



# Onondaga County Legislature

**JAMIE McNAMARA**  
Clerk

**TAMMY BARBER**  
Deputy Clerk

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## RESOLUTION NOS. 1-7

### OFFICE OF THE CLERK

**January 2, 2024**

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Listed below is the order of business for the Onondaga County Legislature's Organizational Session.  
The meeting was held at **1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 2, 2024.**

### **I. CHAIR PRO TEM**

- A. CALL TO ORDER
- B. CALLING OF ROLL MEMBERS
- C. INVOCATION – **Mr. May**
- D. SALUTE TO THE FLAG – **Mr. Meaker**
- E. **ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON – Timothy T. Burtis**

### **II. CHAIRPERSON OF THE LEGISLATURE**

- F. DESIGNATION OF FLOOR LEADERS
- G. DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER
- H. ELECTION OF CLERK
  - 1. **No. 1** Confirming Appointment of Jamie McNamara as Clerk of the Onondaga County Legislature (Sponsored by Mr. Meaker) (17-0)
- I. ELECTION OF DEPUTY CLERK
  - 1. **No. 2** Confirming Appointment of Tamara Barber as Deputy Clerk of the Onondaga County Legislature (Sponsored by Mr. Meaker) (17-0)
- J. ELECTION OF ASSISTANT CLERK
  - 1. **No. 3** Confirming Appointment of Deborah A. Kaminski as Assistant Clerk of the Onondaga County Legislature (Sponsored by Mr. Bush) (17-0)
- K. PREVIOUS SESSION MINUTES APPROVED
- L. PRESENTATION OF COMMUNICATIONS
  - 1. **Public Comment:**
    - a. Public comment period had 0 speakers
- M. CALL OF RESPECTIVE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS (District 1)

### **3<sup>rd</sup> DISTRICT – MR. BURTIS**

- a1. **No. 4 – WAIVER** Confirming Legislative Counsel for the Onondaga County Legislature (17-0)

### **8<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT – MR. RYAN**

- 1. **No. 5** Confirming Appointment of John N. DeSantis as Legislative Aide of the Onondaga County Legislature (17-0)

**10<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT – MR. OLSON**

2. ***No. 6*** Confirming Appointment of James E. Beebe as Legislative Analyst of the Onondaga County Legislature (17-0)

**13<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT – MR. BUSH**

3. ***No. 7*** Confirming the Appointment of Darcie L. Lesniak as Director, Legislative Budget Review of the Onondaga County Legislature (17-0)

N. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

O. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

P. ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

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JAMIE McNAMARA, Clerk  
Onondaga County Legislature

JANUARY 2, 2024 ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION			ROLL CALL
LEGISLATOR	PRESENT:	ABSENT:	
1. MAY	✓		<i>Chair Pro Tem McNamara called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.</i>
2. MEAKER	✓		
3. BURTIS	✓		
4. GUNNIP	✓		
5. CODY	✓		
6. ABBOTT	✓		
7. ROMEO	✓		
8. RYAN	✓		
9. HARVEY	✓		
10. OLSON	✓		
11. MCCARRON	✓		
12. KNAPP	✓		
13. BUSH	✓		
14. KELLY	✓		
15. BROWN	✓		
16. GARLAND	✓		
17. HERNANDEZ	✓		
TOTAL:	17	0	

**JANUARY 2, 2024  
ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION**

**ELECTION OF  
CHAIRPERSON**

LEGISLATORS	BURTIS	RYAN	ABSENT:	
1. MAY	Burtis			<p><i>Mr. May nominated Legislator Timothy T. Burtis, seconded by Ms. Cody.</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Brown nominated Legislator Christopher J. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Garland.</i></p> <p><i>Chair Pro Tem McNamara announced that Legislator Timothy T. Burtis is Chairman of the Onondaga County Legislature.</i></p>
2. MEAKER	Burtis			
3. BURTIS	Burtis			
4. GUNNIP	Burtis			
5. CODY	Burtis			
6. ABBOTT	Burtis			
7. ROMEO		Ryan		
8. RYAN		Ryan		
9. HARVEY		Ryan		
10. OLSON	Burtis			
11. MCCARRON	Burtis			
12. KNAPP	Burtis			
13. BUSH	Burtis			
14. KELLY	Burtis			
15. BROWN		Ryan		
16. GARLAND		Ryan		
17. HERNANDEZ		Ryan		
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	

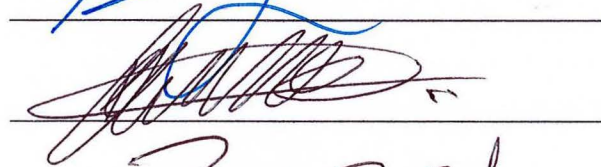
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DESIGNATION OF FLOOR LEADER – REPUBLICAN CAUCUS

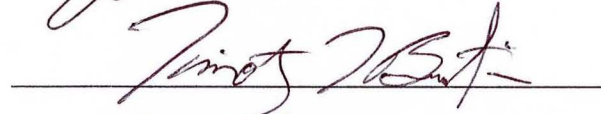
We, the undersigned, a majority of the Republican members of the County Legislature of Onondaga County for the years 2024 and 2025, do hereby designate Brian F. May of the 1<sup>st</sup> Legislative District to be the Floor Leader of the Republican Caucus.



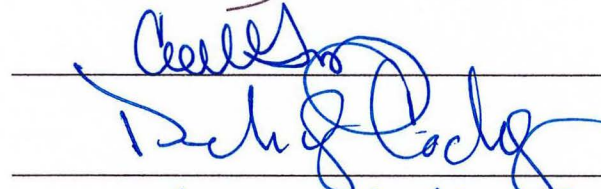
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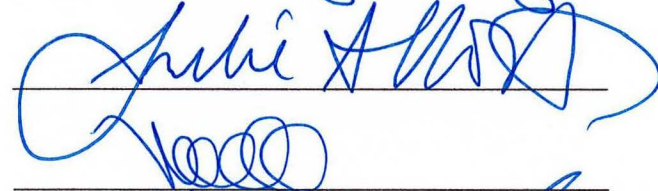
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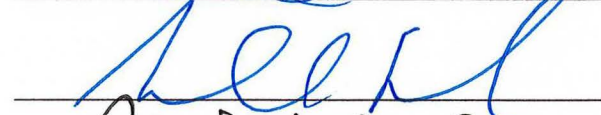
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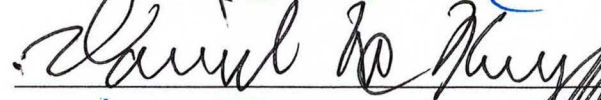
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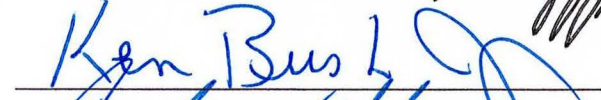
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JULIE ABBOTT



MARK A. OLSON



RICH MCCARRON



DAVID H. KNAPP



KEN BUSH, JR.



CODY M. KELLY

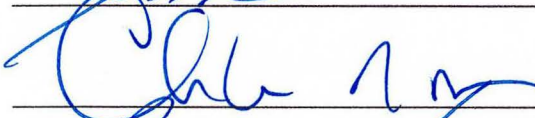
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DESIGNATION OF FLOOR LEADER – DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

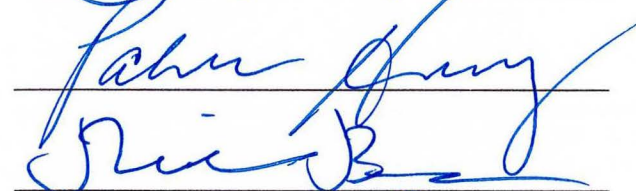
We, the undersigned, a majority of the Democratic members of the County Legislature of Onondaga County for the years 2024 and 2025, do hereby designate Christopher J. Ryan of the 8<sup>th</sup> Legislative District to be the Floor Leader of the Democratic Caucus.



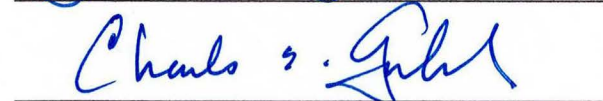
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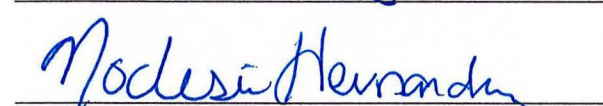
CHRISTOPHER J. RYAN



PALMER HARVEY



MAURICE BROWN



CHARLES E. GARLAND


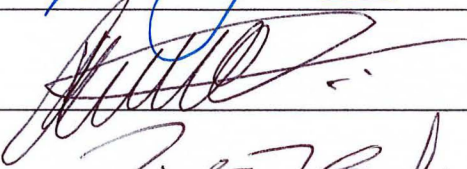
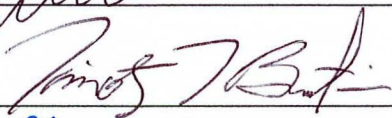
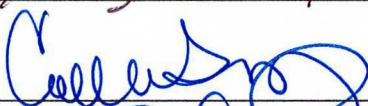
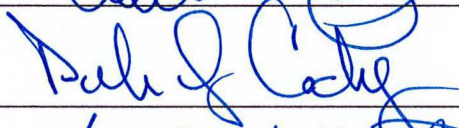

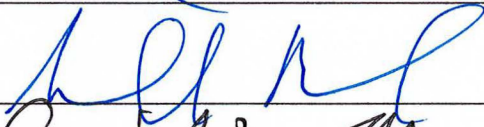
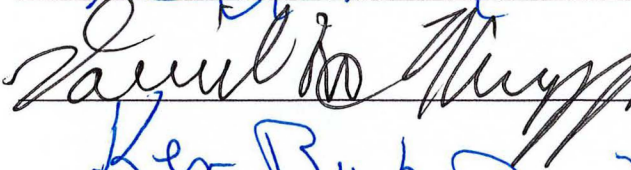
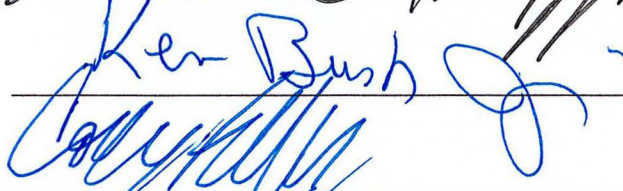




NODESIA R. HERNANDEZ

January 2, 2024

DESIGNATION OF REPUBLICAN NEWSPAPER

We, the undersigned, a majority of the Republican members of the County Legislature of Onondaga County for the years 2024 and 2025, do hereby designate the Syracuse Post Standard, a newspaper published in the City of Syracuse, New York, as the newspaper representing the political party to which we belong, and we hereby designate the Syracuse Post Standard as one of the newspapers in this County to publish concurrent resolutions, amendments, local laws, election notices, list of nominations and the official canvas for 2024 and 2025.

BRIAN F. MAY

KEVIN J. MEAKER

TIMOTHY T. BURTIS

COLLEEN A. GUNNIP

DEBRA J. CODY

JULIE ABBOTT

MARK A. OLSON

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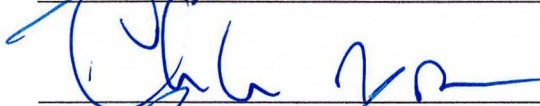
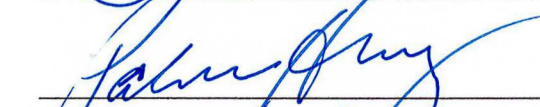
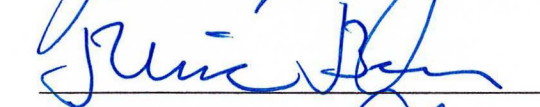
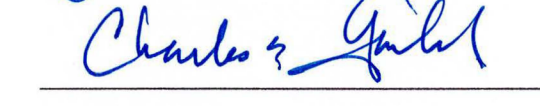

CODY M. KELLY



January 2, 2024

DESIGNATION OF DEMOCRATIC NEWSPAPER

We, the undersigned, a majority of the Democratic members of the County Legislature of Onondaga County for the years 2024 and 2025, do hereby designate the Syracuse Post Standard, a newspaper published in the City of Syracuse, New York, as the newspaper representing the political party to which we belong, and we hereby designate the Syracuse Post Standard as one of the newspapers in this County to publish concurrent resolutions, amendments, local laws, election notices, list of nominations and the official canvas for 2024 and 2025.

  
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DAN ROMEO

CHRISTOPHER J. RYAN

PALMER HARVEY

MAURICE BROWN

CHARLES E. GARLAND

NODESIA R. HERNANDEZ



January 2, 2024

Motion Made By Mr. Meaker, Mr. May, Mr. Burtis,  
Ms. Gunnip, Ms. Cody, Ms. Abbott, Mr. Olson,  
Mr. McCarron, Mr. Knapp, Mr. Bush, Dr. Kelly

RESOLUTION NO. 1

CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF JAMIE MCNAMARA AS CLERK OF THE ONONDAGA  
COUNTY LEGISLATURE

RESOLVED, that the following person is hereby appointed Clerk of the Onondaga County  
Legislature:

JAMIE McNAMARA  
3626 Nadir Lane, Baldwinsville, New York 13027

ADOPTED 1/2/2024



I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy  
of the legislation duly adopted by the County Legislature  
of Onondaga County on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January 2024.

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Clerk, County Legislature

JANUARY 2, 2024 ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION				ELECTION OF CLERK
LEGISLATORS	NAME:	NOES:	ABSENT:	No. 1
1. MAY	McNamara			<p><i>Mr. Meaker nominated Jamie McNamara, seconded by Mr. May.</i></p> <p><i>Chairman Burtis announced that Ms. McNamara is Clerk of the Onondaga County Legislature.</i></p>
8. RYAN	McNamara			
2. MEAKER	McNamara			
4. GUNNIP	McNamara			
5. CODY	McNamara			
6. ABBOTT	McNamara			
7. ROMEO	McNamara			
9. HARVEY	McNamara			
10. OLSON	McNamara			
11. MCCARRON	McNamara			
12. KNAPP	McNamara			
13. BUSH	McNamara			
14. KELLY	McNamara			
15. BROWN	McNamara			
16. GARLAND	McNamara			
17. HERNANDEZ	McNamara			
3. BURTIS	McNamara			
TOTAL:	17	0	0	

January 2, 2024

Motion Made By Mr. Meaker, Mr. May, Mr. Burtis,  
Ms. Gunnip, Ms. Cody, Ms. Abbott, Mr. Olson,  
Mr. McCarron, Mr. Knapp, Mr. Bush, Dr. Kelly

RESOLUTION NO. 2

CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF TAMARA BARBER AS DEPUTY CLERK OF THE  
ONONDAGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

RESOLVED, that the following person is hereby appointed Deputy Clerk of the Onondaga County  
Legislature:

TAMARA BARBER  
7721 Frayer Lane, Liverpool, NY 13090

ADOPTED 1/2/2024



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of Onondaga County on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January 2024.

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Clerk, County Legislature

JANUARY 2, 2024 ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION				ELECTION OF DEPUTY CLERK
LEGISLATORS	NAME:	NOES:	ABSENT:	No. 2
1. MAY	Barber			<p><i>Mr. Meaker nominated Tamara Barber, seconded by Mr. May.</i></p> <p><i>Chairman Burtis announced that Ms. Barber is Deputy Clerk of the Onondaga County Legislature.</i></p>
8. RYAN	Barber			
2. MEAKER	Barber			
4. GUNNIP	Barber			
5. CODY	Barber			
6. ABBOTT	Barber			
7. ROMEO	Barber			
9. HARVEY	Barber			
10. OLSON	Barber			
11. MCCARRON	Barber			
12. KNAPP	Barber			
13. BUSH	Barber			
14. KELLY	Barber			
15. BROWN	Barber			
16. GARLAND	Barber			
17. HERNANDEZ	Barber			
3. BURTIS	Barber			
TOTAL:	17	0	0	

January 2, 2024

Motion Made By Mr. Bush, Mr. May, Mr. Meaker,  
Mr. Burtis, Ms. Gunnip, Ms. Cody, Ms. Abbott,  
Mr. Olson, Mr. McCarron, Mr. Knapp, Dr. Kelly

RESOLUTION NO. 3

CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF DEBORAH A. KAMINSKI AS ASSISTANT CLERK OF THE  
ONONDAGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

RESOLVED, that the following person is hereby appointed Assistant Clerk of the Onondaga  
County Legislature:

DEBORAH A. KAMINSKI  
3525 Warners Road, Camillus, NY 13031

ADOPTED 1/2/2024



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# JANUARY 2, 2024 ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION

## ELECTION OF ASSISTANT CLERK

LEGISLATORS	NAME:	NOES:	ABSENT:	No. 3
1. MAY	Kaminski			<p><i>Mr. Bush nominated Deborah Kaminski, seconded by Mr. May.</i></p> <p><i>Chairman Burtis announced that Mrs. Kaminski is Assistant Clerk of the Onondaga County Legislature.</i></p>
8. RYAN	Kaminski			
2. MEAKER	Kaminski			
4. GUNNIP	Kaminski			
5. CODY	Kaminski			
6. ABBOTT	Kaminski			
7. ROMEO	Kaminski			
9. HARVEY	Kaminski			
10. OLSON	Kaminski			
11. MCCARRON	Kaminski			
12. KNAPP	Kaminski			
13. BUSH	Kaminski			
14. KELLY	Kaminski			
15. BROWN	Kaminski			
16. GARLAND	Kaminski			
17. HERNANDEZ	Kaminski			
3. BURTIS	Kaminski			
TOTAL:	17	0	0	



January 2, 2024

WAIVER

Motion Made By Mr. Burtis

RESOLUTION NO. 4

APPOINTING LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL FOR THE ONONDAGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

RESOLVED, that the following firm hereby is appointed to serve as Legislative Counsel for the Onondaga County Legislature, effective January 1, 2024, and extending through the end of the current legislative term on December 31, 2025, with such individuals being assigned work by the Chair of this Onondaga County Legislature as may be appropriate:

Harris Beach, PLLC  
333 West Washington Street  
Suite 200  
Syracuse, New York 13202

and, be it further

RESOLVED, that, consistent with the Onondaga County Charter and Administrative Code, the County Attorney is sole legal advisor to the County, and Legislative Counsel shall coordinate legal work with the County Attorney and shall apprise the County Attorney in a timely manner of legal opinions rendered so as to allow the County Attorney to properly perform all functions of the office; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the utilization of such Legislative Counsel is authorized to the extent that funding is provided for such purpose within the annual county budget, with any expenditures in excess thereof being subject to appropriate executive approval.

ADOPTED 1/2/2024



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**JANUARY 2, 2024  
ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION**

**No. 4**

**LEGISLATORS**

**AYES:**

**NOES:**

**ABSENT:**

**EXCUSED:**

**a1**

**1. MAY**

**8. RYAN**

**2. MEAKER**

**4. GUNNIP**

**5. CODY**

**6. ABBOTT**

**7. ROMEO**

**9. HARVEY**

**10. OLSON**

**11. MCCARRON**

**12. KNAPP**

**13. BUSH**

**14. KELLY**

**15. BROWN**

**16. GARLAND**

**17. HERNANDEZ**

**3. BURTIS**

**TOTAL:**

**17**

**0**

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**0**

*Mr. May requested a waiver to present the following resolution. There was no objection, and the waiver was granted.*

January 2, 2024

Motion Made By Mr. Ryan

RESOLUTION NO. 5

CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF JOHN N. DESANTIS AS LEGISLATIVE AIDE OF THE  
ONONDAGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

RESOLVED, that the following person is hereby appointed Legislative Aide of the Onondaga County Legislature:

JOHN N. DESANTIS  
59 Brown Street, Baldwinsville, New York 13027

ADOPTED 1/2/2024



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**JANUARY 2, 2024  
ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION**

**No. 5**

<b>LEGISLATORS</b>	<b>AYES:</b>	<b>NOES:</b>	<b>ABSENT:</b>	<b>EXCUSED:</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>1. MAY</b>					
<b>8. RYAN</b>					
<b>2. MEAKER</b>					
<b>4. GUNNIP</b>					
<b>5. CODY</b>					
<b>6. ABBOTT</b>					
<b>7. ROMEO</b>					
<b>9. HARVEY</b>					
<b>10. OLSON</b>					
<b>11. MCCARRON</b>					
<b>12. KNAPP</b>					
<b>13. BUSH</b>					
<b>14. KELLY</b>					
<b>15. BROWN</b>					
<b>16. GARLAND</b>					
<b>17. HERNANDEZ</b>					
<b>3. BURTIS</b>					
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	

January 2, 2024

Motion Made By Mr. Olson, Mr. May, Mr. Meaker,  
Mr. Burtis, Ms. Gunnip, Ms. Cody, Ms. Abbott,  
Mr. McCarron, Mr. Knapp, Mr. Bush, Dr. Kelly

RESOLUTION NO. 6

CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF JAMES E. BEEBE AS LEGISLATIVE ANALYST OF THE  
ONONDAGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

RESOLVED, that the following person is hereby appointed Legislative Analyst of the Onondaga  
County Legislature:

JAMES E. BEEBE  
409 Ferndale Lane, Minoa, New York 13116

ADOPTED 1/2/2024



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of Onondaga County on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January 2024.

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**JANUARY 2, 2024  
ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION**

**No. 6**

**LEGISLATORS**

**AYES:**

**NOES:**

**ABSENT:**

**EXCUSED:**

**2**

**1. MAY**

**8. RYAN**

**2. MEAKER**

**4. GUNNIP**

**5. CODY**

**6. ABBOTT**

**7. ROMEO**

**9. HARVEY**

**10. OLSON**

**11. MCCARRON**

**12. KNAPP**

**13. BUSH**

**14. KELLY**

**15. BROWN**

**16. GARLAND**

**17. HERNANDEZ**

**3. BURTIS**

**TOTAL:**

**17**

**0**

**0**

**0**



January 2, 2024

Motion Made By Mr. Bush, Mr. May, Mr. Meaker,  
Mr. Burtis, Ms. Gunnip, Ms. Cody, Ms. Abbott,  
Mr. Olson, Mr. McCarron, Mr. Knapp, Dr. Kelly

RESOLUTION NO. 7

CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF DARCIE L. LESNIAK AS DIRECTOR, LEGISLATIVE  
BUDGET REVIEW OF THE ONONDAGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

RESOLVED, that the following person is hereby appointed Director, Legislative Budget Review  
of the Onondaga County Legislature:

DARCIE L. LESNIAK  
208 Leopold Boulevard, Syracuse, New York 13209

ADOPTED 1/2/2024



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**JANUARY 2, 2024  
ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION**

**No. 7**

**LEGISLATORS**

**AYES:**

**NOES:**

**ABSENT:**

**EXCUSED:**

**3**

**1. MAY**

**8. RYAN**

**2. MEAKER**

**4. GUNNIP**

**5. CODY**

**6. ABBOTT**

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**13. BUSH**

**14. KELLY**

**15. BROWN**

**16. GARLAND**

**17. HERNANDEZ**

**3. BURTIS**

**TOTAL:**

**17**

**0**

**0**

**0**

*The meeting was  
adjourned at 1:47 p.m.*