

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25

NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

FULL LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
(Reconvened from August 5, 2013)

NORMA GONSALVES,
Presiding Officer

1550 Franklin Avenue
Mineola, New York

Thursday, December 19, 2013
5:24 p.m.

1

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

3

4 NORMA GONSALVES,
Presiding Officer

5

6 RICHARD NICOLELLO,
Deputy Presiding Officer

6

7 HOWARD KOPEL,
Alternate Deputy Presiding Officer

8

MICHAEL VENDITTO

9

DENISE FORD

10

JOSEPH SCANNELL

11

FRANCIS X. BECKER

12

VINCENT MUSCARELLA

13

JUDI BOSWORTH

14

WAYNE WINK

15

ROBERT TROIANO

16

17 KEVAN ABRAHAMS,
Minority Leader

17

18 ROSE MARIE WALKER

18

19 JOSEPH BELESI

19

20 DENNIS DUNNE

20

21 JUDITH JACOBS

21

22 DAVID DENENBERG

22

23 DELIA DERIGGI-WHITTON

23

24 CARRIE SOLAGES

24

25 WILLIAM J. MULLER, III
Clerk of the Legislature

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25

LIST OF SPEAKERS

ALPHONZO ALBRIGHT 5

1 Full Legislature/12-19-13

2 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I'm
3 reconvening the August 5th legislative
4 meeting, August 5th, 2013. The only items
5 that remain from that meeting had to do with
6 the Board of Visitors.

7 So I'm going to call each one
8 separately. The first item is Item 49,
9 Clerk Item 560-12. It's a resolution
10 appointing Alphonzo Albright to the Board of
11 Visitors.

12 A motion, please.

13 LEGISLATOR FORD: So moved.

14 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Second.

15 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
16 Legislator Ford, seconded by Legislator
17 Walker. At this time there is an amendment
18 in the nature of a substitution and the
19 amendment is the date of expiration which is
20 May 12th, 2014.

21 A motion, please, to accept the
22 amendment.

23 LEGISLATOR FORD: So moved.

24 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: Second.

25 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by

1 Full Legislature/12-19-13
2 Legislator Ford, seconded by Legislator
3 Dunne. All those in favor of the amendment
4 signify by saying aye.

5 (Aye.)

6 The item is amended. I have to
7 say God bless you, Alphonzo, because you
8 have been very, very patient sitting here
9 for the entire afternoon. I know that
10 you've been eagerly awaiting for this
11 moment, I think.

12 He's right before us, so if
13 anyone has questions of Alphonzo, please do
14 so. Would you like to say something,
15 Alphonzo? Tell us a little about yourself.

16 MR. ALBRIGHT: Okay. My name is
17 Alphonzo Albright. I have been in
18 government for the last 24 years. I started
19 my career in law enforcement in New York
20 City in 1989. I started as a probation
21 officer trainee. From there I became a
22 branch chief, then the assistant
23 commissioner. From there I worked in the
24 warrant unit. I did some intelligence in
25 New York City.

1 Full Legislature/12-19-13

2 After that I became the CIO
3 deputy commissioner for New York City
4 Department of Probation and Corrections.
5 Then, after that, I was promoted to Deputy
6 Commissioner of Administration which I had
7 information technology training, admin
8 services, fleet facilities, alumni of
9 Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School
10 of Government. I also attended Lincoln
11 University, first black college in the
12 United States.

13 So I have a strong background in
14 public safety and administration and
15 government. And I hail from Long Beach,
16 New York.

17 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Legislator
18 Ford, go ahead.

19 LEGISLATOR FORD: Alphonzo, I
20 have to thank you very much. Like the
21 presiding officer said, your patience is
22 unbelievable. It just shows your strength
23 and character. And this has been a long
24 time coming, and I do have to say that,
25 Alphonzo, when I first met him, I was

1 Full Legislature/12-19-13
2 immediately impressed with his background,
3 his work experience, and he was highly
4 recommended by members of our City of Long
5 Beach, many active members in our community,
6 and he comes with not only a great resume, a
7 great background, but a lot of support from
8 a lot of people in our neighborhood.

9 I have to say that the Long Beach
10 thing is really the most important thing. I
11 think you will be a great asset and help
12 with a lot of these situations over at the
13 jail. Thank you for wanting to serve.

14 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Any other
15 comments from the legislators?

16 (No verbal response.)

17 Is there any public comment?

18 (No verbal response.)

19 There being none, all those in
20 favor of the appointment of Alphonzo
21 Albright to the Board of Visitors of the
22 Correctional Center signify by saying aye.

23 (Aye.)

24 Any opposed?

25 (No verbal response.)

1 Full Legislature/12-19-13

2 It's 16 to zero.

3 Congratulations, and thank you very much for
4 your willingness to serve and I wish you the
5 best for the holiday season and the best in
6 the new year.

7 MR. ALBRIGHT: Thank you.

8 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Thank you.

9 Next item is Calendar Item 51,
10 Clerk Item 167-13, the appointment of
11 Michael N. Califano to the Board of
12 Visitors.

13 A motion, please.

14 LEGISLATOR WALKER: So moved.

15 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Second.

16 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
17 Legislator Walker, seconded by Legislator
18 Muscarella. We need an amendment in the
19 nature of a substitution and that comes with
20 the term in which he is to serve and that
21 term is May 12, 2016.

22 A motion, please.

23 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

24 LEGISLATOR VENDITTO: Second.

25 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by

1 Full Legislature/12-19-13

2 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator
3 Venditto. Any questions regarding that
4 amendment?

5 (No verbal response.)

6 Is there any public comment?

7 (No verbal response.)

8 There being none, all those in
9 favor of the amendment signify by saying
10 aye.

11 (Aye.)

12 Any opposed?

13 (No verbal response.)

14 Now, the item as amended, and
15 that's the appointment of Michael N.
16 Califano to the Board of Visitors. All
17 those in favor of appointing Michael N.
18 Califano to the Board of Visitors signify by
19 saying aye.

20 (Aye.)

21 Any opposed?

22 (No verbal response.)

23 Once again we have 16 to zero.

24 The next item is Item 52, Clerk
25 Item 168-13, the appointment of Lee Campo to

1 Full Legislature/12-19-13
2 the Board of Visitors, and, by the way, Mr.
3 Califano I believe was here earlier, and I
4 know Mr. Campo was here on the 5th and spent
5 a great deal of time and we never called the
6 item. So, if there are any questions
7 regarding the appointment.

8 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

9 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Second.

10 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
11 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator
12 Muscarella. Any questions or comments
13 regarding Lee Campo being appointed to the
14 Board of Visitors?

15 LEGISLATOR WINK: Madam Presiding
16 Officer?

17 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Legislator
18 Wink.

19 LEGISLATOR WINK: On behalf of
20 the caucus, we are going to be casting a few
21 no votes, I'm not saying which ones
22 specifically, but, to the extent that we
23 believe there a number of very very well
24 qualified people who have been pushing for
25 the Board of Visitors for a matter of years

1 Full Legislature/12-19-13
2 before this body and otherwise. We believe
3 that some of them should have been given an
4 opportunity, so if you hear no votes on any
5 particular individuals, it's with that goal
6 in mind that we believe that there are
7 people who should be on this board.

8 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Understood.
9 So we are on the appointment of Lee Campo.

10 I asked for a motion to amend.
11 The motion to put it on the floor, the item
12 is the appointment of Lee Campo to the Board
13 of Visitors.

14 A motion, please.

15 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

16 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Second.

17 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
18 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator
19 Muscarella. So this requires an amendment
20 as well. So I need an amendment in the
21 nature of a substitution to amend the term
22 to May 12, 2014.

23 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: So moved.

24 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: Second.

25 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Amended by

1 Full Legislature/12-19-13
2 Legislator Muscarella, seconded by
3 Legislator Dunne. All those in favor of the
4 amendment signify by saying aye.

5 (Aye.)

6 Any opposed?

7 (Nay.)

8 The amendment passes 10 to 6.

9 Now, on the motion as amended, that's the
10 appointment of Lee Campo to the Board of
11 Visitors all those in favor signify by
12 saying aye.

13 (Aye.)

14 Any opposed?

15 (Nay.)

16 Again, the item passes 10 to 6.

17 Next item is Calendar Item 53,
18 Clerk Item 169-13, the appointment of Helen
19 Mettinis to the Board of Visitors.

20 A motion, please.

21 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

22 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Second.

23 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
24 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator
25 Muscarella. This appoint is also amended.

1 Full Legislature/12-19-13

2 So we need an amendment in the nature of a
3 substitution.

4 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

5 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Second.

6 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: So we have
7 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator
8 Venditto. And the term of office will
9 expire as of May 12th, 2016. Any questions
10 regarding that?

11 (No verbal response.)

12 Is there any public comment?

13 (No verbal response.)

14 There being none, all those in
15 favor of the amendment signify by saying
16 aye.

17 (Aye.)

18 Any opposed?

19 (Nay.)

20 So we have 10-6 again.

21 Now, the item as amended, the
22 appointment of Helen Mettinis to the Board
23 of Visitors. All those in favor of the item
24 as amended signify by saying aye.

25 (Aye.)

1 Full Legislature/12-19-13

2 Any opposed?

3 (Nay.)

4 The item passes 10 to 6.

5 Next item is Calendar Item 54,
6 the appointment of Richard Bivone to the
7 Board of Visitors at the Correctional
8 Center.

9 A motion, please.

10 LEGISLATOR WALKER: So moved.

11 LEGISLATOR FORD: Second.

12 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
13 Legislator Walker, seconded by Legislator
14 Ford. Now, I'm offering another amendment
15 in the nature of a substitution which will
16 effect the term of office to May 12, 2014.

17 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

18 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Second.

19 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
20 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator
21 Walker. All those in favor of the amendment
22 signify by saying aye?

23 (Aye.)

24 Any opposed?

25 (No verbal response.)

1 Full Legislature/12-19-13

2 So the amendment passes. Now,
3 the item as amended. All those in favor of
4 appointing Richard Bivone to the Board of
5 Visitors signify by saying aye.

6 (Aye.)

7 Any opposed?

8 (No verbal response.)

9 Item passes 16 to zero.

10 We have one more item, Calendar
11 Item 55, Clerk Item 171-13, the appointment
12 of Dr. Philip Elliot to the Board of
13 Visitors. Let me put the item on the floor,
14 that's the appointment of Dr. Philip Elliot
15 to the Board of Visitors at the Correctional
16 Center.

17 A motion, please.

18 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

19 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Second.

20 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
21 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator
22 Walker. Now, again, I have to offer an
23 amendment in the nature of a substitution
24 and that relates to his term which would
25 expire May 12, 2016.

1 Full Legislature/12-19-13

2 A motion, please.

3 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

4 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Second.

5 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
6 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator
7 Walker. All those in favor of the amendment
8 signify by saying aye.

9 (Aye.)

10 Any opposed?

11 (No verbal response.)

12 The amendment passes unanimously.

13 Then we have the item as amended, the
14 appointment of Dr. Philip Elliot to the
15 Correctional Center Board of Visitors. All
16 those in favor signify by saying aye.

17 (Aye.)

18 Any opposed?

19 (No verbal response.)

20 The appointment of Dr. Phillip
21 Elliot passes 16 to zero.

22 Now we can close this meeting.

23 Let's adjourn the August 5th meeting.

24 A motion, please.

25 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

1 Full Legislature/12-19-13

2 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Second.

3 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
4 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator
5 Walker. All those in favor of closing the
6 meeting, signify by saying aye.

7 (Aye.)

8 Listen carefully everybody out
9 there and on this dais, have a very happy
10 holiday and a Merry Christmas.

11 (Whereupon, the Full Legislative
12 Committee adjourned at 5:37 p.m.)

13

14

15

16

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

24

25

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25

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:

THAT I attended at the time and place above mentioned and took stenographic record of the proceedings in the above-entitled matter;

THAT the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate transcript of the same and the whole thereof, according to the best of my ability and belief.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 10th day of January, 2014.

FRANK GRAY