

Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)

From: Senate Foil <foil@nysenate.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 9:16 AM
To: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc.(CJA)
Subject: Re: FOIL/records request: The Legislature's "joint budget conference committee(s)" mandated to have been established pursuant to Legislative Law §54-a, and §2 of Joint Rule III of the Permanent Joint Rules of the Senate and Assembly

Dear Ms. Sassower,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your request dated February 26, 2020 pursuant to the Freedom of Information Law.

We are currently working on this request and expect to be able to respond within ten (10) business days. If you have any questions do not hesitate to reach to this email address.

From: "Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc.\(CJA\)" <elena@judgewatch.org>
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Date: 02/26/2021 10:18 AM
Subject: FOIL/records request: The Legislature's "joint budget conference committee(s)" mandated to have been established pursuant to Legislative Law §54-a, and §2 of Joint Rule III of the Permanent Joint Rules of the Senate and Assembly

TO: Senate Records Access Officer/Secretary of the Senate Alejandra Paulino, Esq.

Assembly Records Access Officer Robin Marilla

Legislative Law §54-a, entitled "Scheduling of legislative consideration of budget bills", requires that the Legislature's joint rule or rules provide that within 10 days of the Governor's submission of the budget pursuant to Article VII of the New York State Constitution, "a joint budget conference committee or joint budget conference committees" be established "to consider and reconcile such budget resolution or budget bills as may be passed by each house". Pursuant thereto, the Legislature promulgated Permanent Joint Rule III, §2. These two provisions – and Permanent Joint Rule II – are below, for your convenience.

As the Governor submitted the budget on January 19, 2021, the "joint budget conference committee...or committees" were required to be established by January 29, 2021.

Pursuant to Senate Rule ____ ["Freedom of Information"] and Assembly Rules VIII ["Public Access to Records"],