ALBANY COUNTY LEGISLATURE
2019 STANDING COMMITTEES & CHAIRMAN’S TASK FORCES

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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.
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Hon. Joseph O’Brien
Hon. Lucille McKnight
Hon. Alison McLean Lane
Hon. Travis Stevens
Hon. Richard Touchette
Hon. Sean Ward
Hon. Victoria Plotsky, Chair
Hon. David Mayo, Vice-Chair

Hon. Paul Burgdorf
Hon. Peter Crouse
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Hon. Dennis Feeney
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Mass Transit

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Hon. Peter Crouse, Vice-Chair

Hon. Norma Chapman
Hon. Gil Ethier
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Hon. David Mayo
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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
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)