

Ways & Means Committee Regular Meeting Minutes

DATE & TIME: July 9, 2018 – 3:00
LOCATION: KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building,
244 Fair Street, Kingston, NY
PRESIDING OFFICER: Richard Gerentine, Chairman
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Amber Feaster
PRESENT: Legislators Laura Petit (arrived at 6:01 PM), Lynn Archer,
Tracey Bartels, Mary Beth Maio, and Joseph Maloney
ABSENT: Legislators Craig V. Lopez, and James F. Maloney
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes
OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislators Kathy Nolan, and Hector Rodriguez; Dean Rylewicz,
Purchasing

- **Chairman Gerentine called the meeting to order at 3:07 PM**
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Motion No. 1: To authorize Legislators Kathy Nolan and Hector Rodriguez to attend Executive Session

Motion Made By: Legislator Bartels
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maloney (Joseph)
Discussion: None
Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Archer, Bartels, Maio, and Joseph Maloney
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 5
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 2: To enter into executive session for the purpose of conducting interviews for the External Analysis of the Executive Recommended Budget

Motion Made By: Legislator Bartels
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maio
Discussion: None
Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Archer, Bartels, Maio and Joseph Maloney
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 5
No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 3: To exit executive session

Motion Made By: Legislator Bartels
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Archer

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Archer, Bartels, Maio and Joseph Maloney
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 5
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Approved

Chairman Gerentine disclosed that no decision was made during executive session.

Motion No. 4: To contract with The Benjamin Center For Public Policy Initiatives at SUNY New Paltz for the External Analysis of the Executive Recommended Budget

Motion Made By: Legislator Maloney (Joseph)
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Bartels

Discussion: Chairman Gerentine explained that this was a very difficult decision as each of the firms interviewed were impressive. Committee members expressed agreement that The Benjamin Center possesses a unique expertise amongst other appealing qualities. Committee members clarified that the contract is for a three (3) year term with two (2) identical options to renew for a one (1) year period. Discussion pursued on the Legislature's ability to terminate the contract if the Center is unable to provide a level of detail and context that is expected. The Legislative Fiscal Analyst encouraged Committee members to express any discontent with the services received with her so that adjustments can be made prior to discussion of terminating the contractual agreement. Legislator Bartels expressed that she believes its a good change to go with a different type of vendor but that she can imagine a scenario where a deeper financial analysis is desired, encouraging Committee members to consider the possibility of obtaining a 5-year plan or a specific financial analysis as a separate service in the future. Legislator Archer was in agreement, stating that as members of the Legislature gain insight from this relationship, a

better idea of the specific services which would be beneficial will become clearer.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Petit, Archer, Bartels, Maio, and Joseph Maloney
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 6
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Approved

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Chairman Gerentine asked if there was any other business or questions. There being no further business before the Committee, a motion was made to adjourn.

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Bartels
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maloney (Joseph)
No. of Votes in Favor: 6
No. of Votes Against: 0

Time: 6:03 PM

Respectfully submitted: Amber Feaster
Minutes Approved: August 7, 2018