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HEALTH COMMITTEE
OF THE
SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE
MINUTES

A meeting of the Health Committee of the Suffolk County Legislature was held via in-person and Zoom videoconferencing in the Rose Y. Caracappa Legislative Auditorium of the William H. Rogers Legislature Building, 725 Veterans Memorial Highway, Smithtown, New York on June 16, 2022.

Members Present:

- Legislator Leslie Kennedy - Chairwoman**
- Legislator Stephanie Bontempi - Vice-Chair**
- Legislator Tom Donnelly
- Legislator Bridget Fleming
- Legislator Manuel Esteban

Members Not Present:

- Legislator Dominic Thorne - (Excused Absence)**

Also in Attendance:

- William Duffy - Counsel to the Legislature
- Brett Robinson - Chief Deputy Clerk of the Legislature
- Hope Clark - Office of the Clerk of the Legislature
- Craig Freas - Senior Budget Analyst/Legislative Budget Review
- Ali Nazir - Aide to Presiding Officer McCaffrey
- Brendan Sweeney - Aide to Presiding Officer McCaffrey
- Chris DeLuca - Aide to Presiding Officer McCaffrey
- Erika Hershberger - Aide to Legislator Flotteron
- Greg Atherton - Aide to Legislator Bontempi
- Michelle Zarifis - CE's Office/Intergovernmental Relations
- Jen Culp - Intergovernmental Relations Coordinator/SC Health Dept

*(*The meeting was called to order at 2:01 p.m. *)*

CHAIRWOMAN KENNEDY:

Good afternoon and welcome to the Health Committee. Please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance led by Legislator Bontempi.

Pledge of Allegiance

Please remain standing for a moment of silence for a past Hauppauge Fire Chief who died in the line of duty, Stephen A. Feron, and his family. He died at the age of 49 this week while serving his people.

Moment of Silence Observed

Mr. Clerk, please call the roll.

*(*Roll Called by Brett Robinson - Chief Deputy Clerk*)*

CHAIRWOMAN KENNEDY:

Present.

LEG. BONTEMPI:

Present.

LEG. FLEMING:

Present.

LEG. THORNE:

(Absent).

LEG. ESTEBAN:

Here.

LEG. DONNELLY:

Here.

CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK ROBINSON:

Five.

CHAIRWOMAN KENNEDY:

Legislator Dominick Thorne has been granted an excused absence.

Mr. Clerk. Do we have any correspondence?

CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK ROBINSON:

All correspondence has been distributed accordingly, Madam Chairwoman.

CHAIRWOMAN KENNEDY:

Okay. And do we have any cards or anyone who would like to speak?

MR. DeLUCA:

There are no cards or speakers, Ms. Chairwoman.

1 CHAIRWOMAN KENNEDY:

2 Thank you. There are no Appointment Resolutions, no Presentations.

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4 We can move on to Tabled Resolutions.

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6 **1414(-22) - Establishing a Mental and Physical Health Advisory**
7 **Board(Gonzalez)**. I'm going to make a motion to table as it was
8 sitting for some updates from the sponsor. Do I have a second?
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02:03PM 10 LEG. BONTEMPI:

11 I'll second.

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13 CHAIRWOMAN KENNEDY:

14 Thank you. All in favor? All opposed? Abstentions?

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16 CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK ROBINSON:

17 *Five*.

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19 CHAIRWOMAN KENNEDY:

02:03PM 20 Okay, 1414 has been approved -- *tabled*, sorry (VOTE: 5/0/0/1 -
21 *Absent: Legislator Thorne*).

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23 **1417(-22) - Adopting Local Law No. -2022, A Local Law to regulate**
24 **the packaging of cannabis (marijuana) products to dissuade its**
25 **appeal to children (Hahn)**. That's tabled for a Public Hearing.
26 I'll make that motion. Do we have a second?
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28 LEG. FLEMING:

29 Second.

02:04PM 30 CHAIRWOMAN KENNEDY:

31 Okay. So, do we have -- all in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

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33 CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK ROBINSON:

34 *Five*.

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36 CHAIRWOMAN KENNEDY:

37 Okay, *1417 has been tabled for a Public Hearing (VOTE: 5/0/0/1*
38 *Absent: Legislator Thorne)*.

02:04PM 39
40 **1419(-22) - Creating trauma informed policies in Suffolk County**
41 **(Hahn)**. Anyone on the motion?
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44 LEG. FLEMING:

45 I'll make a motion to approve.

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47 CHAIRWOMAN KENNEDY:

48 I think we were waiting for the sponsor to come back to us, so I'll
49 make a motion to table. Do we have a second on either of those?

02:04PM 50
51 LEG. BONTEMPI:

52 I'll make a second to table, also we needed more information.
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54 CHAIRWOMAN KENNEDY:

55 Okay. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?
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1 CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK ROBINSON:

2 *Five.*

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4 CHAIRWOMAN KENNEDY:

5 Okay, 1419 has been tabled (VOTE: 5/0/0/1 - Absent: Legislator
6 Thorne).

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8 Moving on to Introductory Resolutions:

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02:05PM 10 **1483(-22) - Accepting and appropriating 100% State grant funds from**
11 **the New York State Department of Health in the amount of \$17,967**
12 **for the Rabies Control Program administered by the Suffolk County**
13 **Department of Health Services and to execute grant related**
14 **agreements (County Executive).**

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16 LEG. ESTEBAN:

17 Motion.

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19 CHAIRWOMAN KENNEDY:

02:05PM 20 Motion by Legislator --

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22 LEG. ESTEBAN:

23 Motion.

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25 CHAIRWOMAN KENNEDY:

26 -- Esteban, second by Legislator Donnelly, for approval and place
27 on the Consent Calendar; yes? Okay. All in --

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29 LEG. BONTEMPI:

02:05PM 30 I'm so sorry, please continue.

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32 CHAIRWOMAN KENNEDY:

33 Don't be sorry (*laughter*). All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

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35 CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK ROBINSON:

36 *Five.*

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38 CHAIRWOMAN KENNEDY:

39 **1483 has been passed (VOTE: 5/0/0/1 - Absent: Legislator Thorne).**

02:06PM 40

41 Seeing no further --

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43 LEG. BONTEMPI:

44 Now I would like to say something, Madam Chairwoman. I'm sorry.

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46 CHAIRWOMAN KENNEDY:

47 Please feel free.

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49 LEG. BONTEMPI:

02:06PM 50 I just wanted to put on the record, I'm going back to 1419.

51 I'm not against --

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53 CHAIRWOMAN KENNEDY:

54 Right.

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1 **LEG. BONTEMPI:**

2 -- some type of policy, trauma policy. I just feel that we need
3 more information from the Legislator that put this forth. I just
4 want that on the record.

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6 **CHAIRWOMAN KENNEDY:**

7 Right, I think we all agree on that one.

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9 Seeing no further business before this body, we are adjourned.
10 Thank you.

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12 *(*The meeting was adjourned at 2:06 p.m. *)*
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