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NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

NORMA GONSALVES,
Presiding Officer

MINORITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

NORMA GONSALVES,
Chairwoman

1550 Franklin Avenue
Mineola, New York

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A P P E A R A N C E S :

NORMA GONSALVES,
Chairwoman

ROSEMARIE WALKER,
Vice-Chairwoman

DENNIS DUNNE

JOSEPH BELESI (substituted by
Vincent Muscarella)

ROBERT TROIANO,
Ranking

JUDY JACOBS

CARRIE SOLAGES (substituted by
Legislator Bosworth)

WILLIAM J. MULLER,
Clerk of the Legislature

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LIST OF SPEAKERS

GREG MAY, Director of Legislative Affairs..7

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2 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Calling to
3 order the Minority Affairs Committee. Mr.
4 Muller.

5 CLERK MULLER: Is someone
6 substituting for Legislator Solages?

7 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Yes.
8 Legislator Bosworth.

9 CLERK MULLER: Legislator
10 Bosworth substituting for Legislator
11 Solages?

12 LEGISLATOR BOSWORTH: Here.

13 CLERK MULLER: Legislator Jacobs?

14 LEGISLATOR JACOBS: Here.

15 CLERK MULLER: Ranking Member
16 Troiano?

17 LEGISLATOR TROIANO: Here.

18 CLERK MULLER: Legislator
19 Muscarella substituting for Legislator
20 Belesi?

21 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Here.

22 CLERK MULLER: Legislator Dunne?

23 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: Here.

24 CLERK MULLER: Vice Chairwoman
25 Walker?

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2 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Here.

3 CLERK MULLER: Chairwoman
4 Gonsalves?

5 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Present.

6 CLERK MULLER: We have a quorum.

7 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I need a
8 motion to suspend the rules, please.

9 LEGISLATOR WALKER: So moved.

10 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: Second.

11 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
12 Rose Walker, seconded by Dennis Dunne. All
13 those in favor of suspending the rules,
14 signify by saying aye.

15 (Aye.)

16 Any opposed?

17 (No verbal response.)

18 The rules are suspended. And we
19 have one item which is going to be amended,
20 however, again, we need to have a motion in
21 the nature of a substitution. All right.
22 The Item is 514-12. We need a motion to put
23 the item on the floor.

24 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

25 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Second.

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2 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
3 Dennis Dunne, seconded by Rose Walker. I
4 need an amendment in the nature of a
5 substitution for this item. The amendment
6 changes the appointee from Fazlul Haq Syed
7 to Doctor Husman Kan Far. Motion to amend
8 the item.

9 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: So moved.

10 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Second.

11 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
12 Legislator Muscarella, seconded by Rose
13 Walker. Now, for the item as amended.
14 That's the one I just read. Changes the
15 appointee from Fazlul Haq Syed to Dr. Husman
16 Kan Fa. Any legislators have any questions?
17 Go ahead, Judi.

18 LEGISLATOR BOSWORTH: We have 514
19 and 595 and both the gentlemen that you've
20 mentioned are up for being appointed but
21 you're substituting one for the other?

22 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: The item,
23 we had to amend it. The amended item was
24 Dr. Kan Far in place of Fazlul Haq Syed.
25 Now, that's -- we're voting on Dr. Kan Far.

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2 That's the first one. We're not ready for
3 the second one yet. You got it, Judi?
4 Because it's very easy to get confused here.
5 Mr. May.

6 MR. MAY: I was just making
7 myself available to explain the discrepancy.

8 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I don't
9 believe the candidate is here but probably
10 will be here at the full leg. So if there
11 are any questions, I don't know who you're
12 going to ask them of.

13 Judi, here's the story. One is
14 Dr. Kan Far, is going to human rights, not
15 to the minority affairs council. So that's
16 who we are voting for, Dr. Kan Far to go to
17 human rights.

18 LEGISLATOR BOSWORTH: So he's
19 filling the vacancy?

20 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Yes.

21 LEGISLATOR BOSWORTH: So whose
22 vacancy is he filling?

23 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Do you
24 know?

25 MR. MAY: Just a second.

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2 Minority affairs was the additional
3 appointment.

4 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: So he's
5 filling the vacancy I assume then.

6 MR. MAY: My records indicate
7 that that seat was just vacant. It doesn't
8 include who is being replaced. I believe
9 that seat was vacant for quite some time
10 now.

11 I can go back and look and see
12 who expired, either their term expired or if
13 they had -- the term expires every year. I
14 think it's a three year staggered term.
15 There had been a vacancy on the board for
16 quite a while that we're filling. I can go
17 back and find out who exactly they are
18 replacing.

19 LEGISLATOR BOSWORTH: Mr. May, we
20 can have that information at full leg.

21 MR. MAY: Absolutely.

22 LEGISLATOR BOSWORTH: Thank you.

23 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Any other
24 legislators? It's been suggested, Mr. May,
25 that in the future, if there is filling a

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2 vacancy, whose position it was and when did
3 the term expire.

4 MR. MAY: Absolutely. We've
5 begun doing that for most of the vacancies.
6 We have begun doing that for most of the
7 vacancies. I believe this vacancy just went
8 further back into our records than we have
9 the individual for that seat, but we will
10 absolutely do that from here on out.

11 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Thank you
12 very much. All those in favor of Dr. Kan
13 Far appointed to the Human Rights Commission
14 please signify by saying aye.

15 (Aye.)

16 Any opposed?

17 (No verbal response.)

18 The motion carries unanimously.
19 Now, Item 595-12, a resolution to confirm,
20 now here comes the other one, the county
21 executive's appointment of Fazlul Haq Syed
22 to the Minority Affairs Council. This poor
23 man has been around here for at least two
24 months waiting.

25 By the way, this is an additional

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2 appointee, not filling a vacancy. Motion,
3 please.

4 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

5 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Second.

6 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
7 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator
8 Walker. Any questions regarding Haq Syed's
9 appointment to the Minority Affairs Council?
10 Legislator Bosworth.

11 LEGISLATOR BOSWORTH: And maybe
12 the information is here and I don't see it,
13 but is there a time when this term expires?

14 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I don't
15 believe they expire.

16 LEGISLATOR BOSWORTH: They don't
17 expire, it just continues on?

18 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I guess
19 they serve at the pleasure of the county
20 executive.

21 LEGISLATOR BOSWORTH: Thank you.

22 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Is there
23 any public comment?

24 (No verbal response.)

25 There being none, all those in

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2 favor of appointing Fazlul Haq Syed to the
3 Minority Affairs Council indicate by saying
4 aye.

5 (Aye.)

6 Any opposed?

7 (No verbal response.)

8 The motion carries. May I have a
9 motion to adjourn, please?

10 LEGISLATOR WALKER: So moved.

11 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: Second.

12 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
13 Legislator Walker, seconded by Legislator
14 Dunne. All those in favor of adjourning the
15 Minority Affairs Committee indicate by
16 saying aye.

17 (Aye.)

18 Any opposed?

19 (No verbal response.)

20 The motion carries. Now we are
21 going to the next one, finance, and, Mr.
22 Nicoletto, it's your time.

23 (Whereupon, the Minority Affairs
24 Committee adjourned at 4:28 p.m.)

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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, FRANK GRAY, a Shorthand Reporter and Notary Public in and for the State of New York, do hereby stated:

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FRANK GRAY