

NEW YORK STATE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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The Honorable Andrea Stewart-Cousins
Temporary President and Majority Leader
New York State Senate
Albany, NY 12247

Dear Senator Stewart-Cousins:

I am pleased to transmit the Annual Report of the Senate's Standing Committee on Finance for the 2019 Legislative Session. As Chair, I am proud to continue to lead our efforts to address important matters under my committee's jurisdiction,

During the 2019 session, The Finance Committee met 22 times in session, reported 2062 Resolutions, 106 Bills and 102 Nominations. The Committee also held 15 hearings this past year.

- 13 Joint Legislative Budget Hearings
- The Economic and Revenue Forecasting Conference
- Hearing on Divesting the NYS Common Retirement Fund from Fossil

I thank my colleagues who served on the Committee for their efforts and support of the work that they have done in the committee this year. I thank you for the continued support from the Majority Conference in the committee's operations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Liz Krueger".



**NEW YORK STATE SENATE
STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

Senator Liz Krueger, Chairperson

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COMMITTEE JURISDICTION AND OVERVIEW

The New York State Senate Standing Committee on Finance has legislative oversight responsibilities for issues concerning Budget, Fiscal Review, Resolutions and Nominations .

During the 2019 Legislative Session, 675 bills were referred or dual referent to the Committee for its review. Of these bills, 404 were reported from the Committee. 167 were passed by the Senate, and 72 passed in both houses. This work was conducted through a series of 22 committee meetings. A list of all bills that were reported from the committee is provided at the end of this report.

In addition to its regular meetings, the Committee held 15 hearings and/or roundtable meetings. Topics of these hearings and/or roundtables included

- 13 Joint Legislative Budget Hearings
- The Economic and Revenue Forecasting Conference
- Hearing on Divesting the NYS Common Retirement Fund from Fossil.

The following key bills were acted on by the committee in 2019:

Bill	Sponsor	Summary	Action
S1089	PERSAUD	Exempts certain funds in a qualified tuition program in the calculation of household benefits under public assistance programs. This legislation would disregard 529 college savings accounts as a countable asset in the calculation of eligibility for public assistance benefits.	Chapter 323
S1650	SKOUFIS	Requires places of public accommodation, resort or amusement that operate televisions during regular hours of operation to provide closed captioning on certain televisions upon request	Chapter 295
S1674	SKOUFIS	Establishes the office of the advocate for people with disabilities	Veto 208
S1817	RIVERA	Relates to home care and community based sepsis prevention, screening, intervention and education	Veto 257
S1819	RIVERA	Relates to establishing maternal mortality review boards and the maternal mortality and morbidity advisory council	Chapter 140
S1826C	KENNEDY	Relates to enacting the "New York call center jobs act." Requires prior notice of relocation for call center jobs from New York to a foreign country or other state where at least 30% of the call center or operating unit's volume are being relocated; directs the commissioner of labor to maintain a list of employers who move call center jobs; and call centers on the list are ineligible for loans, grants, or other financial assistance from the state for 5 years from the date the list is published.	Chapter 752

S2767A	COMRIE	Provides for the expansion of the production of fresh fruits and vegetables by community gardens	Chapter 272
S3465	BIAGGI	Relates to employee human trafficking recognition training and to authorizing the establishment of a standardized human trafficking recognition training program. This bill would necessitate that all public facing transportation employees would be required to complete a human-trafficking recognition training program.	Veto 240
S3829	METZGER	Relates to advertising and labeling of locally produced food. Food or food products advertised as local must have originated in New York. Food or food products originating from outside of the state may still be advertised as local, but must also specify the state, region, or distance from New York's border where the product is from.	Veto 214
S3966A	SALAZAR	Relates to enacting the "safe way home act." Requires the Office of Victim Services establish a program to provide free transportation from a hospital or medical facility after an initial visit for victims of sexual assault.	Chapter 737
S4080C	SAVINO	Requires the licensing of persons engaged in the design, construction, inspection, maintenance, alteration and repair of elevators and creates the New York state elevator safety and standards board and the elevator and related conveyances safety program account.	Chapter 750
S4181	SALAZAR	Relates to requiring that information be made available to parents regarding window blind safety	Chapter 648

S4347	KRUEGER	Restricts certain corporations from participating or intervening in any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office . This bill codifies the federal prohibition on not-for-profit corporations participating or intervening in political campaigns.	Chapter 407
S4399	SAVINO	Creates the state office of the utility consumer advocate. The Utility Consumer Advocate would have the authority to initiate, intervene, and participate on behalf of residential utility consumers in proceedings that may substantially affect the interests of residential utility customers.	Veto 259
S4497	RIVERA	Relates to establishing the rare disease advisory council with the duty to advise and consult on policy matters related to rare disease.	Chapter 719
S4653	METZGER	Relates to defraying costs of aggregating, processing and transporting agricultural products for producers and processors. This bill instructs the Commissioner of the state Department of Agriculture and Markets to provide information regarding federal, state, and private grants and educational opportunities to small scale farmers to enable them to more effectively access markets through out New York.	Veto 180
S5129	MYRIE	Relates to instituting additional ballot accountability practices by allowing for alternative ballot designs.	Chapter 63

Nominations reported from the Senate Finance Committee

Name	Position	Board/	Nom'd By:	Date	Committee	New/
		Authority		Confirmed		Reappointment
David S. Mack	Member	MTA	Governor	2/26/2019	Transportation	New
			(Statutory Recommender: Nassau County Executive)			
Sarah E. Feinberg	Member	MTA	Governor	2/26/2019	Transportation	New
Patrick J. Foye	Chairman and CEO	MTA	Governor	4/1/2019	Transportation	New
Michael Lynton	Member	MTA	Governor	4/2/2019	Transportation	New
Haeda Mihaltses	Member	MTA	Governor	4/10/2019	Transportation	New
Rhonda Herman	Member	MTA	Governor	4/10/2019	Transportation	New
Kevin Law	Member	MTA	Governor	4/10/2019	Transportation	New
			(Statutory Recommender: Suffolk County Executive)			
Brigadier Gen. Timothy J. LaBarge	Promotion to Major General	New York Air National Guard	Governor (Joint Nom w/ Federal Gov't)	4/30/2019	Veterans, Homeland Security and Military Affairs	New
Brigadier Gen. Tom J. Owens II	Promotion to Major General	New York Air National Guard	Governor (Joint Nom w/ Federal Gov't)	4/30/2019	Veterans, Homeland Security and Military Affairs	New
Brigadier Gen. Gregory A. Semmel	Promotion to Major General	New York Air National Guard	Governor (Joint Nom w/ Federal Gov't)	4/30/2019	Veterans, Homeland Security and Military Affairs	New
Mark J. F. Schroeder	Commissioner	Motor Vehicles	Governor	5/30/2019	Transportation	New
Carolyn Pokorny	MTA Inspector General	MTA	Governor	5/30/2019	Transportation	New
Angela Fernandez	Commissioner	Human Rights	Governor	5/30/2019	IGO	New
Allen Riley	Member	State Commission of Corrections	Governor	5/30/2019	Corrections	Reappoint
Erik Kulleseid	Commissioner	State Parks, Recreation and Historic	Governor	5/30/2019	Cultural Affairs	New

		Preservation				
Guillermo Linares, Ed. D.	President and CEO	Higher Education Services Corporation	Governor	5/30/2019	Higher Education	New
Robert T. Williams	Executive Director	NYS Gaming Commission	Governor	6/4/2019	Racing, Gaming And Wagering	Reappoint
Michael P. Hein	Commissioner	Temporary and Disability Assistance	Governor	6/4/2019	Social Services	New
Keith M. Corlett	Superintendent	State Police	Governor	6/4/2019	Crime Victims, Crime, and Corrections	New
Cesar A. Perales	Trustee	SUNY Board of Trustees	Governor	6/6/2019	Higher Education	New
Albert S. Prohaska	Member	Board of Visitors of the Greater Binghamton Health Center	Governor	6/20/2019	Mental Health	New
Alicia Cloonan	Member	Board of Visitors of the Pilgrim Psychiatric Center	Governor	6/20/2019	Mental Health	New
Andrew Albert	Member	MTA	Governor - (Statutory Recommender: NYC Transit Riders Council)	6/20/2019	Transportation/Corporation	Reappoint
Ann F. Monroe	Member	Public Health and Health Planning Council	Governor	6/20/2019	Health	New
Anna Jean Brigham	Member	Board of Visitors of the Mid-Hudson Forensic Psychiatric Center	Governor	6/20/2019	Mental Health	New
Arelis Tavares	Member	Workers' Compensation Board	Governor	6/20/2019	Labor	New

Bhakti Mirchandani	Member	State Insurance Fund	Governor	6/20/2019	Labor	New
Carlton S. Mitchell	Member	State Board of Parole	Governor	6/20/2019	Corrections	New
Carol Clark	Member	State Board for Historic Preservation	Governor	6/20/2019	Cultural Affairs	New
Caryl M. Stern	Trustee	SUNY Board of Trustees	Governor	6/20/2019	Higher Education	New
Catherine Leahy-Scott	Judge	NYS Court of Claims	Governor	6/20/2019	Judiciary	New
Chanwoo Lee	Member	State Board of Parole	Governor	6/20/2019	Corrections	New
Constance Cosemento	Member	Port of Oswego Authority	Governor	6/20/2019	Transportation	New
Conway S. Ekpo	Member; Board of Directors	Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation	Governor	6/20/2019	Corporations	New
David E. Kapell	Member; Board of Directors	Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation	Governor	6/20/2019	Corporations	New
David Okorn	Member	Long Island State Park, Recreation and Historic Preservation Commission	Governor	6/20/2019	Cultural Affairs	New
Dawn Ewing	Member	State Camp Safety Advisory Council	Governor	6/20/2019	Health	Reappoint
Dhanu Sannesy	Member	Board of Visitors, Mid-Hudson Forensic Psychiatric Center	Governor	6/20/2019	Mental Health And Developmental Disabilities	New
Diane Carbonaro	Member	Board of Visitors of the Staten Island Developmental Disabilities	Governor	6/20/2019	Mental Health	New

		Services Office				
Elsie Segarra	Member	State Board of Parole	Governor	6/20/2019	Corrections	New
Greeley T. Ford	Commissioner	State Liquor Authority	Governor	6/20/2019	IGO/ Alcoholism And Substance Abuse	New
Heather C. Briccetti	Member	New York State Thruway Authority	Governor	6/20/2019	Transportation	New
Hildy Kuryk-Bernstei	Member	State Council on the Arts	Governor	6/20/2019	Cultural Affairs	New
Hon. April Anne Newbauer	Judge	NYS Court of Claims	Governor	6/20/2019	Judiciary	Reappoint
Hon. Barbara Panepinto	Judge	Interim Supreme Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit	Governor	6/20/2019	Judiciary	Mandatory Retirement – New Role as Interim Supreme Ct. Justice
Hon. Francis A Kahn III	Judge	NYS Court of Claims	Governor	6/20/2019	Judiciary	Reappoint
Hon. Guy Mangano, Jr.	Judge	NYS Court of Claims	Governor	6/20/2019	Judiciary	Reappoint
Hon. John Higgitt	Judge	NYS Court of Claims	Governor	6/20/2019	Judiciary	Reappoint
Hon. Joseph Risi	Judge	NYS Court of Claims	Governor	6/20/2019	Judiciary	Reappoint
Hon. M. William Boller	Judge	NYS Court of Claims	Governor	6/20/2019	Judiciary	Reappoint
Hon. Martin Marcus	Judge	Interim Supreme Court of the Second Judicial Circuit	Governor	6/20/2019	Judiciary	Mandatory Retirement – New Role as Interim Supreme Ct. Justice
Hon. Robert Onofry	Judge	Interim Supreme Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit	Governor	6/20/2019	Judiciary	Mandatory Retirement – New Role as Interim Supreme Ct. Justice
Hon. Ruth Pickholz	Judge	Interim Supreme Court of the Tenth	Governor	6/20/2019	Judiciary	Mandatory Retirement – New Role as Interim

		Judicial Circuit				Supreme Ct. Justice
Hon. Sanford Berland	Judge	NYS Court of Claims	Governor	6/20/2019	Judiciary	Reappoint
Hon. Stephen Mignano	Judge	NYS Court of Claims	Governor	6/20/2019	Judiciary	Reappoint
Howard A. Zemsky	Director	NYS Urban Development Corporation	Governor	6/20/2019	Commerce, Economic Development And Small Business	New
James Bensley	Member	Rochester-Genesee Regional Transportation Authority	Governor	6/20/2019	Transportation	New
			(Statutory Recommender: Orleans County Legislature)			
Jeffrey A. Myers	Commissioner	Interstate Environmental Commission	Governor	6/20/2019	Environmental Conservation	New
Jeffrey R. Escobar	Member; Board of Directors	Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation	Governor	6/20/2019	Corporations	New
Jill M. Rabin MD	Member	Administrative Review Board for Professional Medical Conduct	Governor	6/20/2019	Health	New
John B. Howard	Member	Public Service Commission	Governor	6/20/2019	IGO	New
John D. Bennett, Jr. MD	Member	Public Health and Health Planning Council	Governor	6/20/2019	Health	New
John K. Bartow Jr.	Member	SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry	Governor	6/20/2019	Higher Education	New and then reappoint
Joseph J. Toomey	Member	State Fire Prevention and Building	Governor	6/20/2019	Housing	New

		Code Council				
Joseph P. Trusso	Member	Allegany State Park, Recreation and Historic Preservation Commission	Governor	6/20/2019	Cultural Affairs	New
Keith M. Corbett	Member	Long Island State Park, Recreation and Historic Preservation Commission	Governor	6/20/2019	Cultural Affairs	New
Kenneth R. Theobalds	Member	State Insurance Fund	Governor	6/20/2019	Labor	Reappoint
Lily M. Fan	Commissioner	State Liquor Authority	Governor	6/20/2019	IGO/ Alcoholism And Substance Abuse	New
Linda Brown-Robinson	Member	SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry	Governor	6/20/2019	Higher Education	New
Linda Lacewell	Member	MTA	Governor	6/20/2019	Transportation	New
Linda Lacewell	Superintendent	Financial Services	Governor	6/20/2019	Finance	New
Lisa Leib	Member	Board of Visitors of the Pilgrim Psychiatric Center	Governor	6/20/2019	Mental Health	New
Maria T. Vullo	Director	Mortgage Agency (SONYMA)	Governor	6/20/2019	Housing	New
Marie Therese Dominguez	Commissioner	Transportation	Governor	6/20/2019	Transportation	New
Mario R. Ortiz, Ph.D	Member	Public Health and Health Planning Council	Governor	6/20/2019	Health	New
Martin M Dilan	Member	Workers' Compensation Board	Governor	6/20/2019	Labor	New

Matthew J. Driscoll	Executive Director	Thruway Authority	Chair of Thruway Authority	6/20/2019	Transportation	New
Matthew J. Marko	Member	SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry	Governor	6/20/2019	Higher Education	New
Maureen Liccione	Judge	NYS Court of Claims	Governor	6/20/2019	Judiciary	New
Michael S. Corley	Member	State Board of Parole	Governor	6/20/2019	Corrections	New
Michael Schmidt	Commissioner	Taxation and Finance	Governor	6/20/2019	Finance	New
Najah A. Farley	Member	Industrial Board of Appeals	Governor	6/20/2019	Labor	New
Pamela Caggianelli	Member	Workers' Compensation Board	Governor	6/20/2019	Labor	New
Patricia Kakalec	Member	Industrial Board of Appeals	Governor	6/20/2019	Labor	New
Patricia Pangburn	Member	Board of Visitors of the Capital District Psychiatric Center	Governor	6/20/2019	Mental Health	New
Patrick A. Murphy	Commissioner	Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services	Governor	6/20/2019	IGO?	New
Patrick M. Lance, Sr.	Member	Capital District Transportation Authority	Governor	6/20/2019	Transportation	New
Peter G. Robinson	Member	Public Health Planning Council	Governor	6/20/2019	Health	New
Philip M. De Gaetano	Commissioner	Interstate Environmental Commission	Governor	6/20/2019	Environmental Conservation	New
Randall Lambrecht	Member	Board of Visitors for	Governor	6/20/2019	Veterans/	New

		the New York State Home for Veterans and Their Dependents at Oxford			Health	
Randolph Glucksman	Member	MTA	Governor - (Statutory Recommender: Metro-North Commuter Council)	6/20/2019	Transportation/Corporation	Reappointment
Ranjit S. Dighe, Ph.D.	Member	Port of Oswego Authority	Governor	6/20/2019	Transportation	New
Robert F. Mujica	Member	MTA	Governor	6/20/2019	Transportation	New
Robert Hughes	Member	State Fire Prevention and Building Code Council	Governor	6/20/2019	Housing	New
Robert W. Linn	Member	MTA	Governor - (Statutory Recommender: Mayor of NYC)	6/20/2019	Transportation/Corporation	New
Roger A. Benn	Member	Board of Visitors of the Central New York Developmental Disabilities Services Office	Governor	6/20/2019	Mental Health	New
Sean A. Graham	Member	State Insurance Fund	Governor	6/20/2019	Labor	New
Sheila J. Poole	Commissioner	Children and Family Services	Governor	6/20/2019	Children and Families	New
Sheila S. Peo	Member	Ogdensburg Bridge and Port Authority	Governor	6/20/2019	Transportation	New
Sheila Y. Samuels	Member	State Board of Parole	Governor	6/20/2019	Corrections	New
Stella M. Barbara	Member	Republic Airport	Governor	6/20/2019	Transportation	New

		Commission				
Steven Richard Fedrizzi	Member	SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry	Governor	6/20/2019	Higher Education	New
Steven V. Grabiec, MD	Member	Administrative Review Bd for Professional Medical Conduct	Governor	6/20/2019	Health	Reappoint
Theodore Kastner, MD	Commissioner	Developmental Disabilities	Governor	6/20/2019	Mental Hygiene	New
Tracey A. Edwards	Commissioner	Public Service Commission	Governor	6/20/2019	IGO	New
Vernon Jordan	Member	Board of Visitors of the Mid-Hudson Forensic Psychiatric Center	Governor	6/20/2019	Mental Health	New
Vincent Bradley Jr.	Commissioner, Chairman	State Liquor Authority	Governor	6/20/2019	IGO/ Alcoholism And Substance Abuse	Reappoint
William P. Fisher	Member	SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry	Governor	6/20/2019	Higher Education	New and then reappoint



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