



NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE
PUBLIC HEARING CALENDAR

For Immediate Release:

October 6, 2009

- Oct. 6 **Assembly Standing Committee on Higher Education**
Chair: Assemblymember Deborah J. Glick
Public Hearing: The New York Higher Education Loan Program (NYHELPS)
Place: Assembly Hearing Room, 250 Broadway, Room 1923, 19th Floor,
New York, New York
Time: 11:00 A.M.
Contact: Jennifer Trowbridge (518) 455-4881
Media Contact: Assembly Press Office (518) 455-3888
ORAL TESTIMONY BY INVITATION ONLY
- Oct. 6 **Senate Standing Committee on Labor**
Chair: Senator George Onorato
Public Hearing: To study the use of electronic recording of workers' compensation hearings
Place: Senate Hearing Room, 250 Broadway, 19th Floor, New York, New York
Time: 10:00 A.M.
Contact: Sarah Coligan (518) 455-3486
Media Contact: Janet Kash (518) 455-3486
- Oct. 8 **Senate Standing Committee on Education**
Chair: Senator Suzi Oppenheimer
Public Hearing: BOCES as a Model for Delivering Taxpayer Savings
Place: Erie 1 BOCES Campus, 355 Harlem Road, West Seneca, New York
Time: 1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.
Contact: Darlene Murray (518) 455-2631
Media Contact: Debra Lagapa (914) 934-5250
- Oct. 9 **Senate Standing Committee on Elections**
Chair: Senator Joseph P. Addabbo, Jr.
Public Hearing: To address Election Law issues, including: Help America Vote Act – compliant voting system implementation, the pilot program for the use of optical scan voting machines in the 2009 primary and general elections; ballot access for candidates; and deceptive practices and voter intimidation legislation (S. 2554-A/Stewart-Cousins)
Place: Senate Hearing Room, 250 Broadway, 19th Floor, New York, New York
Time: 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.
Contact: Allison Kelrick (212) 298-5585
Media Contact: Michelle Friedman (212) 298-5585
- Oct. 13 **Senate Standing Committee on Education**
Chair: Senator Suzi Oppenheimer
Public Hearing: BOCES as a Model for Delivering Taxpayer Savings
Place: Jefferson Lewis BOCES, 20104 State Route 3, Watertown, New York
Time: 1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.
Contact: Darlene Murray (518) 455-2631
Media Contact: Debra Lagapa (914) 934-5250
- Oct. 13 **Assembly Standing Committee on Environmental Conservation**
Chair: Assemblyman Robert K. Sweeney
Public Hearing: Mercury Exposure
Place: Assembly Parlor, Room 306, State Capitol Building, Albany, New York
Time: 10:30 A.M.
Contact: Kali Michael (518) 455-4363
Media Contact: Assembly Press Office (518) 455-3888

- Oct. 13 **Joint – Assembly Standing Committee on Health**
 Chair: Assemblymember Richard N. Gottfried
Assembly Standing Committee on Labor
 Chair: Assemblymember Susan V. John
Assembly Standing Committee on Education
 Chair: Assemblymember Catherine Nolan
Assembly Standing Committee on Higher Education
 Chair: Assemblymember Deborah J. Glick
and Assembly Subcommittee on Workplace Safety
 Chair: Assemblymember Rory I. Lancman
 Public Hearing: H1N1 Influenza
 Place: Assembly Hearing Room, 250 Broadway, Room 1923, 19th Floor, New York, New York
 Time: 10:00 A.M.
 Contact: Elizabeth Hamlin (518) 455-4941 or Estibaliz Alonso (518) 455-4311
 Media Contact: Assembly Press Office (518) 455-3888
- Oct. 15 **Assembly Standing Committee on Environmental Conservation**
 Chair: Assemblyman Robert K. Sweeney
 Public Hearing: Draft Supplemental Generic Environmental Impact Statement governing natural gas drilling
 Place: Assembly Parlor, Room 306, State Capitol Building, Albany, New York
 Time: 9:00 A.M.
 Contact: Kali Michael (518) 455-4363
 Media Contact: Assembly Press Office (518) 455-3888
- Oct. 19 **Joint – Senate Standing Committee on Health**
 Chair: Senator Thomas Duane
and Assembly Standing Committee on Health
 Chair: Assemblyman Richard N. Gottfried
 Public Hearing: Improving patient safety in New York: Understanding and improving the current system
 Place: Assembly Hearing Room, 250 Broadway, Room 1923, 19th Floor, New York, New York
 Time: 10:00 A.M.
 Contact: (Senate) Denise Soffel (212) 633-8052 or Alison Jacobs (518) 455-2630
 (Assembly) Richard Conti (518) 455-4941 or Estibaliz Alonso (518) 455-4311
 Media Contact: Assembly Press Office (518) 455-3888
 (Senate) Erin Dennin (518) 455-2415
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- Oct. 19 **Senate Standing Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions**
 Chair: Senator Bill Perkins
 Public Hearing: Still “On the Waterfront”: Corruption at Our Local Ports
 Place: Senate Hearing Room, 250 Broadway, 19th Floor, New York, New York
 Time: 10:00 A.M.
 Contact: Tom Briggs (518) 455-2441
 Media Contact: Tom Briggs (518) 455-2441
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- Oct. 21 **Senate Standing Committee on Civil Service and Pensions**
 Chair: Senator Diane J. Savino
 Public Hearing: Provisional Appointments in the City of New York
 Place: Senate Hearing Room, 250 Broadway, 19th Floor, New York, New York
 Time: 10:00 A.M.
 Contact: Barbara M. O’Neill (518) 455-2405
 Media Contact: Ana Tinsly (646) 331-4765
- Oct. 22 **Senate Standing Committee on Environmental Conservation**
 Chair: Senator Antoine M. Thompson
 Public Hearing: Wetlands
 Place: Meeting Room 4, Empire State Plaza, Concourse, Albany, New York
 Time: 11:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.
 Contact: Rashied McDuffie (518) 455-3371
 Media Contact: Heather Zeist (716) 854-8705

- Oct. 23 **Joint – Senate Standing Committee on Insurance
and Senate Standing Committee on Health**
Chair: Senator Neil D. Breslin
Chair: Senator Thomas K. Duane
Public Hearing: The Role of private health insurance in the diagnosis and treatment of Autism
Spectrum Disorder
Place: Meeting Rooms 2 and 3, Empire State Plaza, Concourse, Albany, New York
Time: 10:00 A.M.
Contact: Kate Powers (518) 455-2225
Media Contact: Kate Powers (518) 455-2225
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- Oct. 27 **Senate Standing Committee on Environmental Conservation**
NOTE: Chair: Senator Antoine M. Thompson
NEW Public Hearing: Wetlands
DATE Place: Buffalo Science Museum, 1020 Humboldt Parkway, Buffalo, New York
Time: 11:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.
Contact: Rashied McDuffie (518) 455-3371
Media Contact: Heather Zeist (716) 854-8705
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- Oct. 27 **Senate Standing Committee on Investigations and Government Operations**
Chair: Senator Craig M. Johnson
Public Hearing: New York State’s non-collection of taxes on cigarettes sold to non-Native
Americans on Indian Reservations
Place: Richard Harris Terrace, Borough of Manhattan Community College, 199
Chambers Street, New York, New York
Time: 10:30 A.M. – 2:30 P.M.
Contact: Cari Abatemaro (518) 455-2618
Media Contact: Rich Azzopardi (518) 859-0586
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- Oct. 28 **Joint – Senate Standing Committee on Banks
and Senate Standing Committee on Codes**
Chair: Senator Brian Foley
Chair: Senator Eric T. Schneiderman
Public Hearing: Residential Mortgage Fraud in New York
Place: Senate Hearing Room, 250 Broadway, 19th Floor, New York, New York
Time: 10:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.
Contact: Jerry Yomoah (518) 455-2041
Media Contact: James Freedland (212) 928-5578
ORAL TESTIMONY BY INVITATION ONLY
- Nov. 12 **Assembly Standing Committee on Transportation**
Chair: Assemblyman David F. Gantt
Public Hearing: New York State Department of Transportation Federal Stimulus Projects
Place: Hamilton Hearing Room B, Legislative Office Building, 2nd Floor, Albany,
New York
Time: 11:00 A.M.
Contact: Najay Roache (518) 455-4881
Media Contact: Assembly Press Office (518) 455-3888
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- Nov. 16 **Joint – Assembly Standing Committee on Veterans’ Affairs
Assembly Subcommittee on Women Veterans
and Assembly Task Force on Women’s Issues**
Chair: Assemblymember Adriano Espaillat
Chair: Assemblymember Donna Lupardo
Chair: Assemblymember Ellen Jaffee
Public Hearing: Issues related to women veterans, including the transition of women veterans
from a combat zone to civilian life, the availability of benefits for women
veterans and reasons why women veterans may become homeless
Place: Assembly Hearing Room, 250 Broadway, Room 1923, 19th Floor, New York,
New York
Time: 10:00 A.M.
Contact: Zachary Shapiro (518) 455-4355
Media Contact: Assembly Press Office (518) 455-3888

Nov. 18 **Joint – Senate Standing Committee on Energy and Telecommunications**
NOTE: Chair: Senator Darrel Aubertine
NEW **Senate Standing Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions**
PLACE Chair: Senator Bill Perkins
Senate Standing Committee on Commerce, Economic Development and Small Business
Chair: Senator William Stachowski
Assembly Standing Committee on Energy
Chair: Assemblyman Kevin A. Cahill
Assembly Standing Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions
Chair: Assemblyman Richard L. Brodsky
and Assembly Standing Committee on Economic Development, Job Creation, Commerce and Industry
Chair: Assemblyman Robin Schimminger
Public Hearing: New York State’s low-cost power programs
Place: Assembly Parlor, Room 306, State Capitol Building, Albany, New York
Time: 11:00 A.M.
Contact: Christian Malanga (518) 455-4363
Media Contact: Assembly Press Office (518) 455-3888
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Dec. 1 **Joint – Senate Standing Committee on Insurance**
Chair: Senator Neil D. Breslin
Senate Standing Committee on Health
Chair: Senator Thomas K. Duane
and Senate Standing Committee on Codes
Chair: Senator Eric T. Schneiderman
Public Hearing: Medical Malpractice Reform
Place: Hamilton Hearing Room B, Legislative Office Building, 2nd Floor, Albany, New York
Time: 10:00 A.M.
Contact: Evan Schneider (518) 455-2225
Media Contact: Evan Schneider (518) 455-2225
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OTHER MEETINGS OF INTEREST

Oct. 13 **Senate Select Committee on Budget and Tax Reform**
Chair: Senator Liz Krueger
Roundtable: Evaluating the needs for and costs of New York State Property Tax Exemptions
Place: Senate Majority Conference Room, Capitol 332, Albany, New York
Time: 12:30 P.M.
Contact: James Schlett (518) 455-2293
Media Contact: Travis Proulx (518) 729-8013