

FIRST DAY

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2024

ANNUAL SESSION

ROLL CALL

The Monroe County Legislature convened in an annual session on Tuesday, January 2, 2024, in the Legislative Chambers, County Office Building, Rochester, New York.

David Grant, Clerk of the Legislature and Chairperson Pro Tem, called the members to order at 6:12 P.M.

Upon calling the roll, the following members responded to their names:

District 1	G. Blake Keller	District 15	Francis Ciardi
District 2	Jackie Smith	District 16	David Long
District 3	Tracy DiFlorio	District 17	Rachel Barnhart
District 4	Virginia McIntyre	District 18	Lystra Bartholomew McCoy
District 5	Richard B. Milne	District 19	Tom Sinclair
District 6	Sean McCabe	District 20	Robert J. Colby
District 7	Kirk Morris	District 21	Santos E. Cruz
District 8	Mark Johns	District 22	Mercedes Vazquez-Simmons
District 9	Paul Dondorfer	District 23	Linda Hasman
District 10	Howard S. Maffucci	District 24	Albert Blankley
District 11	John B. Baynes	District 25	Carolyn Delvecchio Hoffman
District 12	Steve Brew	District 26	Yversha M. Roman
District 13	Michael Yudelson	District 27	Rose E. Bonnick
District 14	Susan Hughes-Smith	District 28	Ricky Frazier
		District 29	William Burgess

The Honorable Adam Bello, Monroe County Executive, administered the Oath of Office to the Legislators.

Intro. No. 1

ELECTION NO. 1 OF 2024

ELECTION OF A TEMPORARY PRESIDENT

Mr. Milne nominated Ms. Jackie Smith to serve as Temporary President of the County Legislature. Mr. Colby seconded the nomination.

Ms. Hughes-Smith nominated Mr. Albert Blankley to serve as Temporary President of the County Legislature. Mr. Baynes seconded the nomination.

There being no other nominations, Mr. Grant declared that the nominations be closed and called the roll for the election of a Temporary President of the County Legislature. If an individual chose not to vote for a candidate, they were to respond with the word "abstain".

Upon calling the roll, Mr. Albert Blankley was elected to serve as Temporary President of the Legislature by the following vote:

Smith — Legislators Brew, Ciardi, Colby, DiFlorio, Dondorfer, Johns, Keller, McCabe, McIntyre, Milne, Morris, Sinclair, Smith – 13

Blankley — Legislators Barnhart, Bartholomew McCoy, Baynes, Blankley, Bonnick, Burgess, Cruz, Delvecchio Hoffman, Frazier, Hasman, Hughes-Smith, Long, Maffucci, Roman, Vazquez Simmons, Yudelson – 16

Note: Temporary President Blankley called upon Reverend JD Jackson to give the invocation at the invitation.

Note: The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Leader Steve Brew.

Intro. No. 2

ELECTION NO. 2 OF 2024

ELECTION OF A PERMANENT PRESIDENT

Mr. Brew nominated Ms. Jackie Smith to serve as Permanent President of the County Legislature. Mr. Dondorfer seconded the nomination.

Ms. Barnhart nominated Ms. Mercedes Vazquez Simmons to serve as Permanent President of the County Legislature. Ms. Vazquez Simmons seconded the nomination.

Ms. Hasman nominated Ms. Yversha M. Roman to serve as Permanent President of the County Legislature. Mr. Burgess seconded the nomination.

There being no other nominations, Temporary President Blankley declared that the nominations be closed and instructed the Clerk to call the roll for the election of a Permanent President of the County Legislature. If an individual chose not to vote for a candidate, they were to respond with the word “abstain”.

Upon calling the roll, there was no Legislator elected to serve as Permanent President by the following vote:

Smith — Legislators Brew, Ciardi, Colby, DiFlorio, Dondorfer, Johns, Keller, McCabe, McIntyre, Milne, Morris, Sinclair, Smith – 13

Vazquez Simmons — Legislators Barnhart, Vazquez Simmons – 2

Roman — Legislators Bartholomew McCoy, Baynes, Blankley, Bonnick, Burgess, Cruz, Delvecchio Hoffman, Frazier, Hasman, Long, Maffucci, Roman, Yudelson – 13

Abstain — Legislator Hughes-Smith – 1

Intro. 3

M. 1

13-16F

Hasman & Hughes-Smith

Providing that the January 2, 2024 Meeting of the Legislature Move into a Recess
(*Legislators Barnhart, Bartholomew McCoy, Blankley, Bonnick, Burgess, Delvecchio Hoffman, Frazier, Hasman, Hughes-Smith, Long, Maffucci, Roman and Vazquez Simmons Voted in the Positive.*)

Intro. No. 4

ELECTION NO. 3 OF 2024

ELECTION OF A PERMANENT PRESIDENT

Mr. Brew nominated Ms. Jackie Smith to serve as Permanent President of the County Legislature. Mr. Dondorfer seconded the nomination.

Ms. Hughes-Smith nominated Ms. Yversha M. Roman to serve as Permanent President of the County Legislature. Mr. Burgess seconded the nomination.

There being no other nominations, Temporary President Blankley declared that the nominations be closed and instructed the Clerk to call the roll for the election of a Permanent President of the County Legislature. If an individual chose not to vote for a candidate, they were to respond with the word “abstain”.

Upon calling the roll, there was no Legislator elected to serve as Permanent President by the following vote:

Smith — Legislators Brew, Ciardi, Colby, DiFlorio, Dondorfer, Johns, Keller, McCabe, McIntyre, Milne, Morris, Sinclair, Smith – 13

Roman — Legislators Bartholomew McCoy, Baynes, Blankley, Bonnick, Burgess, Cruz, Delvecchio Hoffman, Frazier, Hasman, Hughes-Smith, Long, Maffucci, Roman, Yudelson – 14

Abstain — Legislators Barnhart, Vazquez Simmons – 2

Intro. 5 Hughes-Smith & Hasman
M. 2 Providing that the January 2, 2024 Meeting of the Legislature Move into a Recess
16-13 *(Legislators Brew, Ciardi, Colby, DiFlorio, Dondorfer, Johns, Keller, McCabe, McIntyre, Milne, Morris, Sinclair and Smith Voted in the Negative.)*

RECESS

A recess was declared by Temporary President Blankley

Intro. 6 Baynes, Bonnick & Cruz
M. 3 Providing that the January 2, 2024 Meeting of the Legislature Set the Resumption
15-14 Date and Time of the Meeting to January 3, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.
(Legislators Brew, Ciardi, Colby, Delvecchio Hoffman, DiFlorio, Dondorfer, Johns, Keller, McCabe, McIntyre, Milne, Morris, Sinclair and Smith Voted in the Negative.)

Intro. 7 Baynes & Bartholomew McCoy
M. 4 Providing that the January 2, 2024 Meeting of the Legislature be Adjourned Until
16-13 January 3, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.
(Legislators Brew, Ciardi, Colby, DiFlorio, Dondorfer, Johns, Keller, McCabe, McIntyre, Milne, Morris, Sinclair and Smith Voted in the Negative.)

Intro. 8 Baynes & Bonnick

M. 5
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Providing that the January 2, 2024 Meeting of the Legislature Move into a 30 Minute Recess

Intro. No. 9

ELECTION NO. 4 OF 2024

ELECTION OF A PERMANENT PRESIDENT

Mr. Brew nominated Ms. Jackie Smith to serve as Permanent President of the County Legislature. Mr. Dondorfer seconded the nomination.

Ms. Hasman nominated Ms. Yversha M. Roman to serve as Permanent President of the County Legislature. Mr. Burgess seconded the nomination.

There being no other nominations, Temporary President Blankley declared that the nominations be closed and instructed the Clerk to call the roll for the election of a Permanent President of the County Legislature. If an individual chose not to vote for a candidate, they were to respond with the word “abstain”.

Upon calling the roll, there was no Legislator elected to serve as Permanent President by the following vote:

Smith — Legislators Brew, Ciardi, Colby, DiFlorio, Dondorfer, Johns, Keller, McCabe, McIntyre, Milne, Morris, Sinclair, Smith – 13

Roman — Legislators Bartholomew McCoy, Baynes, Blankley, Bonnick, Burgess, Cruz, Delvecchio Hoffman, Frazier, Hasman, Hughes-Smith, Long, Maffucci, Roman, Yudelson – 14

Abstain — Legislators Barnhart, Vazquez Simmons – 2

Intro. 10
M. 6

Baynes & Bonnick
Providing that the January 2, 2024 Meeting of the Legislature Move into a Recess

Intro. 11
M. 7

McCabe, Baynes and Dondorfer
Be It Moved, that Intro. No. 10 of 2024, be amended as follows:

Be It Moved, that the January 2, 2024 Meeting of the Legislature moved into a 15 minute recess.

Added language is underlined.

Deleted language is ~~stricken~~.

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(Legislator Colby Voted in the Negative.)

Intro. 10
M. 6
28-1

Main Motion as amended by Motion No. 11 of 2024

(Legislator Colby Voted in the Negative.)

Intro. No. 12

ELECTION NO. 5 OF 2024

ELECTION OF A PERMANENT PRESIDENT

Mr. Brew nominated Ms. Jackie Smith to serve as Permanent President of the County Legislature. Mr. Dondorfer seconded the nomination.

Ms. Hasman nominated Ms. Yversha M. Roman to serve as Permanent President of the County Legislature. Mr. Burgess seconded the nomination.

There being no other nominations, Temporary President Blankley declared that the nominations be closed and instructed the Clerk to call the roll for the election of a Permanent President of the County Legislature. If an individual chose not to vote for a candidate, they were to respond with the word “abstain”.

Upon calling the roll, Ms. Yversha M. Roman was elected to serve as Permanent President by the following vote:

Smith — Legislators Brew, Ciardi, Colby, DiFlorio, Dondorfer, Johns, Keller, McCabe, McIntyre, Milne, Morris, Sinclair, Smith – 13

Roman — Legislators Barnhart, Bartholomew McCoy, Baynes, Blankley, Bonnick, Burgess, Cruz, Delvecchio Hoffman, Frazier, Hasman, Hughes-Smith, Long, Maffucci, Roman, Vazquez Simmons, Yudelson – 16

COMMITTEE TO ESCORT PRESIDENT TO THE CHAIR

Temporary President Blankley appointed Eduardo Pabon, Husband of Yversha Roman, as a Committee to escort the new President to the Chair. President Roman delivered an acceptance address to the Legislature and expressed her appreciation to everyone.

Intro. 13
M. 8
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Blankley & Hasman
Providing that Election for Legislature Clerk’s Office Staff Vote be Severed

Intro. No. 14

ELECTION NO. 6 OF 2022

ELECTION OF THE CLERK OF THE MONROE COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Mr. Baynes nominated David Grant, to serve as Clerk of the Monroe County Legislature. Ms. Barnhart, Ms. Bartholomew McCoy, Mr. Blankley, Ms. Bonnick, Mr. Brew, Mr. Burgess, Mr. Ciardi, Mr. Colby, Mr. Cruz, Ms. Delvecchio Hoffman, Mrs. DiFlorio, Mr. Dondorfer, Mr. Frazier, Ms. Hasman, Ms. Hughes-Smith, Mr. Johns, Mr. Keller, Mr. Long, Mr. Maffucci, Mr. McCabe, Ms. McIntyre, Mr. Milne, Mr. Morris, Mr. Sinclair, Ms. Smith, Ms. Vazquez Simmons and Mr. Yudelson seconded the nomination.

There being no other nominations, President Roman requested that a single vote be called for the candidate as presented.

Upon calling the roll, Mr. David Grant was elected to serve as Clerk of the Monroe County Legislature by the following vote:

Grant —Legislators Barnhart, Bartholomew McCoy, Baynes, Blankley, Bonnick, Brew, Burgess, Ciardi, Colby, Cruz, Delvecchio Hoffman, DiFlorio, Dondorfer, Frazier, Hasman, Hughes-Smith, Johns, Keller, Long, Maffucci, McCabe, McIntyre, Milne, Morris, Roman, Sinclair, Smith, Vazquez Simmons, Yudelson — 29

Intro. 15
M. 9

Baynes & Bartholomew McCoy
Providing that the Elections for Deputy Clerk of the Legislature, First Assistant Deputy

Clerk of the Legislature and Second Assistant Deputy Clerk of the Legislature be
Tabled

Note: President Roman designated Legislator Mercedes Vazquez Simmons as Vice President of the Legislature.

Upon motion by Mr. Michael Yudelson, the Legislature adjourned at 7:13 P.M. until Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at 6:00
P.M.

David Grant
Clerk of the Legislature