

VETERANS & CONSUMER AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
OF THE
SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE
MINUTES

A meeting of the Veterans & Consumer Affairs Committee of the Suffolk County Legislature was held via Zoom video-conferencing in the Rose Y. Caracappa Legislative Auditorium of the William H. Rogers Legislature Building, 725 Veterans Memorial Highway, Smithtown, New York on June 14, 2021.

Members Present:

Legislator Susan A. Berland - Chairperson
Legislator Sarah Anker - Vice Chair
Legislator Nick Caracappa
Legislator Bridget Fleming
Legislator Samuel Gonzalez
Legislator Leslie Kennedy
Legislator Al Krupski
Legislator Anthony Piccirillo

Also in Attendance:

Presiding Officer Robert Calarco/7th Legislative District
Dan DuBois - Deputy Clerk/Suffolk County Legislature
Sarah Simpson - Counsel/Suffolk County Legislature
Derek Stein - Presiding Officer's Office

Minutes Taken By:

Gabrielle Severs - Court Stenographer

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2 (The meeting was called to order at 1:09 p.m.)
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4 **CHAIRWOMAN BERLAND:**

5 Good afternoon, everybody. Welcome to the Veterans and Consumer
6 Affairs committee meeting for June 14. Well, some say it's the
7 13th and some say it's the 14th, so what day is today? It is the
8 14, June 14th. Please rise and join Legislator Krupski in the
9 Pledge.

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11 (Pledge of Allegiance)
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13 If everybody could please remain standing for a moment of silence.
14 This June 28 will mark the 16th anniversary of Operation Red Wings,
15 one of the darkest days in the history of the Navy Seals. On that
16 fateful day in 2005, 19 of our nation's bravest lost their lives
17 defending our freedom on the war on terrorism including Navy Seal
18 Lieutenant Michael Murphy of Patchogue. I ask that we keep these
19 U.S. soldiers who perished in that mission and their families and
20 friends in your thoughts and prayers. May we forever remember
21 their heroic efforts and the sacrifices they made to defend our
22 freedoms.
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24 Last week on June 12, we recognized Women Veterans Appreciation Day
25 in Suffolk County. I ask if you haven't seen the celebration we
26 had on the 11th, please go on the county website and view it. It
27 was a tremendous day. We have to remember, honor, celebrate, and
28 thank all of our female veterans who have valiantly served or are
29 actively serving in our United States Armed Forces. May we also
30 keep in our thoughts and prayers those who are currently serving at
31 home and abroad and remember all the veterans we lost to Covid 19
32 at the Long Island State Veterans Home, across Suffolk County and
33 across the nation.
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35 (Moment of Silence Observed)
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37 **LEG. BERLAND:**

38 Okay. Thank you. Please be seated. Okay. We are conducting
39 meetings at the legislature, and they are hybrid meetings, so if
40 you can come to the Legislature you are allowed to now participate
41 for in-person public portion. If you are not available to come in
42 person, then you can also Zoom with us or call us or send us an
43 e-mail. That being said, I don't believe we have any speakers; is
44 that correct?
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46 **MR. DUBOIS:**

47 That is correct.
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49 **CHAIRWOMAN BERLAND:**

50 Thank you, Mr. Clerk. There are no speakers. We have only one
51 piece of business today, a tabled resolution which is resolution
52 **1184, Adopting Local Law No. -2021, A Local Law to cap fees charged**
53 **by third-party food delivery services during certain emergency**
54 **situations. (Hahn)** I have been asked by the sponsor to table this
55 one more time. She is making some changes. I'll make a motion to
56 table. Do I have a second? Seconded by Legislator Caracappa.

1 Roll call.

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3 (The roll was called by Mr. DuBois.)

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5 **CHAIRWOMAN BERLAND:**

6 Yes.

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8 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**

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11 **LEG. ANKER:**

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14 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

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17 **LEG. FLEMING:**

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20 **LEG. PICIRILLO:**

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23 **LEG. GONZALEZ:**

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26 **LEG. KENNEDY:**

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29 **MR. DUBOIS:**

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32 **CHAIRWOMAN BERLAND:**

33 The motion is tabled.

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35 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

36 Madam Chair, if I could for the good of the committee.

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38 **CHAIRWOMAN BERLAND:**

39 Yes, please.

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41 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

42 I would just like to say that you had the recognition of the female
43 veterans last week, and it was a very good program, and I just
44 wanted to thank you on the record for doing that. I think it meant
45 a lot to a lot of people, and it was certainly the right thing to
46 do.

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48 **LEG. BERLAND:**

49 Thank you very much, Legislator Krupski. It was a beautiful event,
50 great women. Our female veterans are just an incredible group of
51 ladies, and, like I said, if you haven't had a chance to watch the
52 video, please go on the county website and view it from current
53 service to World War II is just an incredible group of ladies.
54 Thank you very much, Legislator Krupski.

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56 Any other business before the committee today? Seeing none,

1 everybody, we stand adjourned. Have a great day, and go thank a
2 veteran.

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4 (The meeting was adjourned at 1:12 p.m.)
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