

County of Albany

Harold L. Joyce
Albany County Office Building
112 State Street - Albany, NY 12207



Meeting Agenda

Thursday, January 6, 2022

6:30 PM

Held Remotely

County Legislature

Call to Order

Roll Call

ELECTION OF THE TEMPORARY CHAIR OF THE ALBANY COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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CURRENT BUSINESS:

1. APPOINTMENT OF THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE
2. APPOINTMENT OF THE FIRST DEPUTY CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE
3. APPOINTMENT OF THE MAJORITY COUNSEL AND DEPUTY MAJORITY COUNSEL OF THE LEGISLATURE
4. APPOINTMENT OF THE MINORITY COUNSEL OF THE LEGISLATURE
5. APPOINTMENT OF AN ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR TO THE ALTAMONT FAIR
6. APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER AND APPOINTMENT OF AN ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE STORMWATER COALITION OF ALBANY COUNTY
7. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE ALBANY COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSION
8. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE ALBANY COUNTY WATER PURIFICATION DISTRICT
9. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE ALBANY COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD
10. DESIGNATION OF NEWSPAPERS FOR PUBLICATION OF LEGAL NOTICES

Adjournment

RESOLUTION NO. 1

APPOINTMENT OF THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE

Introduced: 1/6/22

By A. Joyce:

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature, pursuant to the Albany County Charter that Necole Chambers, residing in the County of Albany, State of New York is hereby appointed Clerk of the Albany County Legislature for a term commencing January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2023, at a salary as appropriated in the Annual County Budget, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the County Legislature is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate County Officials.

RESOLUTION NO. 2

APPOINTMENT OF THE FIRST DEPUTY CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE

Introduced: 1/6/22

By A. Joyce:

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature, pursuant to the Albany County Charter that Paul T. Devane, residing in the County of Albany, State of New York is hereby appointed First Deputy Clerk of the Albany County Legislature for a term commencing January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2023, at a salary as appropriated in the Annual County Budget, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the County Legislature is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate County Officials.

RESOLUTION NO. 3

APPOINTMENT OF THE MAJORITY COUNSEL AND DEPUTY MAJORITY COUNSEL OF THE LEGISLATURE

Introduced: 1/6/22

By Mr. Feeney:

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature, pursuant to Article 2, Section 203 and 204 of the Albany County Charter, that the following named persons, residing in the County of Albany, State of New York are hereby appointed to the indicated positions at salaries set forth in the Annual County Budget for terms commencing January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2023:

Rebekah N. Kennedy, Majority Counsel
Brandon D. Russell, Deputy Majority Counsel

and, be it further

RESOLVED, That such individuals shall serve in said capacities as long as they enjoy the confidence of the Majority Leader, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the County Legislature is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate County Officials.

RESOLUTION NO. 4

APPOINTMENT OF THE MINORITY COUNSEL OF THE LEGISLATURE

Introduced: 1/6/22

By Mr. Mauriello:

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature, pursuant to Article 2, Section 203 and 204 of the Albany County Charter, that Arnis Zilgme, residing in the County of Albany, State of New York is hereby appointed to the position of Minority Counsel at a salary set forth in the Annual County Budget for a term commencing January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2023, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That such individual shall serve in said capacity as long as they enjoy the confidence of the Minority Leader, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the County Legislature is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate County Officials.

RESOLUTION NO. 5

APPOINTMENT OF AN ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR TO THE ALTAMONT FAIR

Introduced: 1/6/22

By Mr. A. Joyce:

WHEREAS, The Board of Directors of the Altamont Fair has requested that a Legislative representative be appointed to serve as an Associate Director for 2022, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that Chris Smith, Legislator from the 39nd District, is appointed as Associate Director of the Altamont Fair for 2022, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Legislature is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the Altamont Fair Manager and to the appropriate County Officials.

RESOLUTION NO. 6

**APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER AND APPOINTMENT OF AN
ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE STORMWATER COALITION OF
ALBANY COUNTY**

Introduced: 1/6/22

By Mr. Feeney:

WHEREAS, By Resolution No. 287 for 2008, this Honorable Body authorized Albany County's participation in an inter-municipal agreement with the Cities of Albany, Cohoes and Watervliet, the Towns of Bethlehem, Colonie, Guilderland and New Scotland and the Villages of Colonie, Green Island, Menands and Voorheesville to form a Stormwater Coalition, and

WHEREAS, The bylaws of the Stormwater Coalition establish a Board of Directors consisting of one representative from each member municipality selected by the governing body of that municipality, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that Lucas Rogers, residing in the City of Albany, New York, is hereby appointed as the Albany County representative on the Stormwater Coalition Board of Directors, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That Sameer Modasra, residing in Guilderland, New York, is hereby appointed the alternate Albany County representative on the Stormwater Coalition Board of Directors, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the County Legislature is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate County Officials.

James P. Melita

Albany, NY 12203

Education

Admitted to Practice: New York

Thomas M. Cooley Law School, Auburn Hills, MI, May 2009
Juris Doctor, Litigation Concentration, *Cum Laude*

Plattsburgh State University, Plattsburgh, NY, May 2005
Bachelor of Arts in Political Science/Economics, *Cum Laude*

Professional Experience

Town of Guilderland, Guilderland, NY, 2014 - Present

Guilderland Town Attorney

- Responsible to prosecute high volume traffic, Town Code, and Dangerous Dog proceedings within the Guilderland Town Court
- Defended the Town in Article 78 proceedings and Federal lawsuits
- Handle tax certiorari litigation matters for commercial and residential properties
- Advised members of all departments of the Town regarding various legal matters, including compliance, zoning, property acquisition, and contract disputes

James P. Melita, Esq. 2010 – Present

Attorney at Law

- Handle commercial and residential real estate transactions, including contract negotiations, review of title and drafting of all closing documents
- Trial experience
- Handle civil litigation matters from inception through trial, at the Supreme and Local Court levels, including depositions and motion practice
- Manage staff and business operations of busy law practice

Bayboy Properties, LLC, 2019 – Present

Member and Founder

- Established a portfolio of fourteen properties with a total of 38 apartments
- Handle negotiations and acquisition of all properties
- Manage daily operations associated with the portfolio

Rosicki, Rosicki & Associates, Fishkill, NY, 2010 - 2014

Associate Attorney

- Handled numerous foreclosure hearings
- Negotiated settlements in preliminary foreclosure conferences
- Drafted and reviewed pleadings for foreclosure matters
- Trained incoming associate attorneys

Volunteer Experience

Berkshire Farm Center & Services for Youth:

- Work to find local children in need a holiday sponsor through Berkshire Farms during the holiday season. Also, coordinate the receiving and delivery of gifts to hundreds of children
- Participate in Berkshire Farm fundraisers and sponsorships throughout the year.

Guilderland Ethics Board

- Acted as liaison between the Ethics Board and the Guilderland Town Board.

RESOLUTION NO. 7

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE ALBANY COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSION

Introduced: 1/6/22

By Mr. Feeney:

WHEREAS, The County of Albany has established an Ethics Commission by Local Law 8 for 2011, and

WHEREAS, Local Law 8 for 2011 provides that two (2) members shall be recommended for appointment by the Majority Leader of the County Legislature, one (1) member by the Minority Leader of the County Legislature, and two (2) members by the County Executive, and

WHEREAS, The term of Hon. Gerard E. Maney has expired, and he has expressed interest in being reappointed to serve on the Ethics Commission, and,

WHEREAS, A vacancy currently exists on the Ethics Commission, and

WHEREAS, The Majority Leader has recommended the Hon. Gerard E. Maney for reappointment to the Ethics Commission, and

WHEREAS, The Majority Leader has recommended that James Melita, who has expressed an interest to serve on the Ethics Commission, be appointed to fill said vacancy, now, therefore be it,

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that, pursuant to Local Law 8 for 2011, that Hon. Gerard E. Maney is hereby appointed to the Albany County Ethics Commission for a term commencing January 1, 2022 and expiring December 31, 2025, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That James Melita is hereby appointed to the Albany County Ethics Commission to fill the unexpired term of Hon. Joseph Teresi for a term commencing immediately and expiring December 31, 2022, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the County Legislature is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate County Officials and members of the Ethics Commission.

RESOLUTION NO. 8

**APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE ALBANY COUNTY WATER PURIFICATION DISTRICT**

Introduced: 1/6/22

By Mr. A. Joyce:

WHEREAS, Vacancies exists on the Board of Commissioners of the Albany County Water Purification District, and

WHEREAS, Maggie Alix has expressed an interest in serving on the Board of Commissioners, and

WHEREAS, Dennis Rigosu has served with distinction on the Board, and has expressed an interest in serving at the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature, pursuant to Section 261 of the County Law, that Maggie Alix is hereby appointed to the Board of Commissioners of the Albany County Water Purification District for the unexpired term of Hon. Sean Ward, commencing immediately and ending December 31, 2022, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That Dennis Rigosu is hereby appointed as Chairman of the Board to conduct meetings generally in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the County Legislature is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate County Officials.

Maggie A. Alix

EDUCATION:

Siena College, Loudonville, NY
BA in Sociology, Minor in Health Studies, May 2003

EXPERIENCE:

Executive Assistant to the Mayor, *Village of Green Island*, Green Island, NY, October 2020 – Present

- Manage the day-to-day operations of the Village of Green Island.
- Represent the Village by participating in committees and meetings with external agencies.
- Oversee staff, the budget, expenditures and payroll.
- Perform executive administrative functions, including grant writing, capital project, and public relations.
- Act as a liaison between the general public, community organizations and the Mayor.

Director, Real Property Tax Service Agency, *County of Albany*, Albany, NY, August 2018 – October 2020

- Process applications for corrections of errors on town, county, school and village tax rolls.
- Prepare and maintain tax maps. Copies are provided to municipalities annually.
- Review and process all recorded deeds, survey and subdivision maps. Provide assessors with all pertinent information to update assessment rolls.
- Assist in the training of Assessors.
- Provide training and administrative support to Boards of Assessment Review (BAR) members.
- Provide assistance and information to the public regarding Real Property Tax matters.

Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector, *Village of Green Island*, Green Island, NY, October 2012 – Present

- Enforce the NYS Code for new construction, building rehabilitation, fire safety and property maintenance.
- Issue permits and perform all necessary inspections for building projects.
- Enforce the Code of the Village of Green Island and the Zoning Code.
- Partake in the review of all Planning Board requests.
- Handle complaints in regard to violations of the NYS Code and quality of life.
- Manage the department budget.

Director of Parks & Recreation, *Village of Green Island*, Green Island, NY, November 2004-Present

- Responsible for daily operations of the department.
- Interview, hire and evaluate approximately forty summer employees based on performance and attitude.
- Develop, organize and execute annual community events (Summer Program, Halloween Parade, Memorial Day Parade, CYO Basketball, Men's Basketball League, Basketball Camp, Soccer Camp, Family Day, etc.).
- Provide a safe, clean and fun environment for the patrons at Village facilities.
- Manage the department budget.

Sole Appointed Assessor, *Village/Town of Green Island*, Green Island, NY, November 2005-2018, and October 2020 - Present

- Maintain the assessment roll.
- Keep physical descriptions, inventory, and estimate the value of all real property.
- Evaluate and administer property tax exemptions.
- Provide the necessary information to formulate the tax roll (School District, County/Town, Village tax rolls).
- Establish and maintain effective public relations.
- Manage the department budget.

Senior Policy Analyst, Albany County Legislature, Office of the Chairman, Albany, NY, February 2016 – 2018

- Establish criteria for the Internship Program, evaluate applications, conduct interviews and provide oversight.
- Release community grant opportunities, review applications and provide feedback.
- Provide guidance to the Albany County Ethics Commission
- Organize and implement various special events at the request of the Chairman.
- Work collaboratively with the staff of the Legislature to provide the Legislators with the necessities to represent the constituents of Albany County.

COMPUTER SKILLS:

Windows, Microsoft Works, Word, Excel, Power Point, RPSV4. Knowledge of the Internet and Social Media.

ADDITIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE:

- Intern, *Stratton Veteran's Memorial Hospital*, Albany, NY, January 2003-May 2003
- Legislative Intern, *Albany County Legislature, Majority Council Office*, Albany, NY, May 2002 – August 2002

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE:

- Board Member, *NYS Assessor's Association Executive Board*, October 2015 – Present
 - Legislative Committee Chairperson, 2018 –Present
 - Ethics Committee Chairperson, 2017 – 2018
 - Membership Committee Chairperson, 2017-2018
 - Mentoring Committee Chairperson, 2016-2017
 - Memorial Committee Chairperson, 2015-2016
- Board of Directors, *Albany-Schenectady County Assessor's Association*, 2015-Present
- Secretary/Treasurer, *Albany-Schenectady County Assessor's Association*, 2012-2015
- President, *Albany-Schenectady County Assessor's Association*, January 2008-2012
- Member, *Albany County Stormwater Coalition*, January 2007 – Present
- Member, *Albany Pool Communities Corporation Board*, 2015 – Present
- Member, *Albany Pool Communities Intermunicipal Agreement Board*, 2015- Present
- Member on behalf of Chairman Sean Ward, *Capital District Transportation Committee*, February 2016-2018
- Treasurer, *Green Island Industrial Development Agency*, 2007-Present
- President of the Board of Directors, *Green Island Senior Citizens, Inc.*, July 2007-Present
- Director, *Green Island Food Pantry*, December 2006 –Present
- Coach, *Green Island CYO Basketball*, November 2017-2019
- Modified Basketball Coach, *Heatly High School*, November 2003 – February 2016
- Member, *Rensselaer County Chamber of Commerce Leadership Institute, Class of 2009*, September 2008

References Upon Request

RESOLUTION NO. 9

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE ALBANY COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD

Introduced: 1/6/22

By Mr. A. Joyce:

WHEREAS, Legislators William Reinhardt and Matthew Miller have served with distinction as representative on the Albany County Soil and Water Conservation District Board and have indicated their interest in continuing to serve on the Board, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That in accordance with Sections 6 and 7 of the New York State Soil and Water Conservation Districts Law and Section 2506 of the Albany County Charter, the Albany County Legislature hereby appoints the Legislators William Reinhardt and Matthew Miller to the Albany County Soil and Water Conservation District Board as legislative representatives for terms commencing immediately and ending December 31, 2022, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the County Legislature is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate County Officials.

RESOLUTION NO. 10

DESIGNATION OF NEWSPAPERS FOR PUBLICATION OF LEGAL NOTICES

Introduced: 1/6/22

By Mr. A. Joyce:

WHEREAS, By virtue of the provisions of County Law §214, the Albany County Legislature is responsible to designate official newspapers for the publication of legal notices, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature, pursuant to the provisions of County Law §214, that THE EVANGELIST and THE TIMES UNION are hereby designated as the official newspapers during the year 2022 for the publication of local laws, notices and other matters required by law to be published, at fees to be paid at a rate no greater than those authorized by Public Officers Law §70-a, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the County Legislature is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate County Officials.