

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATURE
OF THE
COUNTY OF NIAGARA
STATE OF NEW YORK

OFFICIAL RECORD

Lockport, New York
January 7, 2020

The Legislature of the County of Niagara, State of New York, convened in annual session in the Legislature Chambers, Courthouse, Lockport, New York on Tuesday, January 7, 2020 for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year.

County Clerk Joseph Jastrzemski, acting as Chairman pro temp, called the Legislature meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and gave the invocation.

On roll call the following Legislators were present from the several legislative districts:

First	Irene M. Myers
Second	Rebecca J. Wydysh
Third	Mark J. Grozio
Fourth	Owen T. Steed
Fifth	Christopher A. Robins
Sixth	Dennis F. Virtuoso
Seventh	Jesse P. Gooch
Eighth	Richard L. Andres Jr.
Ninth	Randy R. Bradt
Tenth	David E. Godfrey
Twelfth	William J. Collins
Thirteenth	Anita Mullane
Fourteenth	John Syracuse
Fifteenth	Michael A. Hill
 Absent:	
Eleventh	Anthony J. Nemi

County Clerk Jastrzemski administered the oath of office to the 2020 Niagara County Legislators.

The Chairman pro temp Joseph Jastrzemski asked for nominations for temporary Chairman.

Moved by Andres, seconded by Bradt, that Legislator Syracuse be nominated for temporary Chairman.

Moved by Andres, seconded by Bradt, that the nominations be closed.

Carried.

Chairman pro term Jastrzemski declared Legislator as the temporary Chairman Syracuse.

Temporary Chairman Syracuse asked for nominations for permanent Chairman.

Moved by Syracuse, seconded by Andres, that Legislator Wydysh be nominated for permanent Chairman.

Moved by Syracuse, seconded by Andres, that the nominations be closed.

Carried.

Temporary Chairman Syracuse declared Legislator Wydysh as the Chairman.

Chairman Wydysh took a few minutes to say some remarks and thanked his fellow Legislators for their vote of confidence in her.

Moved by Wydysh, seconded by Hill, to designate Legislator Syracuse to serve as Vice Chairman.

Moved by Wydysh, seconded by Hill, that nominations be closed.

Carried.

Chairman Wydysh designated Legislator Syracuse to serve as Vice-Chairman.

Recess.

Moved by Syracuse, seconded by Hill, to appoint Mary Jo Tamburlin as the Clerk of the Legislature.

Moved by Syracuse, seconded by Hill, to close nominations.

Carried.

Mary Jo Tamburlin was declared the Clerk of the Legislature.

Moved by Godfrey, seconded by Collins, to nominate Claude A. Joerg as the County Attorney.

Moved by Godfrey, seconded by Collins, to close the nominations.

Carried.

Claude A. Joerg was declared the County Attorney.

Moved by Collins, seconded by Godfrey, to nominate Nicholas B. Robinson as the Public Defender.

Moved by Collins, seconded by Godfrey, to close the nominations.

Carried.

Nicholas B. Robinson was declared the Public Defender.

Legislator Bradt announced that Legislator Bradt would serve as Majority Leader, Legislator Godfrey as First Deputy and Legislator Hill as Second Deputy Majority Leader.

Legislator Mullane announced that Legislator Virtuoso would serve as Minority Leader, Legislator Steed as First Deputy and Legislator Grozio as Second Deputy Minority Leader.

Moved by Gooch, seconded by Myers, that the Board will meet on the following dates, or at the call of the Clerk of the Legislature.

Carried.

NIAGARA COUNTY LEGISLATURE 2020 MEETING SCHEDULE
7:00 P.M.

January

Tuesday, January 7, 2020 (Organizational Mtg.)

Tuesday, January 21, 2020

February

Tuesday, February 18, 2020

March

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

April

Tuesday, April 21, 2020

May

Tuesday, May 5, 2020

Tuesday, May 19, 2020

June

Tuesday, June 16, 2020

Moved by Chairman Wydysh, seconded by Hill, that Vice Chairman Syracuse is designated to serve on the Niagara County Jury Board.

Carried.

Moved by Gooch, seconded by Steed, to appoint Gary Billingsley as the Attorney for the Aging.

Carried.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Virtuoso, to approve the Standing Committee structure as presented.

Carried.

August

Tuesday, August 4, 2020

September

Tuesday, September 15, 2020

October

Tuesday, October 20, 2020

November

Tuesday, November 17, 2020

December

Tuesday, December 1, 2020 (Budget Hearings)

Tuesday, December 8, 2020 (Budget Vote)

NIAGARA COUNTY 2020 STANDING COMMITTEES

REBECCA J. WYDYSH, CHAIRMAN

JOHN SYRACUSE, VICE CHAIRMAN

RANDY R. BRADT, MAJORITY LEADER

DENNIS F. VIRTUOSO, MINORITY LEADER

ADMINISTRATION

(County Manager, County Attorney, Management & Budget, Treasurer, Audit, Real Property, Legislature, Printing/Mailing, Human Resources, Civil Service, Risk Management, Board of Elections)

NEMI, COLLINS, BRADT, SYRACUSE, GODFREY, GROZIO, VIRTUOSO

Co. Attorney - C. Joerg, J. Ottaviano

Secretary- Lisa Serianni, 439-7005

COMMUNITY SERVICES

(Social Services, Employment & Training, Youth Bureau, Office for the Aging, Public Health, Mental Health, NCCC, County Clerk/DMV, Historian, Veterans Services)

GOOCH, NEMI, BRADT, GODFREY, MYERS, MULLANE, STEED

Co. Attorney – G. Lisowski

Secretary – Jackie Langdon, 439-7435

COMMUNITY SAFETY & SECURITY

(Sheriff, District Attorney, Public Defender, Probation, Fire Coordinator/Emergency Services, Coroners, Conflicts and Assigned Council)

GODFREY, HILL, BRADT, GOOCH, NEMI, MULLANE, ROBINS

Co. Attorney – B. Seaman

Secretary – Joan Rocco, 438-3370

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

(Economic Development, Niagara Co. Industrial Development Agency)

ANDRES, COLLINS, BRADT, GOOCH, MYERS, GROZIO, ROBINS

Co. Attorney – T. Burgasser

Secretary-Cathie Synor, 278-8750

GREENWAY (ad hoc committee-under Economic Development)

ANDRES, BRADT, NEMI, SYRACUSE, STEED

INFRASTRUCTURE & FACILITIES

(Public Works, Parks/Golf Course, Refuse Disposal District, Sewer District, Water District, Weights & Measures, Information Technology, Buildings & Grounds)

COLLINS, MYERS, BRADT, HILL, SYRACUSE, GROZIO, ROBINS

Co. Attorney – T. Burgasser (Parks/Golf Course), D. Koplas

Secretary- Mary Bergman, 439-7242

REFUSE DISPOSAL DISTRICT (ad hoc committee-under Infrastructure & Facilities)

HILL, COLLINS, BRADT, GOOCH, GROZIO, NEMI, SYRACUSE, STEED, WYDYSH

Co. Attorney – G. Lisowski

Moved by Grozio, seconded by Virtuoso, that the two Niagara County newspapers, namely: the Niagara Gazette and the Lockport Union Sun & Journal are designated as the official newspapers.

Carried.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Virtuoso, to approve all following Appointments.

Carried.

	<u>Appt.</u>	<u>Expires</u>
<u>AGRICULTURE AND FARMLAND PROTECTION BOARD:</u>		
John Syracuse	01/07/20	12/31/21
<u>Agri-business (1)</u>		
James Bittner 7171 East Lake Rd., Appleton NY 14008	01/07/20	12/31/23
<u>BOARD OF HEALTH:</u>		
<u>Member of County Legislature:</u>		
John Syracuse, Legislator	01/07/20	12/31/21
<u>COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD:</u>		
Stephanie Donovan (Replaces Christyn Newlin) 6063 Wallace Ave. Newfane 14108	01/07/20	12/31/20
Therese M. Mudd 610 Onondaga St., Lewiston 14092	01/07/20	12/31/23
Robin I. Stevens 245 N. Fourth St., Lewiston 14092	01/07/20	12/31/23
Peter Butera, PhD. 627 Morgan Drive, Lewiston 14092	01/07/20	12/31/23
Mary Armstrong 596 Ulrich Lane, Youngstown 14174	01/07/20	12/31/23
<u>Alcoholism & Substance Abuse Subcommittee</u>		
Carrie Clare 6097 Karen Ave., Newfane 14108	01/07/20	12/31/23
Anthony Massaro 626 69 th St., Niagara Falls 14304	01/07/20	12/31/23
<u>Subcommittee for People with Developmental Disabilities</u>		
Carly Lapp 6011 Frontier Ave. Niagara Falls 14304	01/07/20	12/31/23
<u>COOPERATIVE EXTENSION:</u>		
Michael A. Hill, Legislator	01/07/20	12/31/21
John Syracuse, Legislator	01/07/20	12/31/21
<u>FIRE ADVISORY BOARD:</u>		
Chris McClune-Case (Fire Chief's Assn) 615 Walnut St., Lockport 14094	01/07/20	12/31/21
Mickey Suitor (Fire Chief's Assn) 270 Glenvale Rd., Youngstown 14174	01/07/20	12/31/21
Danial Guiher (Fire Chief's Assn) NC Fire Chief's Assoc., 742 Mary Lane, Lewiston 14092	01/07/20	12/31/21

Paul Gurnett (Fire Chief's Assn) 5964 Southwood Dr., Lockport 14094	01/07/20	12/31/21
Gary Snyder (Fire Chief's Assn) 5984 Applewood Lane, PO Box 231, Newfane 14108	01/07/20	12/31/21
Arthur Kroening (Vol. Firemens Assn) 2553 Niagara Rd., Niagara Falls 14304	01/07/20	12/31/21
Bruce Mack (replaces Hunt) (Vol. Firemens Assn) 2234 River Rd., Niagara Falls 14304	01/07/20	12/31/21
Andrew E. Pilecki (Vol. Firemens Assn) 4660 Kriston Lane, No. Ton. 14120	01/07/20	12/31/21
Greg Robertson (Vol. Firemens Assn) 526 East Oak Terrace, Youngstown 14174	01/07/20	12/31/21
Harold Wollaber (Vol. Firemens Assn) 3581 Lower Mountain Rd., Sanborn 14132	01/07/20	12/31/21
Joe Pedulla, Chief Fire Headquarters, Box 69, 3115 Walnut Ave., NF 14302	01/07/20	12/31/21
Clifford Mayes, Battalion Chief of Training Fire Headquarters, Box 69, 3115 Walnut Ave., NF 14302	01/07/20	12/31/21
Patrick K. Brady, Fire Chief Fire Headquarters, One Locks Plaza, Lockport 14094	01/07/20	12/31/21
Luca Quagliano Fire Headquarters, One Locks Plaza, Lockport 14094	01/07/20	12/31/21
James Diermyer Jr. Fire Headquarters 495 Zimmerman St., No. Ton. 14120-9527	01/07/20	12/31/21
Joseph Sikora, Fire Chief Fire Headquarters 495 Zimmerman St., No. Ton. 14120	01/07/20	12/31/21
Marc Kasprzak, Director of Communications Niagara County Sheriff	01/07/20	12/31/21
Glenn Christman (Firemans Association) 4365 Beach Ridge Rd. N. Tonawanda 14120	01/07/20	12/31/21

Legislators: Bradt, Godfrey, Gooch, Nemi, Robins

Ex-officio:

Jonathan Schultz, Niagara County Fire Coordinator, 5574 Niagara St. Ext., PO Box 496 Lockport 14095
Pat J. Barney, Dep. Fire Coord., 3014 Savannah St., NF 14305-2326
Robert Walker, 2754 Stenzel Ave., North Tonawanda 14120
Jeff Dewart, Area 3 Deputy Coord., PO Box 187, 8686 Coleman Rd., Barker 14012
Jeffrey Baes, Dep. Fire Coord. Area 4, 4011 Wruck Rd., Gasport 14067
Chad Shepherd, Dep. Fire Coord, 3292 Saunders Settlement Rd, Sanborn 14132
Dennis McAvoy, Deputy Coord, Fire Investigations, 10 Church St., Middleport 14150
Les Myers, TRT (Technical Rescue Team) Deputy Coord., 335 Merrie Rd., Lewiston 14092
Mark Hain, Haz-Mat Deputy Coord., 7818 Ridge Rd., Gasport 14067
Capt. Todd Ostrowski, Sheriff Dept.
Richard "Red" Kennerson, Chief, 914 AW/SPTG, 2250 Franklin Dr., Niagara Falls 14304
Tim Balunis Sr., LEPC Chr., 50 Sweeney Ct., North Tonawanda 14120

GREATER BUFFALO NIAGARA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL (GBNRTC):

Rebecca J. Wydysh, Chairman Niagara County Legislature	01/07/20	12/31/21
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Planning & Coordinating Committee

Garret Meal, Commissioner of Public Works	01/07/20	12/31/21
Norman D. Allen, Deputy Commissioner of Public Works-Engineering (Alternate)	01/07/20	12/31/21

Michael Casale, Commissioner (Alternate) Economic Development Department	01/07/20	12/31/21
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INTER-COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF WNY:

Rebecca J. Wydysh, Chr., Niagara County Legislature	01/07/20	12/31/20
Anthony J. Nemi, Legislator	01/07/20	12/31/20
Mary Jo Tamburlin, Clerk	01/07/20	12/31/20

LAW LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Rebecca J. Wydysh, Chairman Niagara County Legislature	01/07/20	10/01/21
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LIBRARY COMMITTEE (AD HOC):

Irene M. Myers, Legislator	01/07/20	12/31/21
William J. Collins, Legislator	01/07/20	12/31/21
David E. Godfrey, Legislator	01/07/20	12/31/21
Rebecca J. Wydysh, Legislator	01/07/20	12/31/21
Richard L. Andres, Legislator	01/07/20	12/31/21
Christopher A. Robins, Legislator	01/07/20	12/31/21
Britt White, No. Tonawanda Public Library 505 Meadow Dr., North Tonawanda 14120	01/07/20	12/31/21
Beverly Federspiel, Lockport Public Library 23 East Ave., PO Box 475, Lockport 14095-0475	01/07/20	12/31/21
Sarah Potwin, Niagara Falls Public Library 1425 Main St., Niagara Falls 14305	01/07/20	12/31/21

Rural Librarian

Linda Deeks, Director, Sanborn-Pekin Library 5818 Townline Rd., Sanborn 14132	01/07/20	12/31/21
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Citizen representative

Marigail Sondel 318 Wheatfield St., North Tonawanda 14120	01/07/20	12/31/21
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Ex-officio-Director NIOGA Library System

Thomas Bindeman, Director, NIOGA Library System 6575 Wheeler Rd., Lockport 14094	01/07/20	12/31/21
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NIAGARA-ERIE REGIONAL COALITION (NERC):

Irene M. Myers, Legislator 2426 Youngstown Lkpt. Rd., Ransomville 14131	01/07/20	12/31/21
Anthony J. Nemi, Legislator 67 S. New York St., Lockport 14094	01/07/20	12/31/21
David E. Godfrey, Legislator 4821 Lake St., Burt 14028	01/07/20	12/31/21
Rebecca J. Wydysh, Chairman, 360 S. 3 rd Street, Lewiston 14092	01/07/20	12/31/21
Michael Casale, Comm., Economic Development Vantage Ctr., 6311 Inducon Corp. Dr., Sanborn 14132	01/07/20	12/31/21
Wright Ellis, Supervisor, Town of Cambria 4160 Upper Mountain Rd., Sanborn 14132	01/07/20	12/31/21
Peter Wendel, President, Peter Wendel Group 7400 Canal Road, Lockport 14094	01/07/20	12/31/21
Kory Schuler, Executive Director, Niagara USA Chamber 6311 Inducon Corporate Dr., Sanborn 14132	01/07/20	12/31/21

NIMAC:

David E. Godfrey, Legislator 01/07/20 21/31/21

NIAGARA ORLEANS REGIONAL ALLIANCE (NORA):

David E. Godfrey 01/07/20 12/31/21
Michael A. Hill 01/07/20 12/31/21
Rebecca J. Wydysh 01/07/20 12/31/21
John Syracuse 01/07/20 12/31/21

OFFICE FOR THE AGING ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Patti Weiss 01/07/20 12/31/22
2383 Niagara Rd. Niagara Falls, 14304

RECORDS ADVISORY BOARD

Joseph Jastrzemski, Co. Clerk/Records Mgmt Officer 01/07/20 12/31/20
Wendy Roberson, First Deputy County Clerk 01/07/20 12/31/20
Jesse P. Gooch, Chr, Community Services Committee 01/07/20 12/31/20
Irene M. Myers, Legislator 01/07/20 12/31/20
Catherine Emerson, County Historian 01/07/20 12/31/20
William Flynn, Director, Information Technology 01/07/20 12/31/20
Gary Lisowski, Assistant County Attorney 01/07/20 12/31/20
Thomas M. Jaccarino, Social Services 01/07/20 12/31/20
Meghan Lutz, Social Services 01/07/20 12/31/20
Jeffrey Gaston, Director, Buildings and Grounds 01/07/20 12/31/20
Julie Speer, Registrar, NCCC 01/07/20 12/31/20
Margaret Truax, citizen representative 01/07/20 12/31/20
Justin Rogers, Exec. Dir., Cornell Cooperative Ext. 01/07/20 12/31/20

REFUSE DISPOSAL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD:

Michael Hill - Towns of Royalton & Hartland - Chair 01/07/20 12/31/21
Rebecca J. Wydysh – Town of Lewiston 01/07/20 12/31/21
Irene M. Myers - Town of Porter 01/07/20 12/31/21
William J. Collins – City of Lockport 01/07/20 12/31/21
John Syracuse - Town of Somerset 01/07/20 12/31/21
Anthony J. Nemi – City of Lockport, Town of Lockport 01/07/20 12/31/21
Owen T. Steed – City of Niagara Falls 01/07/20 12/31/21
Mark J. Grozio – City of Niagara Falls 01/07/20 12/31/21
Randy R. Bradt - City of North Tonawanda 01/07/20 12/31/21
Jesse P. Gooch – Town of Wheatfield, City of North Tonawanda 01/07/20 12/31/21
Garret Meal, Comm. of Public Works – Ex-officio

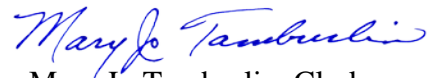
SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT:

David C. Wilson (Community at Large) 01/07/20 12/31/22
5032 Ridge Rd., Lockport 14094
Gerald Farnham (Community at Large) 01/07/20 12/31/22
4923 Sanders Settlement Rd. Lockport 14094
David E. Godfrey, Legislator 01/07/20 12/31/20
William J. Collins, Legislator 01/07/20 12/31/20

Moved by Mullane, seconded by Robins, that the Board adjourn.

Carried.

The Chairman declared the Board adjourned at 7:26 p.m., subject to the call of the Clerk.



Mary Jo Tamburlin, Clerk