

Families Task Force

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Thursday, February 2, 2023

10:00 AM

Committee Room

CALL TO ORDER

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Chairwoman Catherine Borgia will be participating remotely from Clear View School and Day Treatment Center, 480 Albany Post Road, Briarcliff, NY, 10510

Legislator Nancy Barr opened the meeting.

GUESTS: State Sentaor Devin Levenberg, Terry Kirschner, Rachel Estroff, Terry Brennan, Kemi Pogue, Iris Weintraub-Lachaud, John Befus, Susan Weisman, Shirley Acevedo-Buontempo, Carola Bracco, Shelby McIlroy, Jessie, Verena Arnabal, Jennifer Ryan Safsel, Stan Sheppard, Maryanne Joyce, Nancy Tunis, Lisa Urban, Jan Fisher, Thomas Sullivan, Rcahel Halperin, Janet Fry,

BOL: Legislaror Damon Maher, Legislator Jewel Williams Johnson,

MINUTES APPROVAL

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Discussion of 2023 State Priorities

Guests:

Assemblyman Steven Otis

Assemblywoman Dana Levenberg

Chief of Staff to Senator Shelley Mayer - Rachel Estroff

Chief of Staff to Senator Pete Harckham - Brian Pugh

Legislative Aid to Assemblywoman Amy Paulin -Shelbi McIlroy

Legislator Nancy Barr and Co Chair Kathy Halas invited State representatives to the meeting to discuss their legislative priorities.

After introductions Legislator Barr relayed the Families Task Force priorities for the year including mental health, immigration, transportation and right to counsel to name a few.

Subsequently each guest conveyed their offices 2023 priorities beginning with Assemblywoman Levenberg. She said her office is focused on building healthy communities that are environmentally, economically, mentally and physically healthy through a lens of equity. She is also focused on Criminal Justice because of Sing Sing and the decommissioning of Indian Point.

Rachel discussed Senator Mayer's priorities such as education and housing. The Senators office would also like community feedback and input.

Shelby McIlroy spoke about Senator Amy Paulin. As the new Health Committee chair, Senator Paulin is in listening mode and in the stage of hearing from people especially on affordable housing. She also affirmed that Assemblywoman wants to fund statewide Pre-k.

Lisa Urban from Assemblyman Steve Otis office provided information about the budget hearings. She also mentioned the office's involvement with tech and education which encompasses cyber security and digital inclusion.

Brian Pugh spoke on behalf of the office of Pete Harckham who is the Chair of the committee on Environment and Environment Conservation. He has passed 23 significant bills on a number of topics and like other offices, they are currently in listening mode during budget season.

Iris Weintraub spoke on behalf of Chris Burdick's office. She echoed other office sentiments for those trying to listen. Many of his committees have strong intersection and overlap as he tries to combat these issues. She made special mention of housing and transitional housing for those returning to society as particular points of interests.

Legislator Maher made comments about the current housing plans and the different entities that have interests in which direction the housing plans will go.

Assemblyman Steve Otis addressed the FTF members and guests addressing his priorities for the year. Some of the issues he's working on are the digital inclusion initiatives, childcare and education.

There was conversations from the Legislator Nancy Barr, Legislator Damon Maher and other members of the committee addressing specific concerns they are looking to bring attention to at the state level.

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

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