

# ALBANY COUNTY LEGISLATURE 2019 STANDING COMMITTEES & CHAIRMAN'S TASK FORCES

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**Hon. Andrew Joyce**  
*Chairman*

**Hon. Dennis Feeney**  
*Majority Leader*

**Hon. Frank Mauriello**  
*Minority Leader*

# Introduction

- In accordance with the Albany County Charter, within twenty days of their election, the Chair of the Albany County Legislature must appoint members to the Legislature's Standing Committees.
- We have been working closely with leadership of both the Majority and Minority Caucus to build standing committees that reflect the great talent across the entire Legislature.
- Assignments were chosen on a merit-based criteria, taking into consideration the member's professional experience, in addition to their leadership potential.

# Audit and Finance

**Hon. Dr. Charles Dawson Jr., *Chair***

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Hon. Mark Grimm

Hon. Christopher Higgins

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# Public Works

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Hon. Charles Cahill, Jr.

# Social Services

**Hon. Sam Fein, *Chair***

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Hon. William Clay

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Hon. Patrice Lockart

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Hon. Charles Cahill, Jr.

# Health

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Hon. Gary Domalewicz

Hon. Brian Hogan

Hon. Lynne Lekakis

Hon. Alison McLean Lane

Hon. Sean Ward

Hon. Wanda Willingham

# Con. Sustainability & Green Initiatives

**Hon. William Reinhardt, *Chair***

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Hon. Gary Domalewicz

Hon. Sam Fein

Hon. Gil Ethier

Hon. Victoria Plotsky

Hon. Travis Stevens

Hon. John Frainier

# Public Safety

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Hon. Patrice Lockart

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Hon. Peter Tunny

Hon. Travis Stevens

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Hon. John Frainier



# Personnel

**Hon. Mark Grimm, *Chair***

**Hon. Lynne Lekakis, *Vice-Chair***

Hon. Raymond Joyce

Hon. Joseph O'Brien

Hon. Lucille McKnight

Hon. Alison McLean Lane

Hon. Travis Stevens

Hon. Richard Touchette

Hon. Sean Ward

# Law

**Hon. Victoria Plotsky, *Chair***

**Hon. David Mayo, *Vice-Chair***

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Hon. Peter Crouse

Hon. Joanne Cunningham

Hon. Dennis Feeney

Hon. Sam Fein

Hon. Christopher Higgins

Hon. Richard Touchette

# Mass Transit

**Hon. Douglas Bullock**, *Chair*

**Hon. Peter Crouse**, *Vice-Chair*

Hon. Norma Chapman

Hon. Gil Ethier

Hon. Brian Hogan

Hon. Robert Beston

Hon. David Mayo

Hon. Alison McLean Lane

Hon. William Reinhardt

# Elder Care (Aging)

**Hon. Wanda Willingham, *Chair***

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Hon. Robert Beston

Hon. Norma Chapman

Hon. Frank Commisso

Hon. Brian Hogan

Hon. Lucille McKnight

Hon. Richard Touchette

Hon. Peter Crouse

# Chairman's Task Forces

In order to harness the full talent and potential of each and every individual member of the Albany County Legislature, and to address critical issues for both our own body and Albany County, we've created the following task forces. The task forces will immediately get to work to deliver recommendations, and a plan to address them. Co-Chairs of each task force will meet according to their schedule and set agenda in coordination with the Chair's office.

- ✓ **Albany County Legislative Modernization**
  - ✓ **Legislative Rules Reform**
- ✓ **Economic Development & Sustainability**
- ✓ **Land Conveyance & Real Property Reform**
- ✓ **Albany County Legislative Outreach to Labor**

# Albany County Legislative Modernization

- **Hon. Mark Grimm, Hon. Lynne Lekakis, *Co-Chairs***
- ✓ Reduce paper waste through development and delivery of an electronic voting system.
- ✓ Make our voting record more easily accessible to our constituents.
- ✓ Refine, streamline legislative operations.

# Legislative Rules Reform

- **Hon. Gil Ethier, Hon. Rich Mendick, *Co-Chairs***
  - ✓ Refine and update the Legislative Rules of Order through input from legislative colleagues and the combined institutional knowledge of the Reform Co-Chairs.
  - ✓ Develop a plan to educate members on any potential changes in coordination with the Legislative Modernization Task Force.

# Economic Development & Sustainability

- **Hon. Chris Smith, Hon. Lucille McKnight** *Co-Chairs*
- ✓ While development is exciting, what can small business owners in Albany County do to thrive and sustain their success?
- ✓ Follow up on the beginning of *Shop Albany County* by continuing our coordination and communication with local Chambers of Commerce on business trends, and best practices to promote local small businesses year-round.



# Land Conveyance & Real Property Reform

- **Hon. Todd Drake, Hon. Norma Chapman** *Co-Chairs*
- ✓ Clearly define what the land conveyance process is for Albany County and how it relates to the Albany County Land Bank, and educate members of the Legislature on the details.
- ✓ Make recommendations on how members of the Legislature can be proactive on letting community leaders and nearby property owners know about property that may be for sale.

# Albany County Legislative Outreach to Labor

- **Hon. Douglas Bullock, Hon. Raymond Joyce** *Co-Chairs*
- ✓ Re-establish and strengthen the relationship between the Legislature and the labor community. Develop legislation that promotes working men and women.
- ✓ In coordination with Economic Development and Sustainability Task Force, develop opportunities for growth and job creation that includes union labor.
- ✓ Determine how we as Legislators can promote trade apprenticeship programs to young people, especially those in Minority/Majority Districts, and how we can ensure their success.

“Heal the past, live the present and  
dream the future.”

- Harold L. Joyce (5/21/1995)

