



NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE

2026 JOINT BUDGET HEARING

January 28, 2026 – 9:30 AM

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION/ ENERGY

Panel A:

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| 1. New York State Department of
Environmental Conservation | Amanda Lefton
Commissioner |
| 2. NYSERDA | Doreen Harris
President & CEO |
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Panel B:

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| 3. New York State Public Service Commission | Rory Christian
Chair |
| 4. New York Power Authority | Justin Driscoll
President and CEO |
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Panel C:

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| 5. Citizens Campaign for the Environment | Adrienne Esposito
Executive Director |
| 6. New York League of Conservation Voters | Patrick McClellan
Policy Director |

7. Natural Resources Defense Council
Kate Donovan
Northeast Director for
Environmental Health

8. Clean+Healthy
Bobbi Wilding
Executive Director

Panel D:

9. Earthjustice
Elizabeth Moran
New York Policy Advocate

10. Open New York
Annemarie Gray
Executive Director

11. Environmental Advocates NY
Katherine Nadeau
Deputy Executive Director,
Policy & Programs

12. Beyond Plastics
Alexis Goldsmith
National Organizing Director

Panel E:

13. NY Renews
Avrielle Miller
Policy Director

14. Building Decarbonization Coalition
Allison Considine
New York Director

15. Rewiring America
Michael Hernandez
New York Policy Director

16. Regional Plan Association
Joshua Berman
Campaigns Manager

Panel F:

17. New York Battery and Energy Storage
Technology Consortium (NY-BEST)
William Acker
Executive Director

18. The Public Utility Law Project
Laurie Wheelock
Executive Director and Counsel

19. New York Solar Energy Industries Association
Jonathen Cohen
Policy Director

20. New Yorkers for Clean Power

Anshul Gupta
Policy & Research Director

Panel G:

21. Conservation Officers PBA

Matthew Krug
Director

22. New York City Environmental Justice Alliance

Conor Bambrick
Senior Climate Advisor

23. Upstate New York Towns Association

Dr. Carolyn Price
Executive Director

Panel H:

24. Adirondack Council

Andrew Williams
Director of Government Relations

25. Adirondack Mountain Club (ADK)

Cathy Pedler
Director of Advocacy

26. Paul Smith's College Adirondack
Watershed Institute

Maureen Cunningham
Executive Director

27. Protect the Adirondacks! Inc.

Claudia Braymer
Executive Director

28. Open Space Institute

Eileen Larrabee
Executive Vice President

Panel I:

29. Sure We Can

Ryan Castalia
Executive Director

30. Allegany Beverage and Redemption Center

Anndrea Sprague
Manager

31. Creek End Sustainability Solutions, LLC

Peter J. Baker
Partner, Executive VP

32. Alliance of Independent Recyclers of NYC

Miguel Rosero
Member

33. Empire State Redemption Association

Jade Eddy
Director

Panel J:

34. Save the Sound

David Ansel
VP of the Center for Water
Protection

35. New York State Wildlife Rehabilitation Council

Kelly Martin
Vice President

36. Humane World for Animals

Brian Shapiro
New York State Director