



NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE

2026 JOINT BUDGET HEARING

February 26, 2026 – 9:30AM

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT / ARTS

Panel A:

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| 1. New York State Department of Economic Development
Empire State Development | Hope Knight
Commissioner
President & CEO |
| 2. Department of Financial Services | Kaitlin Asrow
Acting Superintendent |

Panel B:

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| 3. NYS Office of General Services | Jeanette Moy
Commissioner |
| 4. New York State Council on the Arts | Erika Mallin
Executive Director |

Panel C:

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| 5. NYS Office of Cannabis Management | Susan Filburn
Acting Executive Director |
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Panel D:

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| 6. Columbia University Irving Medical Center | Ross A. Frommer
VP for Government Affairs |
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7. United Postdoctoral Researchers of
Rockefeller-UAW

Dr. Sara Martina Parigi
Member

Panel E:

8. New Yorkers for Culture & Arts

Lucy Sexton
Executive Director

9. ArtsNYS

Elizabeth Lane
Executive Director

10. New York State Alliance for Arts Education

Gully Stanford
Advocacy Co-Chair

Panel F:

11. IBM

Dr. Jamie Garcia
Director, Strategic Growth &
Quantum Partnerships

12. Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI)

Martin A. Schmidt
President

13. Strong Economy For All Coalition

Michael Kink
Executive Director

Panel G:

14. New York State Trial Lawyers Association

Andrew Finklestein
President

15. New York Insurance Association (NYIA)

Cassandra Anderson
President

16. National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies

Sean McLaughlin
Regional Vice President
State Affairs, Northeast

17. American Property Casualty Insurance Association

Kristina Baldwin
VP State Government
Relations

18. Big I

Travis Wattie
AVP for Government
Relations

19. Professional Insurance Agents of New York (PIANY)

Brad Lachut
Director of Government &
Industry Affairs

Panel H:

20. Cannabis Farmers Alliance

Steve Halton
Vice President

21. Association of New York Cannabis Processors

John Vavalo
President

22. Empire State Green Standard Alliance

Herb Barbot
Chair