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**WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE**  
**OF THE**  
**SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE**  
**MINUTES**

A meeting of the Ways & Means 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 March 30, 2023.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Leg. Robert Trotta, Chairman (excused)  
Leg. Leslie Kennedy, Vice Chair  
Leg. Bridget Fleming  
Leg. Stephanie Bontempi  
Leg. Tom Donnelly (excused)  
Leg. Manuel Esteban

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

Presiding Officer Kevin J. McCaffrey, 14th Legislative District  
William Duffy, Counsel to the Legislature  
Frank Tassone, Clerk of the Legislature  
Brett Robinson, Chief Deputy Clerk/Legislature  
Chris DeLuca, Aide to the Presiding Officer  
And all other interested parties

**MINUTES TRANSCRIBED BY:**

Gabrielle Severs, Court Stenographer

1 (The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m.)

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3 **VICE CHAIRWOMAN KENNEDY:**

4 Good afternoon. Please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance led by  
5 Legislator Bontempi.

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7 (Pledge of Allegiance)

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9 Okay. Please remain standing for a moment as we remember all those  
10 who served the public.

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12 (Moment of Silence Observed.)

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14 Thank you. Mr. Clerk, can you please call for attendance.

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16 **CLERK TASSONE:**

17 Yes, Madam Chair.

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19 (The roll was called by Clerk Tassone.)

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21 **LEG. TROTТА:**

22 (Excused.)

23  
24 **VICE CHAIRWOMAN KENNEDY:**

25 Legislator Trotta has an excused absence, and I am here.

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27 **LEG. FLEMING:**

28 Present.

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30 **LEG. ESTEBAN:**

31 Present.

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33 **LEG. DONNELLY:**

34 (Excused)

35  
36 **VICE CHAIRWOMAN KENNEDY:**

37 He has an excused absence.

38  
39 **LEG. BONTEMPI:**

40 Present.

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42 **CLERK TASSONE:**

43 Four.

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45 **VICE CHAIRWOMAN KENNEDY:**

46 Okay. Do we have any correspondence, Mr. Clerk?

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48 **CLERK TASSONE:**

49 All correspondence have been distributed accordingly, Madam Chair.

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51 **VICE CHAIRWOMAN KENNEDY:**

52 Do we have any cards or speakers for the public portion?

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54 **MR. DELUCA:**

55 There are no speakers, Mrs. Chairman.

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1 **VICE CHAIRWOMAN KENNEDY:**

2 Okay. Thank you.

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4 So we'll move right on. We have appointment resolution.

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6 **I.R. 1115, Reappoint member to the Suffolk County Board of Ethics**  
7 **(Tamika N. Hardy, Esq.). (Richberg).**

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9 **LEG. FLEMING:**

10 Motion to approve.

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12 **LEG. BONTEMPI:**

13 I'll second.

14

15 **VICE CHAIRWOMAN KENNEDY:**

16 Motion by Legislator Fleming. Second by Legislator Bontempi. All  
17 those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

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19 **CLERK TASSONE:**

20 Four.

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22 **VICE CHAIRWOMAN KENNEDY:**

23 So I.R. 1115 is approved.

24

25 We have no presentations. We have four tabled resolutions.

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27 **1136, Adopting Local Law No. -2022, A Local Law to amend the**  
28 **membership of the RFP Waiver Committee. (Trotta)** I will make a  
29 motion to table. Do I have a second?

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31 **LEG. FLEMING:**

32 It it for a public hearing or I think that needs to be tabled for  
33 public hearing.

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35 **VICE CHAIRWOMAN KENNEDY:**

36 No. I don't think it's for a public hearing.

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38 **LEG. FLEMING:**

39 Okay.

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41 **VICE CHAIRWOMAN KENNEDY:**

42 That was what was request. Do we have a second?

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44 **LEG. FLEMING:**

45 I'll second the motion.

46

47 **VICE CHAIRWOMAN KENNEDY:**

48 Thank you. Motion by myself. Second by Legislator Fleming. All  
49 in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

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51 **CLERK TASSONE:**

52 Four.

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54 **VICE CHAIRWOMAN KENNEDY:**

55 Okay. **1777, Adopting Local Law No. -2022, A Local Law to restrict**  
56 **the use of exotic animals in traveling performances. (Bergin)**

1 That's still being worked on, so I will make a motion to table.  
2 Do I have a second?

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4 **LEG. BONTEMPI:**  
5 Second.

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7 **VICE CHAIRWOMAN KENNEDY:**  
8 Second by Legislator Bontempi. All in favor? Opposed?  
9 Abstentions?

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11 **CLERK TASSONE:**  
12 Four.

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14 **VICE CHAIRWOMAN KENNEDY:**  
15 Four. Okay. 1967, Authorizing the conveyance of a County-owned  
16 parking lot having Suffolk County Tax Map No's. Of District 0600  
17 Section 128.00 Block 05.00 Lots 001.000 and 002.000 for municipal  
18 purposes pursuant to Section 72-h of the General Municipal Law.  
19 (Co. Exec.) That has been asked to be tabled, so I will make the  
20 motion to table. Do we have a second?

21  
22 **LEG. ESTEBAN:**  
23 Second.

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25 **VICE CHAIRWOMAN KENNEDY:**  
26 Second. Thank you, Legislator Esteban. All in favor? Opposed?  
27 Abstentions?

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29 **CLERK TASSONE:**  
30 Four.

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32 **VICE CHAIRWOMAN KENNEDY:**  
33 Four. 1167 has been approved.

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35 **CLERK TASSONE:**  
36 That was 1967, Madam Chair.

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38 **VICE CHAIRWOMAN KENNEDY:**  
39 What did I say I say? I'm going blind. Thank you.

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41 The last is 1006, Adopting Local Law No. -2023, A Local Law to  
42 authorize conveyance of property previously taken for delinquent  
43 taxes (1 Speaker Street, Commack, S.C.T.M. No.  
44 0800-089.00-01.00-025.000). (Trotta) Motion to approve.

45  
46 **LEG. ESTEBAN:**  
47 Second.

48  
49 **VICE CHAIRWOMAN KENNEDY:**  
50 Second by Legislator Esteban. All in favor? Opposed?  
51 Abstentions?

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53 **CLERK TASSONE:**  
54 Four.

55  
56 **VICE CHAIRWOMAN KENNEDY:**

1 Okay.

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3 Moving on to Introductory Resolutions.

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5 **1132, Authorizing the sale, pursuant to Local Law No. 16-1976, of**  
6 **real property acquired under Section 46 of the Suffolk County Tax**  
7 **Act Howard Reich (SCTM No. 0500-327.00-01.00-027.000). (Co. Exec.)**

8 Do we have a motion?

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10 **LEG. BONTEMPI:**

11 I will make a motion.

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13 **VICE CHAIRWOMAN KENNEDY:**

14 Okay. Motion to approve by Legislator Bontempi. Do we have a  
15 second?

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17 **LEG. FLEMING:**

18 I will second.

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20 **VICE CHAIRWOMAN KENNEDY:**

21 Okay. Thank you, Legislator Fleming. All in favor? Opposed?  
22 Abstentions?

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24 **CLERK TASSONE:**

25 Four.

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27 **VICE CHAIRWOMAN KENNEDY:**

28 Okay. Do we have to go back to place that on the consent calendar?

29 Okay. We'll place it on the consent calendar.

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31 **1133, Authorizing the sale, pursuant to Local Law No. 16-1976, of**  
32 **real property acquired under Section 46 of the Suffolk County Tax**  
33 **Act Eric Maurer and Neil Ruszkowski, Jr. (SCTM No.**

34 **0500-077.00-04.00-002.000). (Co. Exec.)** I will make a motion to  
35 approve and place on the consent calendar. Do we have a second?

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37 **LEG. BONTEMPI:**

38 I will second.

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40 **VICE CHAIRWOMAN KENNEDY:**

41 Second by Legislator Bontempi. All in favor? Opposed?  
42 Abstentions?

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44 **CLERK TASSONE:**

45 Four.

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47 **VICE CHAIRWOMAN KENNEDY:**

48 **1134, Authorizing the sale, pursuant to Local Law No. 16-1976, of**  
49 **real property acquired under Section 46 of the Suffolk County Tax**  
50 **Act Linda Cristani (SCTM No. 0800-068.00-05.00-034.000). (Co.**

51 **Exec.)** Motion?

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53 **LEG. FLEMING:**

54 I will make a motion.

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56 **VICE CHAIRWOMAN KENNEDY:**

1 Thank you, Legislator Fleming, on the motion. Second?

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3 **LEG. BONTEMPI:**

4 Second.

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6 **VICE CHAIRWOMAN KENNEDY:**

7 Thank you, Legislator Bontempi. All in favor? Opposed?

8 Abstentions? ?

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10 **CLERK TASSONE:**

11 Is this going on the consent also, Madam Chair?

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13 **VICE CHAIRWOMAN KENNEDY:**

14 Consent calendar also. Thank you, Mr. Clerk.

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16 **CLERK TASSONE:**

17 Four.

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19 **VICE CHAIRWOMAN KENNEDY:**

20 Okay. So 1134 is approved.

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22 **1135, Authorizing the sale, pursuant to Local Law No. 16-1976, of**  
23 **real property acquired under Section 46 of the Suffolk County Tax**  
24 **Act Long Island Real Estate Equities Corp. (SCTM No.**

25 **0400-198.00-01.00-043.001). (Co. Exec.) Thank you. Do we have a**  
26 **second?**

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28 **LEG. BONTEMPI:**

29 I'll second.

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31 **VICE CHAIRWOMAN KENNEDY:**

32 Thank you. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

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34 **CLERK TASSONE:**

35 Four. 1135 is approved.

36

37 **1136, Authorizing the sale, pursuant to Local Law No. 16-1976, of**  
38 **real property acquired under Section 46 of the Suffolk County Tax**  
39 **Act Shamiul Rifat and Nesha N. Rahman, as tenants in common (SCTM**  
40 **No. 0500-315.00-01.00-100.003). (Co. Exec.)**

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42 **LEG. FLEMING:**

43 Motion to approve and place on consent calendar.

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45 **LEG. ESTEBAN:**

46 Second.

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48 **VICE CHAIRWOMAN KENNEDY:**

49 Second by Legislator Esteban. All in favor? Opposed?

50 Abstentions?

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52 **CLERK TASSONE:**

53 Four.

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55 **VICE CHAIRWOMAN KENNEDY:**

56 1136 has been approved.

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2 **1137, Authorizing the sale, pursuant to Local Law No. 16-1976, of**  
3 **real property acquired under Section 46 of the Suffolk County Tax**  
4 **Act Alan K. Yeung and Oksana A. Yeung, his wife (SCTM No.**  
5 **0200-380.00-02.00-002.000). (Co. Exec.)**

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7 **LEG. FLEMING:**

8 Motion to approve and place on the consent calendar.

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10 **VICE CHAIRWOMAN KENNEDY:**

11 Legislator Fleming, thank you for the motion.

12  
13 **LEG. BONTEMPI:**

14 Second.

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16 **VICE CHAIRWOMAN KENNEDY:**

17 Legislator Bontempi on the second. All in favor? Opposed?  
18 Abstentions?

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20 **CLERK TASSONE:**

21 Four.

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23 **VICE CHAIRWOMAN KENNEDY:**

24 1137 has been approved.

25  
26 **1192, Amending the 2023 Capital Budget and Program and**  
27 **appropriating funds in connection with Alterations to Criminal**  
28 **Courts Building, Southampton (CP 1124). (Co. Exec.)**

29  
30 **LEG. FLEMING:**

31 Motion to approve.

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33 **VICE CHAIRWOMAN KENNEDY:**

34 And I'll make the second on that. All in favor? Opposed?  
35 Abstentions?

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37 **CLERK TASSONE:**

38 Four.

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40 **VICE CHAIRWOMAN KENNEDY:**

41 IR 1192 has been approved.

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43 **1193, Appropriating funds in connection with**  
44 **Renovations/Improvements to Cohalan Court Complex (CP 1125). (Co.**  
45 **Exec.)**

46  
47 **LEG. ESTEBAN:**

48 Motion to approve.

49  
50 **VICE CHAIRWOMAN KENNEDY:**

51 I'll make the second on that. All in favor? Opposed?  
52 Abstentions?

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54 **CLERK TASSONE:**

55 Four.

1 **VICE CHAIRWOMAN KENNEDY:**

2 Thank you. 1193 has been approved. Okay. On to the next page.  
3 **1225, Authorizing certain technical corrections to Adopted**  
4 **Resolution No. 1003-2022. (Co. Exec.)** I'll make a motion. Do we  
5 have a second?  
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7 **LEG. ESTEBAN:**

8 Second.  
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10 **VICE CHAIRWOMAN KENNEDY:**

11 Second by Legislator Esteban.  
12

13 **VICE CHAIRWOMAN KENNEDY:**

14 All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?  
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16 **CLERK TASSONE:**

17 Is this also going on the consent calendar, Madam Chair?  
18

19 **VICE CHAIRWOMAN KENNEDY:**

20 Yes.  
21

22 **CLERK TASSONE:**

23 Four.  
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25 **VICE CHAIRWOMAN KENNEDY:**

26 IR 1225 has been approved. **IR 1226, Authorizing certain technical**  
27 **corrections to Adopted Resolution No. 1013-2022. (Co. Exec.)** I'll  
28 make a motion to approve and place on the consent calendar. Can I  
29 have a second?  
30

31 **LEG. BONTEMPI:**

32 Second.  
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34 **VICE CHAIRWOMAN KENNEDY:**

35 Second by Legislator Bontempi. All those in favor? Opposed?  
36 Abstentions?  
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38 **CLERK TASSONE:**

39 Four.  
40

41 **VICE CHAIRWOMAN KENNEDY:**

42 IR 1226 has been approved and placed on the consent calendar.  
43

44 **1234, Sale of County-owned real estate pursuant to Local Law No.**  
45 **13-1976 Sean G. Parker and Farah A. Parker (SCTM No.**  
46 **0200-206.00-04.00-029.010)**  
47

48 **LEG. FLEMING:**

49 Motion to approve.  
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51 **VICE CHAIRWOMAN KENNEDY:**

52 Do we have a second on that?  
53

54 **LEG. ESTEBAN:**

55 Second.  
56

1 **VICE CHAIRWOMAN KENNEDY:**  
2 I make a motion to table as requested.

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4 **LEG. BONTEMPI:**  
5 And I will second that.

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7 **VICE CHAIRWOMAN KENNEDY:**  
8 So the motion to table goes first.

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10 **LEG. FLEMING:**  
11 Can I just ask what the reason for this is?

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13 **VICE CHAIRWOMAN KENNEDY:**  
14 Certainly. They are waiting for some clarification on some legal  
15 issue.

16  
17 **CLERK TASSONE:**  
18 I'm sorry. Legislator Fleming, can you use your microphone,  
19 please.

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21 **LEG. FLEMING:**  
22 So it came from the administration?

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24 **VICE CHAIRWOMAN KENNEDY:**  
25 I am guessing it came. That's what I just heard. It was a  
26 question last time. It's rated worth is \$90,000, and we're sending  
27 in -- selling it for \$500, so we had the question.

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29 **LEG. FLEMING:**  
30 Oh. So the question came from a Legislator? Just wondering who --

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32 **VICE CHAIRWOMAN KENNEDY:**  
33 It came from all of us.

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35 **LEG. FLEMING:**  
36 From the majority caucus?

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38 **VICE CHAIRWOMAN KENNEDY:**  
39 Yeah.

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41 **LEG. FLEMING:**  
42 Oh. Okay. I just wasn't aware.

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44 **VICE CHAIRWOMAN KENNEDY:**  
45 We just want to make sure that it's all good.

46  
47 **LEG. FLEMING:**  
48 No worries.

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50 **VICE CHAIRWOMAN KENNEDY:**  
51 And we're still waiting for an answer on that.

52  
53 **LEG. FLEMING:**  
54 Thank you.

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56 **VICE CHAIRWOMAN KENNEDY:**

1 So the tabling motion comes first. We have the motion. All in  
2 favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

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4 **CLERK TASSONE:**  
5 Four.

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7 **VICE CHAIRWOMAN KENNEDY:**  
8 So 1234 has been tabled.

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10 **1235, Authorizing certain technical corrections to Adopted**  
11 **Resolution No. 1002-2022. (Co. Exec.)** Do we have a motion?

12  
13 **LEG. BONTEMPI:**  
14 I'll make a motion.

15  
16 **VICE CHAIRWOMAN KENNEDY:**  
17 And you want that on the consent calendar? Okay. I'll make a  
18 second. So all in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

19  
20 **CLERK TASSONE:**  
21 Four.

22  
23 **VICE CHAIRWOMAN KENNEDY:**  
24 IR 1235 has been approved.

25  
26 **IR 1236, Authorizing certain technical corrections to Adopted**  
27 **Resolution No. 662-2022. (Co. Exec.)** I'll make a motion to approve  
28 and place on the consent calendar. Can I have a second?

29  
30 **LEG. BONTEMPI:**  
31 Second.

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33 **VICE CHAIRWOMAN KENNEDY:**  
34 Second by Legislator Bontempi.

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36 **LEG. BONTEMPI:**  
37 All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

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39 **CLERK TASSONE:**  
40 Four.

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42 **VICE CHAIRWOMAN KENNEDY:**  
43 IR 1236 has been approved.

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45 **IR 1237, Authorizing certain technical corrections to Adopted**  
46 **Resolution No. 802-2022. (Co. Exec.)** Can I have a motion?

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48 **LEG. ESTEBAN:**  
49 Motion to approve.

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51 **VICE CHAIRWOMAN KENNEDY:**  
52 And I'll make that second on that. All in favor? Opposed?  
53 Abstentions?

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55 **CLERK TASSONE:**  
56 Is this also on consent?

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2 **VICE CHAIRWOMAN KENNEDY:**  
3 Correct. Thank you, Mr. Clerk.

4  
5 **CLERK TASSONE:**  
6 Four.

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8 **VICE CHAIRWOMAN KENNEDY:**  
9 IR 1237 has been approved.

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11 **1238, Authorizing certain technical corrections to Adopted**  
12 **Resolution No. 990-2022. (Co. Exec.)** I'll make a motion to approve  
13 and place on the consent calendar. May I have a second?

14  
15 **LEG. BONTEMPI:**  
16 I'll second.

17  
18 **VICE CHAIRWOMAN KENNEDY:**  
19 Thank you, Legislator Bontempi. All in favor? Opposed?  
20 Abstentions?

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22 **CLERK TASSONE:**  
23 Four.

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25 **VICE CHAIRWOMAN KENNEDY:**  
26 And now we are on to **Introductory Resolution 1244, Adopting Local**  
27 **Law No. -2023, A Local Law to authorize conveyance of property**  
28 **previously taken for delinquent taxes (7 Branwood Drive, Dix Hills,**  
29 **S.C.T.M. No. 0400-245.00-03.00-025.000).** (Esteban) Can I have a  
30 motion?

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32 **LEG. ESTEBAN:**  
33 Motion to approve.

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35 **VICE CHAIRWOMAN KENNEDY:**  
36 Motion to table for public hearing. Is that okay?

37  
38 **LEG. ESTEBAN:**  
39 Yep.

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41 **VICE CHAIRWOMAN KENNEDY:**  
42 Can I have a second?

43  
44 **LEG. BONTEMPI:**  
45 I'll second.

46  
47 **VICE CHAIRWOMAN KENNEDY:**  
48 Thank you, Legislator Bontempi. All those in favor? Opposed?  
49 Abstentions?

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51 **CLERK TASSONE:**  
52 Four.

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54 **VICE CHAIRWOMAN KENNEDY:**  
55 Introductory Resolution 1244 has been tabled and that is for a  
56 public hearing.

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2 We have no procedural motions. We have no home rule messages, but  
3 we do have an executive session, which we are recessing for, so we  
4 are going to ask everyone to please step outside for a few moments.  
5

6 **LEG. FLEMING:**

7 I'll make a motion to recess for executive session for purposes of  
8 litigation.  
9

10 **VICE CHAIRWOMAN KENNEDY:**

11 Thank you. Second.  
12

13 **CLERK TASSONE:**

14 Four.  
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16 (The committee met in executive session  
17 from 12:46 p.m. to 1:34 p.m.)  
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19 **VICE CHAIRWOMAN KENNEDY:**

20 We will resume after executive session. The committee in executive  
21 session authorized settlement on the following matters: Number one  
22 plaintiffs one through 21, individually and on behalf of all  
23 similarly-situated persons verse the County of Suffolk et al  
24 settled for \$3.75 million. Number two, Nelson verse the County of  
25 Suffolk et al with a settlement of \$35,000. Number three, Thompson  
26 versus the County of Suffolk et al for a settlement of \$260,000.  
27 And for the record, Legislator Esteban recused himself in the  
28 matter of Thompson versus the County of Suffolk.  
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30 We have no tabled subject to call resolutions, and seeing no  
31 further business before this body, we are adjourned.  
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33 (The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.)  
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