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2 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: At this time I
3 will call the Finance Committee to order. I
4 will act as clerk and I will call the roll.

5 Mr. Lafazan, Mr. Drucker,
6 Ms. Birnbaum, Ms. Walker, Mr. McKevitt.
7 Substituting for Mr. Muscarella is
8 Mr. Ferretti. We have a quorum.

9 First, I will take a motion to
10 suspend the rules by Mr. McKevitt. Seconded
11 by Mr. Drucker. All those in favor of
12 suspending the rules? Aye. Any opposed?

13 Now I'm going to call a number of
14 items that have already been through prior
15 committees and we're going to hopefully pass
16 those by consent. Those would be numbers 55,
17 58, 59, 60, 70, 71. And on the addendum 72,
18 73, 74. Motion on those by Ms. Walker and
19 seconded by Ms. Birnbaum. All those in favor
20 of those items? Aye. Are there any opposed?
21 So those items are unanimous.

22 We will go back to item number 40,
23 which is a resolution authorizing a grant
24 agreement with Department of Parks. As well
25 as 41. The first one is with Department of

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2 Parks and Art Guild of Port Washington. The
3 second one, 41, is Department of Parks and
4 Oyster Bay Historical Society.

5 That motion is made by Ms. Walker
6 again and seconded by Mr. Lafazan.

7 MS. CASO: Tori Caso from the
8 Parks Department.

9 Item 40 is a grant agreement with
10 the Art Guild of Port Washington for up to
11 \$10,000 to reopen the Barnett Elder Field's
12 field in order to increase visual arts and
13 cultural programing.

14 And 41 is the Oyster Bay Historical
15 Society for up to \$22,000 to repair and
16 restore the Earl Whiteman Historic House in
17 the Town of Oyster Bay. They are both paid
18 from hotel-motel tax funds.

19 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Are there any
20 legislative questions on those items?

21 Number 65 is a resolution
22 authorizing the treasurer to furnish the clerk
23 of the legislature with a petty cash fund in
24 the amount of \$500.

25 That motion is made by Mr. Lafazan

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2 and seconded by Mr. McKevitt.

3 Michael, what are you going to do
4 with this extravagant amount of money?

5 MR. PULITZER: We will try to
6 manage that, sir.

7 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Anyone have
8 any questions here? Thank you. That was very
9 eloquent.

10 Number 68 is a supplemental with
11 the Office of Housing and Community
12 Development.

13 That motion is by Ms. Walker.
14 Seconded by Mr. Drucker.

15 MS. PETTIS: Good afternoon. So
16 we are here for 56-20 and 68 I'm sorry.

17 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: We didn't call
18 a 56-20 but why don't you wait one moment and
19 I will do that as well. 56 is a transfer of
20 appropriations for the year 2020. That's a
21 motion by Ms. Birnbaum. Seconded by
22 Mr. Drucker.

23 MS. PETTIS: Kanecia Pettis,
24 director of Housing.

25 MS. SALALA: Loretta Salala,

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2 fiscal advisor for Housing.

3 MS. PETTIS: Should I speak on 56
4 or 68 first?

5 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Which would
6 you rather? Go at it please.

7 MS. PETTIS: Thank you sir. 68.
8 This is our annual contract with New York
9 State who funds our department. Our
10 department is grant funded, 100 percent grant
11 funded, to run the Section 8 program for
12 Nassau County.

13 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Okay.

14 MS. PETTIS: 56 is a transfer of
15 funds that's already within the same
16 department. But we just want to move funds
17 from one line to the other.

18 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Any
19 legislative questions? So, what we're going
20 to do now I guess is going to vote on the ones
21 I have called. All those in favor of those
22 items? Aye. Any opposed? Those items are
23 all passed unanimously.

24 I'm going to call 61 and 62 and
25 then I'm going to take a motion for executive

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2 session on those items. I'm going to call 75
3 first, which is a transfer of appropriations.
4 That is a motion by Ms. Walker and seconded by
5 Mr. McKevitt.

6 MS. KELLY: I'm Carolyn Kelly,
7 the deputy medical examiner for laboratories,
8 here on item 75-20. It's a transfer of
9 funds. It's already been approved by the New
10 York State Department of Criminal Justice
11 Services. It's a reallocation of \$13,000 from
12 the equipment and travel line to personnel
13 salaries. This is needed as a result of the
14 discovery reform legislation.

15 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Any
16 questions? All those in favor of this item?
17 Any opposed?

18 Mr. Budnick, we are going to go
19 into executive session on two other items, but
20 why don't you do your thing first if you are
21 looking for a chance. Did you have
22 something? Sorry.

23 Number 61 is a resolution
24 authorizing a settlement in the matter of
25 William T. Joie. And number 62 is a county

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2 settlement with Adel Marie Dediego. That was
3 a motion by Ms. Walker and seconded by
4 Ms. Birnbaum.

5 Now I'm going to take a motion for
6 executive session. Made by Mr. McKevitt.
7 Seconded by Mr. Lafazan. All those in favor
8 of executive session? Aye. Any opposed?

9 (Committee recessed at 3:49 p.m.)

10 (Committee reconvened at 4:16 p.m.)

11 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: We are back
12 from executive session. On those two items,
13 Mr. Budnick you wanted to talk about the items
14 that you didn't hear?

15 MR. BUDNICK: Very quickly. I
16 just wanted the amounts of the two settlements
17 to be spread on the record. Other than that,
18 I stand with your executive session and I will
19 not ask about anything that might have been
20 brought up in executive session except the
21 amounts of the settlements that will be paid
22 for by the county.

23 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Right. Thank
24 you. We discussed that as well and we are
25 satisfied. All those in favor of these two

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2 items as presented please signify by saying
3 aye. Are there any opposed? Those items pass
4 unanimously.

5 There is a motion to adjourn made
6 by Ms. Walker and seconded by Mr. Lafazan.

7 All those in favor of adjourning? Aye. All
8 those opposed? We are adjourned.

9 (Committee adjourned at 4:19 p.m.)

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I, FRANK GRAY, a Notary
Public in and for the State of New
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THAT the foregoing is a true and
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have
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March 2020

FRANK GRAY