

## MINUTES OF THE 2016-2017 GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MEETING #1

On Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at 5:45 p.m. the initial meeting of the General Conference Committee for the reconciliation of conflicting budget resolutions and bills relating to the 2016-2017 New York State budget was convened at the joint call of Senate Temporary President John J. Flanagan and Assembly Speaker Carl E. Heastie in the Hamilton Meeting Room of the Legislative Office Building in Albany, New York.

The Members of the General Conference Committee are: Senators John J. Flanagan, Jeffrey D. Klein, John A. DeFrancisco, Catharine M. Young, and Andrea Stewart-Cousins; and Members of the Assembly Carl E. Heastie, Herman D. Farrell, Jr., Joseph D. Morelle, Earlene Hooper, and Brian M. Kolb. Alternate members are: Senators James L. Seward and Liz Krueger, and Members of Assembly Jeffrion L. Aubry and Robert C. Oaks. All Members were present for the meeting.

Senator Flanagan opened the meeting, welcomed everyone and introduced the members of the Committee on the part of the Senate. Senator Flanagan then made introductory remarks regarding the Senate's budget and the general budget process. Speaker Heastie then welcomed everyone and made his introductory comments regarding the Assembly's budget and the general budget process. Speaker Heastie proceeded to introduce the members of the Committee on the part of the Assembly. Senator Klein was introduced and also made introductory comments about the budget process and priorities. Senator Stewart-Cousins then was introduced and proceeded to make introductory comments about the budget process and priorities. Member of Assembly Kolb was recognized and he made introductory comments about the budget process and priorities. Senator Young was then recognized and she made comments about the budget process and priorities.

Speaker Heastie noted that the Senate and Assembly have executed the Joint Certificate calling for the convening of the General Conference Committee and subcommittees to discuss the differences in the budget plans adopted by both houses. Copies of the Joint Certificate were filed with the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the Assembly.

Senator Flanagan announced the appointment of Rebecca Wood as co-secretary to the conference committee on the part of the Senate. Speaker Heastie announced the appointment of Brian Haak as co-secretary to the conference committee on the part of the Assembly.

Speaker Heastie announced that the conferences had appointed representatives to the following subcommittees: Economic Development; Education; Environment/Agriculture/Housing; General Government/Local Assistance; Health; Higher Education; Human Services/Labor; Mental Hygiene; Public Protection/Criminal Justice/Judiciary; and Transportation.

Senator Flanagan announced that the General Conference Committee will meet as needed.

Senator Klein announced that the meeting schedule for the various subcommittees would be forthcoming.

Speaker Heastie declared the meeting was adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rebecca Wood  
Brian R. Haak

**MINUTES OF THE 2016-2017 GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MEETING #2**

On Wednesday, March 23, 2016 at 2:28 p.m. the second meeting of the General Conference Committee for the reconciliation of conflicting budget resolutions and bills relating to the 2016-2017 New York State budget was convened at the joint call of Senate Temporary President John J. Flanagan and Assembly Speaker Carl E. Heastie in the Hamilton Meeting Room of the Legislative Office Building in Albany, New York.

The Members of the General Conference Committee are: Senators John J. Flanagan, Jeffrey D. Klein, John A. DeFrancisco, Catharine M. Young, and Andrea Stewart-Cousins; and Members of the Assembly Carl E. Heastie, Herman D. Farrell, Jr., Joseph D. Morelle, Earlene Hooper, and Brian M. Kolb. Alternate members are: Senators James L. Seward and Liz Krueger, and Members of Assembly Jeffrion L. Aubry and Robert C. Oaks. All Members were present for the meeting with the exception of Senator DeFrancisco.

Senator Flanagan opened the meeting, welcomed everyone and introduced the members of the Committee on the part of the Senate. Speaker Heastie then welcomed everyone and introduced the members of the Committee on the part of the Assembly.

Speaker Heastie reported that the two houses of the Legislature had executed an amendment to the Joint Certificate extending the General Conference Committee and any subcommittees thereunder until midnight on Monday, March 28, 2016.

Senator Flanagan and Speaker Heastie then announced the following table target allocations, which are being made to allow the subcommittees to continue their deliberations:

Health	\$	25 million
Education		60 million
Higher Education		60 million
Human Services/Labor		55 million
Mental Hygiene		15 million
Public Protection/Criminal Justice/Judiciary		13 million
Environment/Agriculture/Housing		20 million
General Government/Local Assistance		15 million
Economic Development		9 million
Transportation		5 million

Senator Klein announced that the meeting schedule for a new round of subcommittee meetings had been distributed and that the General Conference Committee would continue to meet as necessary at the call of the co-chairs.

Speaker Heastie declared the meeting was adjourned at 2:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rebecca Wood  
Brian R. Haak

## CONFERENCE SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES

**SUBCOMMITTEE:** Public Protection

**DATE:** Monday, March 16, 2015, 1:00 P.M.

**PLACE:** Hearing Room A, Legislative Office Building

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

*ASSEMBLY*

Joseph R. Lentol (Co-Chair)  
Helene E. Weinstein  
Daniel J. O'Donnell  
Crystal Peoples-Stokes  
Luis Sepúlveda (Alt.)  
Joseph M. Giglio  
Joseph S. Saladino (Alt.)

*SENATE*

Michael F. Nozzolio (Co-Chair)  
Patrick M. Gallivan  
Martin J. Golden  
John J. Bonacic  
Thomas D. Croci (Alt.)  
Ruth Hassell-Thompson  
Leroy Comrie (Alt.)

**DISCUSSION:**

The subcommittee was called to order at 1:15 P.M. Senator Nozzolio and Assemblyman Lentol made opening remarks and introduced the members of the subcommittee. The Co-Chairs additionally appointed recording secretaries for this subcommittee from their respective houses.

Senator Nozzolio reviewed the guidelines for the subcommittee process. Assemblyman Lentol reviewed the agencies that are covered in this subcommittee. Senator Nozzolio announced several agencies that the Assembly and Senate agree on, including funding for the Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence, Interest on Lawyers Account, the State Commission of Correction, and the Office of Victim Services. Additionally, Assemblyman Lentol announced that both the Assembly and Senate agree on Article VII legislation related to cell surcharge revenues and the tuition benefit program for members of the New York Army and Air National Guard and the Naval Militia. Senator Nozzolio also outlined some of the outstanding issues that will be discussed by this subcommittee. The Co-Chairs instructed staff to continue to negotiate outstanding issues with direction from and in consultation with the members of the subcommittee.

The subcommittee was adjourned at 1:30 P.M. The next meeting of this subcommittee will be held at a date and time to be decided by the Co-Chairs.

**RECORDING SECRETARY:** Katie Kurtessis, P&C

## CONFERENCE SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES

**SUBCOMMITTEE:** Public Protection

**DATE:** Thursday, March 23, 2015, 2:45 P.M.

**PLACE:** Hearing Room A, Legislative Office Building

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

*ASSEMBLY*

Joseph R. Lentol (Co-Chair)  
Helene E. Weinstein  
Crystal Peoples-Stokes  
Luis Sepúlveda  
Joseph S. Saladino (Alt.)

*SENATE*

Michael F. Nozzolio (Co-Chair)  
Patrick M. Gallivan  
Martin J. Golden  
John J. Bonacic  
Thoms D. Croci (Alt.)  
Ruth Hassell-Thompson

**DISCUSSION:**

The subcommittee was called to order at 3:01 P.M. Senator Nozzolio and Assemblyman Lentol made brief opening remarks and Senator Nozzolio stated that the table target for this subcommittee is \$13 million. Assemblyman Lentol summarized the major issues that need to be addressed, such as funding for civil and criminal legal services, counterterrorism, SNUG, alternatives to incarceration, and criminal justice reform proposals. Senator Nozzolio stated the importance of restoring funding for law enforcement, civil and criminal legal services, and domestic violence prevention. Assemblyman Lentol expressed concern that the table target would not sufficiently meet these funding needs.

Senator Nozzolio invited members of the subcommittee to address areas of concern in this year's budget. Senators Croci and Golden discussed the importance of counterterrorism measures. Assemblymembers Peoples-Stokes and Lentol discussed the need to improve communication amongst law enforcement and protect all people in New York. Assemblymember Saladino cited concern over the Criminal Justice Reform Act.

The Co-Chairs expressed commitment to an on-time budget and instructed staff to continue to negotiate outstanding issues with direction from and in consultation with the members of this subcommittee. The subcommittee was adjourned at 3:17 P.M.

**RECORDING SECRETARY:** Katherine Kurtessis, P&C