



Onondaga County Legislature

JAMIE McNAMARA
Clerk

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RESOLUTION NOS. 1 - 9

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

January 2, 2026

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Listed below is the order of business for the Onondaga County Legislature's Organizational Session.
The meeting was held at 1:17 p.m. on Friday, January 2, 2026.

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

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 Hassina Adams as Clerk of the Onondaga County Legislature (Sponsored by Mr. Ryan)
- I. ELECTION OF DEPUTY CLERK
 - 1. **No. 2** Confirming Appointment of Spencer Berg as Deputy Clerk of the Onondaga County Legislature (Sponsored by Mr. Romeo)
- J. ELECTION OF ASSISTANT CLERK
 - 1. **No. 3** Confirming Appointment of John DeSantis as Assistant Clerk of the Onondaga County Legislature (Sponsored by Mr. Eriksen)
- 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)

4th DISTRICT – MR. THOMPSON

- 1. **No. 4 – Waiver** Confirming Appointment of Kyle Madden as Director of Legislative Budget Review of the Onondaga County Legislature

8th DISTRICT – MR. RYAN

- 1a. **No. 5 - Waiver** Appointing Legislative Counsel for the Onondaga County Legislature

10th DISTRICT – MS. DENTON

2. *No. 6 - Waiver* Authorizing Advance Step Hiring and Placement

15th DISTRICT – MR. BROWN

3. *No. 7 - Waiver* Personnel Resolution

4. *No. 8* Confirming Appointment of Ruthnie Angrand as Director of Communications of the Onondaga County Legislature

17th DISTRICT – MS. HERNANDEZ

5. *No. 9* Confirming Appointment of Jamea Johnson as Legislative Aide of the Onondaga County Legislature

- N. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - NONE
O. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR - NONE
P. ADJOURNMENT – 1:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



JAMIE McNAMARA, Clerk
Onondaga County Legislature

**JANUARY 2, 2026
ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION**

ROLL CALL

LEGISLATOR	PRESENT:	ABSENT:	
1. MAY	✓		<p align="center"><i>Chair Pro Tem McNamara called the meeting to order at 1:17 p.m.</i></p>
2. MEAKER	✓		
3. BURTIS	✓		
4. THOMPSON	✓		
5. BLOCK	✓		
6. ERIKSEN	✓		
7. ROMEO	✓		
8. RYAN	✓		
9. WATTS	✓		
10. DENTON	✓		
11. MCCARRON	✓		
12. KNAPP	✓		
13. BUSH	✓		
14. KELLY	✓		
15. BROWN	✓		
16. GARLAND	✓		
17. HERNANDEZ	✓		
TOTAL:	17	0	

**JANUARY 2, 2026
ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION**

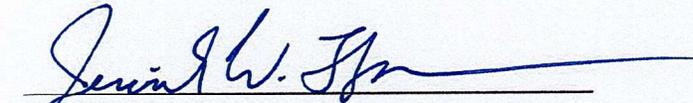
**ELECTION OF
CHAIRPERSON**

LEGISLATORS	GARLAND	WATTS	ABSENT:	
1. MAY	Garland			<i>Mr. McCarron nominated Legislator Charles Garland, seconded by Mr. Bush.</i>
2. MEAKER	Garland			
3. BURTIS	Garland			
4. THOMPSON		Watts		<i>Ms. Hernandez nominated Legislator Nicole Watts, seconded by Mr. Romeo.</i>
5. BLOCK		Watts		
6. ERIKSEN		Watts		
7. ROMEO		Watts		
8. RYAN		Watts		<i>Mr. Meaker nominated Legislator Nodesia Hernandez. Without a second, the nomination is mute.</i>
9. WATTS		Watts		
10. DENTON		Watts		
11. MCCARRON	Garland			<i>Chair Pro Tem McNamara announced that Legislator Nicole Watts is Chairwoman of the Onondaga County Legislature.</i>
12. KNAPP	Garland			
13. BUSH	Garland			
14. KELLY	Garland			
15. BROWN		Watts		
16. GARLAND		Watts		
17. HERNANDEZ		Watts		
TOTAL:	7	10	0	

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DESIGNATION OF FLOOR LEADER – DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

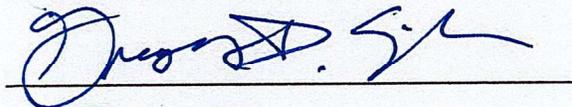
We, the undersigned, a majority of the Democratic members of the County Legislature of Onondaga County for the year 2026, do hereby designate Nodesia R. Hernandez of the 17th Legislative District to be the Floor Leader of the Democratic Caucus.



JEREMIAH W. THOMPSON



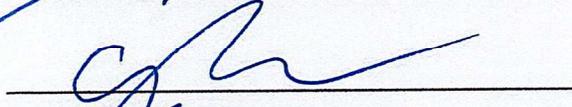
ELLEN E. BLOCK



GREGORY D. ERIKSEN



DAN ROMEO



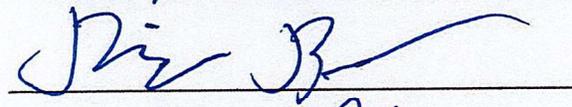
CHAD M. RYAN



NICOLE WATTS



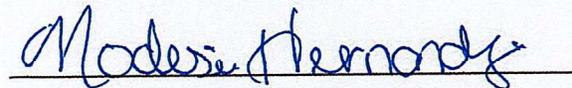
ELAINE M. DENTON



MAURICE BROWN



CHARLES E. GARLAND



NODESIA R. HERNANDEZ

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DESIGNATION OF FLOOR LEADER – REPUBLICAN CAUCUS

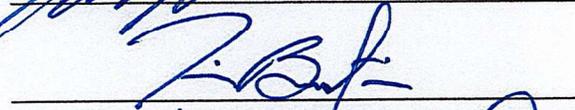
We, the undersigned, a majority of the Republican members of the County Legislature of Onondaga County for the year 2026, do hereby designate Brian F. May of the 1st Legislative District to be the Floor Leader of the Republican Caucus.



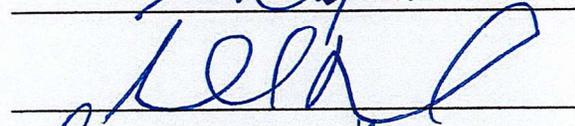
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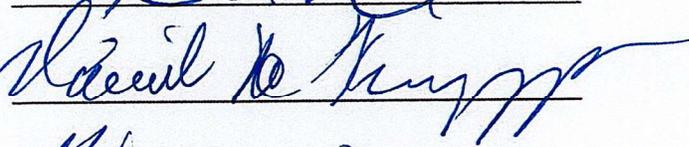
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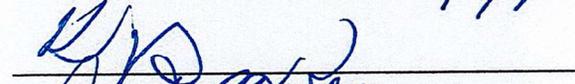
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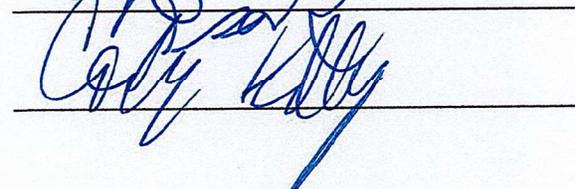
RICH MCCARRON



DAVID H. KNAPP



KEN BUSH, JR.

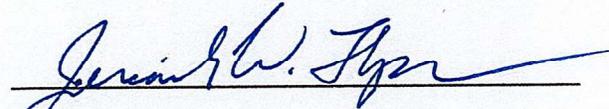


CODY M. KELLY

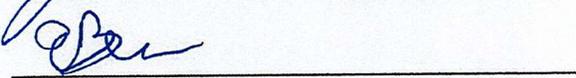
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DESIGNATION OF DEMOCRATIC NEWSPAPER

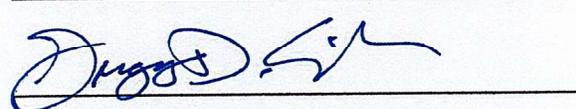
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JEREMIAH W. THOMPSON



ELLEN E. BLOCK



GREGORY D. ERIKSEN



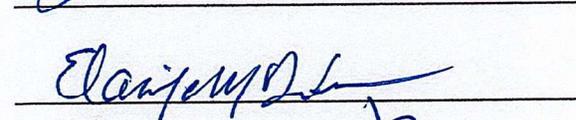
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CHAD M. RYAN



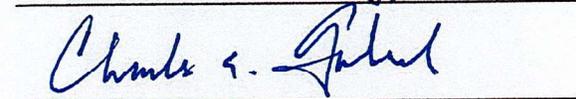
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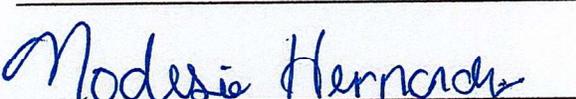
ELAINE M. DENTON



MAURICE BROWN



CHARLES E. GARLAND



NODESIA R. HERNANDEZ

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DESIGNATION OF REPUBLICAN NEWSPAPER

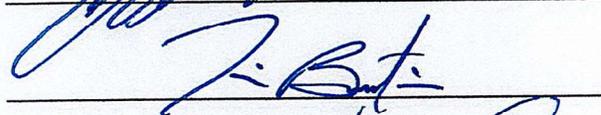
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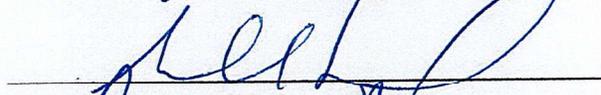
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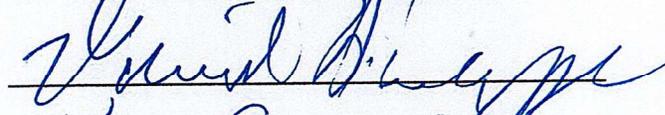
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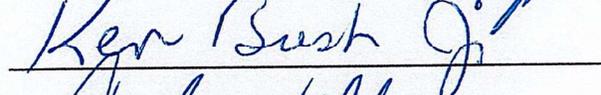
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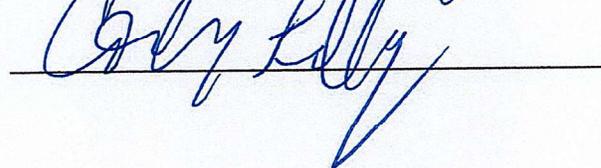
RICH MCCARRON



DAVID H. KNAPP



KEN BUSH, JR.



CODY M. KELLY

January 2, 2026

Motion Made By Mr. Ryan

RESOLUTION NO. 1

CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF HASSINA ADAMS AS CLERK OF THE ONONDAGA
COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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

HASSINA ADAMS
268 South Midler Avenue, Syracuse, New York 13206

ADOPTED 1/2/26



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 2nd day of January 2026.

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Clerk, County Legislature

**JANUARY 2, 2026
ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION**

**ELECTION OF
CLERK**

LEGISLATORS	ADAMS	NONE:	ABSENT:	No. 1
17. HERNANDEZ	ADAMS			<p><i>Mr. Romeo nominated Hassina Adams, seconded by Ms. Hernandez.</i></p> <p><i>Chairwoman Watts announced that Ms. Adams is Clerk of the Onondaga County Legislature.</i></p>
1. MAY		NONE		
2. MEAKER		NONE		
3. BURTIS		NONE		
4. THOMPSON	ADAMS			
5. BLOCK	ADAMS			
6. ERIKSEN	ADAMS			
7. ROMEO	ADAMS			
8. RYAN	ADAMS			
10. DENTON	ADAMS			
11. MCCARRON		NONE		
12. KNAPP		NONE		
13. BUSH		NONE		
14. KELLY		NONE		
15. BROWN	ADAMS			
16. GARLAND	ADAMS			
9. WATTS	ADAMS			
TOTAL:	10	7	0	

January 2, 2026

Motion Made By Mr. Romeo

RESOLUTION NO. 2

CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF SPENCER BERG AS DEPUTY CLERK OF THE ONONDAGA
COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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

SPENCER BERG
202 North McBride Street, Apartment A, Syracuse, New York 13203

ADOPTED 1/2/26



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legislation duly adopted by the County Legislature of Onondaga
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Clerk, County Legislature

**JANUARY 2, 2026
ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION**

**ELECTION OF
DEPUTY CLERK**

LEGISLATORS	BERG	NONE:	ABSENT:	No. 2
17. HERNANDEZ	BERG			<p><i>Mrs. Block nominated Spencer Berg, seconded by Mr. Thompson.</i></p> <p><i>Chairwoman Watts announced that Mr. Berg is Deputy Clerk of the Onondaga County Legislature.</i></p>
1. MAY		NONE		
2. MEAKER		NONE		
3. BURTIS		NONE		
4. THOMPSON	BERG			
5. BLOCK	BERG			
6. ERIKSEN	BERG			
7. ROMEO	BERG			
8. RYAN	BERG			
10. DENTON	BERG			
11. MCCARRON		NONE		
12. KNAPP		NONE		
13. BUSH		NONE		
14. KELLY		NONE		
15. BROWN	BERG			
16. GARLAND	BERG			
9. WATTS	BERG			
TOTAL:	10	7	0	

January 2, 2026

Motion Made By Mr. Eriksen

RESOLUTION NO. 3

CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF JOHN N. DESANTIS AS ASSISTANT CLERK OF THE
ONONDAGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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

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

ADOPTED 1/2/26



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the legislation duly adopted by the County Legislature of
Onondaga County on the 2nd day of January 2026.

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**JANUARY 2, 2026
ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION**

**ELECTION OF
ASSISTANT CLERK**

LEGISLATORS	DESANTIS	KAMINSKI	ABSENT:	No. 3
17. HERNANDEZ	DESNANTIS			<p><i>Mr. Eriksen nominated John DeSantis, seconded by Ms. Denton.</i></p> <p><i>Mr. McCarron nominated Debbie Kaminski, seconded by Dr. Kelly.</i></p> <p><i>Chairwoman Watts announced that Mr. DeSantis is Assistant Clerk of the Onondaga County Legislature.</i></p>
1. MAY		KAMINSKI		
2. MEAKER		KAMINSKI		
3. BURTIS		KAMINSKI		
4. THOMPSON	DESNANTIS			
5. BLOCK	DESNANTIS			
6. ERIKSEN	DESNANTIS			
7. ROMEO	DESNANTIS			
8. RYAN	DESNANTIS			
10. DENTON	DESNANTIS			
11. MCCARRON		KAMINSKI		
12. KNAPP		KAMINSKI		
13. BUSH		KAMINSKI		
14. KELLY		KAMINSKI		
15. BROWN	DESNANTIS			
16. GARLAND	DESNANTIS			
9. WATTS	DESNANTIS			
TOTAL:	10	7	0	

January 2, 2026

Motion Made By Mr. Thompson

RESOLUTION NO. 4

CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF KYLE MADDEN 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:

KYLE MADDEN
517 Robineau Road, Syracuse, New York 13207

ADOPTED 1/2/26



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legislation duly adopted by the County Legislature of Onondaga
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Clerk, County Legislature

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ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION**

No. 4

LEGISLATORS	AYES:	NOES:	ABSENT:	EXCUSED:	1
1. MAY		✓			
2. MEAKER		✓			
3. BURTIS		✓			
4. THOMPSON					
5. BLOCK					
6. ERIKSEN					
7. ROMEO					
8. RYAN					
10. DENTON					
11. McCARRON		✓			
12. KNAPP		✓			
13. BUSH		✓			
14. KELLY		✓			
15. BROWN					
16. GARLAND					
17. HERNANDEZ					
9. WATTS					
TOTAL:	10	7	0	0	

January 2, 2026

WAIVER

Motion Made By Mr. Ryan

RESOLUTION NO. 5

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, 2026, and extending through the end of the current legislative term on December 31, 2026, with such individuals being assigned work by the Chair of this Onondaga County Legislature as may be appropriate:

Bousquet Holstein, PLLC
One Lincoln Center
110 West Fayette Street
#1000
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 1/2/26



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No. 5

LEGISLATORS	AYES:	NOES:	ABSENT:	EXCUSED:	1a
1. MAY		✓			
2. MEAKER		✓			
3. BURTIS		✓			
4. THOMPSON	✓				
5. BLOCK	✓				
6. ERIKSEN				✓	
7. ROMEO	✓				
8. RYAN	✓				
10. DENTON	✓				
11. McCARRON		✓			
12. KNAPP		✓			
13. BUSH		✓			
14. KELLY		✓			
15. BROWN	✓				
16. GARLAND	✓				
17. HERNANDEZ	✓				
9. WATTS	✓				
TOTAL:	9	7	0	1	

**JANUARY 2, 2026
ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION**

**Motion to
Postpone until
February**

LEGISLATORS	AYES:	NOES:	ABSENT:	EXCUSED:	1a
1. MAY	✓				<p><i>Mr. Ryan requested a waiver to present the following resolution. There was no objection, and the waiver was granted.</i></p> <p><i>Mr. May motioned to postpone until February, seconded by Mr. Burtis.</i></p> <p><i>A vote was taken on the motion.</i></p> <p><i>Motion Failed.</i></p>
2. MEAKER	✓				
3. BURTIS	✓				
4. THOMPSON		✓			
5. BLOCK		✓			
6. ERIKSEN				✓	
7. ROMEO		✓			
8. RYAN		✓			
10. DENTON		✓			
11. McCARRON	✓				
12. KNAPP	✓				
13. BUSH	✓				
14. KELLY	✓				
15. BROWN		✓			
16. GARLAND		✓			
17. HERNANDEZ		✓			
9. WATTS		✓			
TOTAL:	7	9	0	1	

January 2, 2026

WAIVER

Motion Made By Ms. Denton

RESOLUTION NO. 6

AUTHORIZING ADVANCE STEP HIRING AND PLACEMENT

WHEREAS, due to changes in job responsibilities and to retaining an existing staff member, authorization to advance step hire is necessary; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that authorization for a one-time advance step hire is hereby given for the position listed below, which authorization is effective for such position the first full pay period after January 2, 2026:

Onondaga County Legislature

Place the Assistant Clerk (L100027) at Grade 32, Step 14 (\$82,126)

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of Personnel is authorized to make any administrative corrections as may be reasonably needed to effectuate the intent of this resolution.

ADOPTED 1/2/26



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No. 6

LEGISLATORS	AYES:	NOES:	ABSENT:	EXCUSED:	2
1. MAY		✓			<i>Ms. Denton requested a waiver to present the following resolution. There was no objection, and the waiver was granted.</i>
2. MEAKER		✓			
3. BURTIS		✓			
4. THOMPSON	✓				
5. BLOCK	✓				
6. ERIKSEN	✓				
7. ROMEO	✓				
8. RYAN	✓				
10. DENTON	✓				
11. McCARRON		✓			
12. KNAPP		✓			
13. BUSH		✓			
14. KELLY		✓			
15. BROWN	✓				
16. GARLAND	✓				
17. HERNANDEZ	✓				
9. WATTS	✓				
TOTAL:	10	7	0	0	

January 2, 2026

WAIVER

Motion Made By Mr. Brown

RESOLUTION NO. 7

PERSONNEL RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the County to provide for various changes to personnel; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following changes are authorized, effective the first full pay period after January 2, 2026:

Onondaga County Legislature

Create one (1) Director of Legislative Communications at Grade 35 (\$89,998-119,308)

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of Personnel is authorized to make any administrative corrections as may be reasonably needed to effectuate the intent of this resolution.

ADOPTED 1/2/26



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No. 7

LEGISLATORS

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

EXCUSED:

3

1. MAY

✓

2. MEAKER

✓

3. BURTIS

✓

4. THOMPSON

✓

5. BLOCK

✓

6. ERIKSEN

✓

7. ROMEO

✓

8. RYAN

✓

10. DENTON

✓

11. McCARRON

✓

12. KNAPP

✓

13. BUSH

✓

14. KELLY

✓

15. BROWN

✓

16. GARLAND

✓

17. HERNANDEZ

✓

9. WATTS

✓

TOTAL:

10

7

0

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

January 2, 2026

Motion Made By Mr. Brown, Mr. Garland, Ms. Hernandez

RESOLUTION NO. 8

CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF RUTHNIE ANGRAND AS DIRECTOR OF
COMMUNICATIONS OF THE ONONDAGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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

RUTHNIE ANGRAND
126 Jamesville Avenue, Apartment P3, Syracuse, NY 13210

ADOPTED 1/2/26



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 2nd day of January 2026.

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Clerk, County Legislature

**JANUARY 2, 2026
ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION**

No. 8

LEGISLATORS	AYES:	NOES:	ABSENT:	EXCUSED:	4
1. MAY		✓			<i>Mr. Garland and Ms. Hernandez requested to be added as cosponsors.</i>
2. MEAKER		✓			
3. BURTIS		✓			
4. THOMPSON	✓				
5. BLOCK	✓				
6. ERIKSEN	✓				
7. ROMEO	✓				
8. RYAN	✓				
10. DENTON	✓				
11. McCARRON		✓			
12. KNAPP		✓			
13. BUSH		✓			
14. KELLY		✓			
15. BROWN	✓				
16. GARLAND	✓				
17. HERNANDEZ	✓				
9. WATTS	✓				
TOTAL:	10	7	0	0	

January 2, 2026

Motion Made By Ms. Hernandez

RESOLUTION NO. 9

CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF JAMEA JOHNSON AS LEGISLATIVE AIDE OF THE
ONONDAGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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

JAMEA JOHNSON
480 South Salina Street, Apartment 201, Syracuse, New York 13202

ADOPTED 1/2/26



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 2nd day of January 2026.

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Clerk, County Legislature

**JANUARY 2, 2026
ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION**

No. 9

LEGISLATORS	AYES:	NOES:	ABSENT:	EXCUSED:	5
1. MAY		✓			<p align="center"><i>The meeting was adjourned at 1:57 p.m.</i></p>
2. MEAKER		✓			
3. BURTIS		✓			
4. THOMPSON	✓				
5. BLOCK	✓				
6. ERIKSEN	✓				
7. ROMEO	✓				
8. RYAN	✓				
10. DENTON	✓				
11. McCARRON		✓			
12. KNAPP		✓			
13. BUSH		✓			
14. KELLY		✓			
15. BROWN	✓				
16. GARLAND	✓				
17. HERNANDEZ	✓				
9. WATTS	✓				
TOTAL:	10	7	0	0	