stop borrowing again. We  
52 really should not be approving any unless something is very  
53 ridiculous. We have a ridiculous size claim that we have to  
54 settle. You'll probably be in the discussion.

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56 **DIRECTOR REINHEIMER:**

1 I think when you look at liability and legal settlements and the  
2 decision or policy decision to borrow or to settle and pay  
3 something from the reserve account is a balance. I think you have  
4 to look at each one as an individual basis with your eye towards,  
5 like you said, maintaining and properly funding -- or I shouldn't  
6 say properly -- but resourcing the reserve fund for settlements and  
7 a combination of borrowing, but having this amount of funds, which  
8 is significant in reserve, gives you the opportunity to look at the  
9 current situation, current finances and make a decision based on  
10 each settlement.

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12 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**

13 And all these reserves adds up to our --

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15 **DIRECTOR REINHEIMER:**

16 For past settlements and the debt service on past settlements,  
17 we're paying about \$11 million in debt. One of the things saying  
18 the average payment -- you know, what we're settling each year when  
19 it comes to court liability or court settlements is there is no  
20 pattern. You could have a \$50 million settlement one year and a \$5  
21 million settlement the next year. There is no pattern projecting.

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23 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**

24 I know it wouldn't be exact, but the real world, we're supposed to  
25 have this insured, and if you're not going to insure, you're  
26 supposed to self insure, and we're supposed to be paying -- instead  
27 of paying premium, we're going just going to pay as you go but  
28 instead we end up just putting it on the credit card and our  
29 interest and our principal is getting as high as what we spend each  
30 year it was growing to. So I just want to make sure we're not  
31 using this as a one-time little gap that we sort of burn up next  
32 year and we never replenish it and it just shrinks away. I'm just  
33 trying to get an idea of gauge, and I understand one year might be  
34 10 million, another year it's 50, but I didn't know where it blends  
35 from so we can keep our eye on the ball of trying not to deplete  
36 this whole fund. No, we have to restock the fund as we use it,  
37 or are we going to be in the same position two years again from now  
38 paying interest on our lawsuits which we should not be doing it on  
39 the credit card.

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41 **DIRECTOR REINHEIMER:**

42 Yeah, and you make a good point. Looking long term as you settle  
43 and borrow for those right now, out of that \$11 million, four  
44 million is interest, so it's prudent to pay cash as you have these  
45 settlements rather than borrow for all of them, so it's -- at least  
46 now you have the opportunity to weigh your options.

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48 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**

49 Then all these reserves, this adds up to part of our undesignated  
50 fund balance which will help our bond rating in the long run  
51 because we have reserves for everything?

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53 **DIRECTOR REINHEIMER:**

54 Yeah, this certainly will help. You know, the bond -- the bond  
55 companies, they look at a number -- they look at the economics.  
56 One of the issues is that Suffolk County does depend on sales tax,

1 and that's always been a criticism of municipalities but we're no  
2 different than most municipalities in New York State, counties,  
3 relying on sales tax, but having the reserve funds, having \$254  
4 million in tax stabilization reserve fund certainly helps our  
5 balance sheet and helps our financial outlook in terms of debt  
6 service and bond rating and also having budgets that are  
7 structurally sound that aren't dependant upon one-shots. We have  
8 no one-shots in this budget, and from what I can see in the near  
9 future, we shouldn't have any one-shots the next several years.  
08:47AM 10 We're financially sound. We're going to have structurally sound  
11 budgets and they look at that also. So, yes, the short answer to  
12 your question is our budget and our reserves and looking to reduce  
13 borrowing and debt service, like you say, all adds up to the plus  
14 side and is taken in consideration.

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16 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**

17 Then I -- we paid off a lot of the one-shots, say, from the past.  
18 Are there any others outstanding, or does this pretty much cover  
19 everything?

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21 **DIRECTOR REINHEIMER:**

22 To the best of my knowledge, this takes care of everything,  
23 absolutely. There's nothing out there that we're going to be  
24 paying for for a past one-shot.

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26 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**

27 Then we have looming over our head are, I guess, certain, I guess,  
28 lawsuits on different things such as the red light camera, the  
29 mortgage tax. What are -- do you know of any of those dollar  
08:48AM 30 amounts which might be something we might be called to pay later  
31 this year?

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33 **DIRECTOR REINHEIMER:**

34 I don't know those off the top of my head, and when you have  
35 litigation, it's best not to discuss dollars or anything like that.  
36 I'm not an attorney. I'm not privy to those cases. I don't know  
37 what they're talking about in dollars or if those cases have merit,  
38 so I can't really comment on that.

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40 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**

41 Okay. Thank you. Any questions? Legislator Richberg.

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43 **LEG. RICHBERG:**

44 Hey, Lance. How are you doing?

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46 **DIRECTOR REINHEIMER:**

47 Fine. Thank you.

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49 **LEG. RICHBERG:**

08:49AM 50 Good. So I guess I have a -- the first part, the first question is  
51 about the tax stabilization reserve fund. So you mentioned that we  
52 are at the max, 254 is just about the max. Does that mean if we  
53 have surpluses in the future that we can't put any other funds in  
54 there? So what happens if -- and if so, if not, so what happens  
55 then?

1 **DIRECTOR REINHEIMER:**

2 Well, let's assume, and I think it's a good assumption that we end  
3 this year with a fund balance in the general fund, that you have a  
4 choice. You could resource various reserve funds. As I said, we  
5 are at the maximum tax stabilization. You have the insurance  
6 reserve fund. You do have other reserve funds and/or you can roll  
7 that into the 2023 budget to mitigate the increases in that budget,  
8 so just because -- so you have choices. I don't think we're going  
9 to get to the point where we don't know what to do with the money.  
08:50AM 10 The short answer is any surplus rolls into the following year's  
11 budget, any projected surplus.  
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13 **LEG. RICHBERG:**

14 So regardless of where the money rolls over and we can't put it  
15 into other reserve funds, it's just the tax stabilization is at the  
16 cap at this moment.  
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18 **DIRECTOR REINHEIMER:**

19 Yeah, based on the size of our budget. I mean, there's a couple  
08:50AM 20 million dollars. We're not at the total but we're practically --  
21 for practical purposes, you know, 254 million, maybe you can go  
22 another 3 million so to me that's -- we're pretty much at the  
23 maximum, so you really have to commend yourself for fully  
24 resourcing that.  
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26 **LEG. RICHBERG:**

27 I think we all did a great job last year putting this budget  
28 together. It was a team effort. So when we -- I guess back to the  
29 insurance conversation. So there are numbers -- don't we have  
08:51AM 30 some sort of insurance protection that we pay for? I believe  
31 there's, like, a \$5 million insurance waiver and then there's a \$6  
32 million and then there's an over and above, which is normally what  
33 we ended up bonding out for.  
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35 **DIRECTOR REINHEIMER:**

36 Right. So we're self-insured up to three million. If it exceeds  
37 that, depending on what the litigation is and what the settlement  
38 is, that may be covered by our catastrophic insurance that you  
39 referred to.  
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41 **LEG. RICHBERG:**

42 All right. I just want to make sure because I know we don't pay  
43 out for anything and I know that there are some instances, so I  
44 just want to make sure that we have that out on the record.  
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46 And I guess, you know, I really look forward to that pension  
47 payment conversation or the response because I believe if we had  
48 waited two years later or three years later, the pension payment  
49 would have been different but I'm really looking forward to that  
08:52AM 50 response. I just want to thank you for putting this together. I  
51 think especially in this format, and if we can get this out on the  
52 website so folks can see the work that we've done especially over  
53 the last two years, it's really important to have this information  
54 out, so thank you very much.  
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56 **DIRECTOR REINHEIMER:**



1 You're welcome.

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3 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**  
4 Legislator McCaffrey.

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6 **P.O. MCCAFFREY:**

7 Thank you. Hey, Lance. Sorry I got here a little late, but I  
8 think I came in at about the time you were talking about the sales  
9 tax revenue. Are we looking at -- what we know right now, we are  
10 meeting what our budget is and, if not, maybe even a little more?

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12 **DIRECTOR REINHEIMER:**

13 Yeah. It's -- we're coming in above what we budgeted for this  
14 year. Given what we know today, there's a lot of uncertainty with  
15 increases in gasoline and the sales tax associated with that and  
16 that can displace what people are paying for other goods and  
17 services, durable goods, may impact durable goods, may impact car  
18 purchases, and same with the grocery store. As we all noticed,  
19 grocery prices are going up. That's going to impact discretionary  
20 pay funds that people have and, of course, grocery sales tax --  
21 there is no sales on groceries, so you may see a little levelling  
22 off on sales tax. As people are spending more for groceries, they  
23 have less discretionary funds or fewer discretionary funds to pay  
24 for durable goods or sales tax related goods. So with all that  
25 being said, we're still seeing sales tax coming in higher than what  
26 we budgeted for in 2022.

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28 **P.O. MCCAFFREY:**

29 Okay. And I agree with that conservative approach, not to spend it  
30 before we have it not knowing what's going to happen in the second  
31 half of this year. In terms of sales tax on gasoline, I've heard  
32 different versions of what we collect, there was a cap, there  
33 wasn't a cap. Can you just explain a little bit about what we  
34 collect on sales tax at gasoline; at what point do we start or end?

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36 **DIRECTOR REINHEIMER:**

37 So yes, we collect four and a quarter percent on all motor fuel  
38 purchases. There's also an energy home fuel tax or energy home tax  
39 which is two and a half percent, and that does hit your electric  
40 bill, propane, natural gas, fuel oil. So on those two, there's no  
41 sealing, and in a normal year where you don't have these increases  
42 in motor fuels, we bring in about \$80 million in motor fuel sales  
43 tax.

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45 **P.O. MCCAFFREY:**

46 And that's not including the residential, right?

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48 **DIRECTOR REINHEIMER:**

49 Residential is about 50 million a year.

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51 **P.O. MCCAFFREY:**

52 Okay, and we're probably on track to exceed that then probably this  
53 year, right?

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55 **DIRECTOR REINHEIMER:**

56 Yeah, I would think so, yeah. We haven't looked at that

1 specifically, but with increases in energy costs and -- you know,  
2 it's also contingent on weather, but I would say we're probably on  
3 track for that 50 million.

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5 **P.O. MCCAFFREY:**

6 Okay. Thanks. And one last thing. How much have we budgeted for  
7 the school bus camera program in terms of revenue?

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9 **DIRECTOR REINHEIMER:**

08:55AM 10 Yeah. We'll look that up and get back to you with an answer. We  
11 should have that in just a second.

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13 **P.O. MCCAFFREY:**

14 Okay.

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16 **DIRECTOR REINHEIMER:**

17 So the gross revenue on the -- this is the school bus program -- is  
18 29.2 million. That's the gross amount. It doesn't count the  
19 expenditures associated with that program.

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21 **P.O. MCCAFFREY:**

22 So out of that, that's what we expected to take in, right?

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24 **DIRECTOR REINHEIMER:**

25 That's correct.

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27 **DIRECTOR REINHEIMER:**

28 Yes.

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30 **P.O. MCCAFFREY:**

31 And I know we send --

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33 **DIRECTOR REINHEIMER:**

34 And the cost is around 13.5 million so the net on that, \$16 million  
35 would be the net. Round numbers.

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37 **P.O. MCCAFFREY:**

38 And a portion of that money goes back to the school districts for  
39 school safety or something, right? Does that come out of our \$16  
08:56AM 40 million net or out of that gross?

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42 **DIRECTOR REINHEIMER:**

43 Yeah. I think around 20 percent comes out. That would come out of  
44 the 16 million.

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46 **P.O. MCCAFFREY:**

47 Okay. So our net is less the 20 percent?

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49 **DIRECTOR REINHEIMER:**

08:57AM 50 Correct.

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52 **P.O. MCCAFFREY:**

53 Do we know where we are right now in terms of how much we've taken  
54 in? I mean, that's what we've budgeted. Do we know what we've  
55 taken in? Has it exceeded what we've thought?

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1 **DIRECTOR REINHEIMER:**

2 Yeah. It's kind of early in the year for that. We're just the  
3 beginning of March, and it takes time for revenue to be booked, so  
4 any numbers we have would be very preliminary and not really give  
5 you an indication of where we're going with that in terms of  
6 compared to budget.

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8 **P.O. MCCAFFREY:**

9 Based on the complaints I'm receiving in my district office, we are  
08:57AM 10 exceeding that, I'm sure. Okay. Thanks.

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12 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**

13 Thank you. Legislator Caracappa.

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15 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**

16 Yes. Good morning, everybody. Good morning, Lance. How are you?

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18 **DIRECTOR REINHEIMER:**

19 I'm fine. Thank you.

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21 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**

22 I see the first bullet point, 155.8 million to prepay all  
23 outstanding retirement amortizations. So we spoke at the last  
24 presentation you did, and I asked if your office had done a  
25 analysis on our employees that are eligible to retire or will be  
26 eligible to retire in the next year or two so we can properly plan  
27 for that. I mentioned my former life in the Suffolk County Water  
28 Authority. If you are looking at a 40 percent retirement rate,  
29 that's 40 percent, almost half of the employees in a two- to  
08:58AM 30 three-year period, so not only do we have to plan for that in  
31 payouts, but we also have to plan for replacing so we don't lose  
32 those valuable services to our residents, and it's tough to replace  
33 that kind of -- the amount of experienced employees that we're  
34 going to be losing. And again, I don't know the number. You said  
35 you would look into it. I haven't received anything yet on that  
36 yet, but just a question if you looked into that, done any analysis  
37 on that.

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39 **DIRECTOR REINHEIMER:**

08:58AM 40 Yeah. I don't have that right now. I have looked into it many  
41 years ago, and Suffolk County was very similar to New York State  
42 with an aging workforce, and you're absolutely right. As you have  
43 an experience drain, the other part that impacts institutional  
44 knowledge is if you don't have smooth hiring, and there's been  
45 periods of time when the county hasn't hired people, and we do have  
46 gaps in experience whereas the upper level people retire, you have  
47 fewer people to step into those vacancies with the experience that  
48 they really should have. We can look at the demographics -- Well,  
49 we have a problem right now, and this isn't the place to get into  
08:59AM 50 the nuts and bolts, but we don't have the information and access to  
51 payroll information that we had last year so I can't really -- and  
52 that's probably why we haven't gotten back to you. We don't have  
53 that information, and and I'm not sure when we're getting it.

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55 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**

56 Why don't you have that information that you had last year? Is

1 that because of the new payroll program that's being --

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3 **DIRECTOR REINHEIMER:**

4 Yeah. We have a new payroll program which all of us are aware of  
5 and the budgetary and personnel portion -- those reports that we  
6 used to receive and be able to run and do the analysis, those  
7 reports don't exist, and that information is not available at this  
8 point. I think the county executive's budget office is looking  
9 into fixing that problem, but right now we have no payroll  
09:00AM 10 information and no information on number of employees, which we've  
11 been tracking for 30 years every two weeks.

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13 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**

14 But now we can no longer do that because of this new and improved  
15 system. So how are we going to go about, down the road, to be able  
16 to assess that information and access that information? What are  
17 we doing to get that back?

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19 **DIRECTOR REINHEIMER:**

09:01AM 20 That's a question I can't answer right now. My assumption is there  
21 are people working on doing that, getting that information because  
22 it's important to the executive's budget office and to the  
23 legislature to have access to that information so that you can  
24 properly budget and project.

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26 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**

27 All right. So you'll get back to me on this information, correct?

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29 **DIRECTOR REINHEIMER:**

09:01AM 30 Yeah. Once we have access to that information and we can do  
31 analysis of the current workforce, we can get back to you and give  
32 you some numbers on demographics.

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34 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**

35 All right. So how about you let me know, Lance, how it is being  
36 done before we get there, so let me know that it is being done,  
37 who's doing it, and what we can expect, when to expect it. I like  
38 to at least know that we're working on it. That information would  
39 be very important to me and my colleagues, I'm sure.

09:02AM 40  
41 **DIRECTOR REINHEIMER:**

42 I'll see what information I can get and get back to you and to the  
43 rest of the committee.

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45 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**

46 Sounds good, Lance. Thank you.

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48 **DIRECTOR REINHEIMER:**

49 You're welcome.

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51 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**

52 Okay. No -- oh, Legislator Richberg.

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54 **LEG. RICHBERG:**

55 This isn't to Lance, but I see we have a representative from the  
56 county executive's office on the line. Zack, you know, hopefully

1 in the near future you can give us an update as to when we're able  
2 to run reports. I mean, I think part of our co-equal branch of  
3 government responsibilities is for us us to be able to do this.  
4 That's not Zack.

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6 **MICHELLE:**

7 Yeah, Zack actually stepped away for a meeting. My name's  
8 Michelle. Sorry about that.

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10 09:02AM

11 **LEG. RICHBERG:**

12 Hi, Michelle not Zack. Good to see you.

13 **MICHELLE:**

14 Good to see you too.

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16 **LEG. RICHBERG:**

17 But if you can let Zack know and the folks in the administration  
18 that we need to have these reports for a separate and coequal  
19 branch of government, I think it's important for us to be able to  
20 work together in the future.

21 09:03AM

22 **MICHELLE:**

23 Yeah. Of course.

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25 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**

26 Okay. Seeing no more questions, thank you very much, Lance, for  
27 this update. You're welcome.

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29 **DIRECTOR REINHEIMER:**

30 You're welcome.

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32 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**

33 Next on the agenda is tabled resolutions. There's none.  
34 Introductory Resolutions.

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36 **IR 1140, Approving County funding for a contract agency (Lake  
37 Ronkonkoma Heritage Assoc.). (Kennedy) Motion?**

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39 **LEG. KENNEDY:**

40 Motion.

41 09:03AM

42 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**

43 Second.

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45 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**

46 Roll call vote.

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48 **DEPUTY CLERK ROBINSON:**

49 I didn't hear. Who gave the first on that?

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51 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**

52 I believe it was Nick first, Leslie second.

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54 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**

55 Leslie first, me second.

1 **DEPUTY CLERK ROBINSON:**

2 Thank you.

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4 (The roll was called by Deputy Clerk Robinson.)

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6 **LEG. KENNEDY:**

7 Yes.

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9 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**

10 Yes.

09:03AM

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12 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**

13 Yes.

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15 **LEG. GONZALEZ:**

16 (No response.)

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18 **LEG. GONZALEZ:**

19 (No response.)

09:04AM

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21 **LEG. RICHBERG:**

22 Yes.

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24 **LEG. THORNE:**

25 Yes.

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27 **P.O. MCCAFFREY:**

28 Yes.

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30 **DEPUTY CLERK ROBINSON:**

31 Six.

09:04AM

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33 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**

34 Okay. Could I have a point of order, please? Are we permitted, as  
35 we did yesterday, instead of roll call, all in favor?

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37 **P.O. MCCAFFREY:**

38 If I may, Mr. Chairman. Right now, we were able to at the last  
39 general meeting, we were able to amend the rules of the legislature  
40 at that meeting that we suspended those rules, and I think -- and  
41 I'll defer to Counsel -- I believe we have some legislation that we  
42 are going to put in that will allow for a similar structure at  
43 committee meetings; is that correct?

09:04AM

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45 **MR. DUFFY:**

46 That was laid on the table at last meeting, so it will be before  
47 the legislature for adoption at the next general meeting.

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49 **P.O. MCCAFFREY:**

50 Great. Thank you. It's in the works.

09:04AM

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52 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**

53 So yesterday, we did all in favor, opposed, abstentions, and then  
54 clerk took a count. I was just wondering why it changed today.

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56 **P.O. MCCAFFREY:**

1 Maybe they were all here.

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3 **MR. DUFFY:**

4 Until the -- the committee doesn't have the power to waive the  
5 rules, so my advice would be that you should continue with the roll  
6 call until the legislation is adopted.

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8 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**

9 So, Bill, what we did yesterday, what was that? Why did we do it  
10 that way yesterday then? I'm just a little confused.

09:05AM

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12 **MR. DUFFY:**

13 Well, I don't want to give you legal advice over Zoom. If we could  
14 talk in executive.

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16 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**

17 Yes, sir. Okey doke.

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19 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**

20 We have a short agenda. IR 1140 passed.

09:05AM

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22 **IR 1146, Approving County funding for a contract agency (Accredited  
23 Museums). (Bontempi) Motion.**

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25 **LEG. RICHBERG:**

26 Second.

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28 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**

29 Roll call vote.

09:06AM

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31 **DEPUTY CLERK ROBINSON:**

32 Again, I couldn't hear who was the first.

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34 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**

35 Flotteron first motion, second was Legislator Richberg.

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37 (The roll was called by Deputy Clerk Robinson.)

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39 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**

40 Yes.

09:06AM

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42 **LEG. RICHBERG:**

43 Yes.

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45 **LEG. KENNEDY:**

46 Yes.

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48 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**

49 Yes.

09:06AM

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51 **LEG. GONZALEZ:**

52 (No response.)

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54 **LEG. GONZALEZ:**

55 (No response.)

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1 LEG. THORNE:

2 Yes.

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4 P.O. MCCAFFREY:

5 Yes.

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7 DEPUTY CLERK ROBINSON:

8 Six.

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09:06AM 10 CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:

11 1146 passed.

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13 IR 1188, Approving 2021 funding for a contract agency (Maureen's  
14 Haven Inc.). (Co. Exec.) Do I a hear a motion?

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16 LEG. RICHBERG:

17 Motion.

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19 LEG. KENNEDY:

09:06AM 20 Second.

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22 CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:

23 Motion by Richberg. Second by Legislator Kennedy. Roll call vote.

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25 (The roll was called by Deputy Clerk Robinson.)

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27 LEG. RICHBERG:

28 Yes.

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09:06AM 30 LEG. KENNEDY:

31 Yes.

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33 CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:

34 Yes.

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36 LEG. CARACAPPA:

37 Yes.

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39 LEG. GONZALEZ:

09:07AM 40 (No response.)

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42 LEG. GONZALEZ:

43 (No response.)

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45 LEG. THORNE:

46 Yes.

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48 P.O. MCCAFFREY:

49 Yes.

09:07AM 50

51 DEPUTY CLERK ROBINSON:

52 Six.

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54 CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:

55 IR 1188 passed.

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1 IR 1189, Approving 2021 funding for a contract agency (Maureen's  
2 Haven Inc.). (Co. Exec.) Do I hear a motion?

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4 LEG. RICHBERG:  
5 Motion.

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7 CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:  
8 Do I hear a second?

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09:07AM 10 LEG. CARACAPPA:  
11 Second.

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13 CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:  
14 Roll call vote.

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16 (The roll was called by Deputy Clerk Robinson.)

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18 LEG. RICHBERG:  
19 Yes.

09:07AM 20  
21 LEG. THORNE:  
22 Yes.

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24 CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:  
25 Yes.

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27 LEG. KENNEDY:  
28 Yes.

09:07AM 29  
30 LEG. CARACAPPA:  
31 Yes.

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33 LEG. GONZALEZ:  
34 (No response.)

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36 LEG. GONZALEZ:  
37 (No response.)

09:07AM 38  
39 P.O. MCCAFFREY:  
40 Yes.

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42 DEPUTY CLERK ROBINSON:  
43 Six.

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45 1198, Approving funding for a contract agency (Long Island Gay and  
46 Lesbian Youth, Inc.). (Co. Exec.) Do I hear a motion?

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48 LEG. RICHBERG:  
49 Motion.

09:08AM 50  
51 CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:  
52 Second.

53 (The roll was called by Deputy Clerk Robinson.)

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55 LEG. RICHBERG:  
56 Yes.

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**CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**  
Yes.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**  
Yes.

**LEG. CARACAPPA:**  
Yes.

**LEG. GONZALEZ:**  
(No response.)

**LEG. GONZALEZ:**  
(No response.)

**LEG. THORNE:**  
Yes.

**P.O. MCCAFFREY:**  
Yes.

**DEPUTY CLERK ROBINSON:**  
Six.

**CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**  
IR 1198 passed.

Seeing no more business in front of us this meeting, we are adjourned.

(The meeting was adjourned at 10:08 a.m.)

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