

January 25, 2011

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
REPORT NO. 1

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT, EXCEPT LEGISLATOR WALTER.  
CHAIR MILLER-WILLIAMS PRESENT AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER.

1. RESOLVED, the following items are hereby received and filed:
  - a. COMM. 9M-16 (2010)  
**MAYOR BROWN:** "Letter to Commissioners of the Board of Elections Concerning New Voting Process"  
(5-0)
  - b. COMM. 19E-20 (2010)  
**WALTER:** "Letter to Chair Miller-Williams Concerning NFTA Metro Bus Route"  
(5-0)
  - c. COMM. 27D-6 (2010)  
**COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "Transmittal of New Claim Against EC"  
(5-0)
  - d. COMM. 1D-2 (2011)  
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(5-0)
  - e. COMM. 1D-5 (2011)  
**DIRECTOR OF BUDGET & MANAGEMENT:** "Vacancy Report as of 12/29/2010"  
(5-0)
  - f. COMM. 2D-1 (2011)  
**COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "Transmittal of New Claim Against EC"  
(5-0)
2. INTRO 27-1 (2010)  
**WHYTE, HARDWICK, MARINELLI,  
MAZUR & MILLER-WILLIAMS**  
WHEREAS, the 2011 Budget process and timeline has been publically questioned by members of the Erie County Legislature; and

WHEREAS, specific questions have arisen as to the timeline between when the County Executive submits his vetoes of the Legislature's amendments to the budget and when the Legislature is required to override any vetoes; and

WHEREAS, the process and timeline is governed by the Erie County Charter Section 2608; and

WHEREAS, any changes to the Erie County Charter should be contemplated with the advice of the County Attorney and after deliberation and discussion in the Legislature.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that it is requested that the County Attorney appear before the next meeting of the Government Affairs Committee to discuss the potential changes in the Erie County Charter that could alter the timeline governing the adoption of the Erie County Budget, particularly with regards to the amount of time between the County Executive's vetoes and when the Legislature must vote to override any of those vetoes; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this certified resolution be delivered to the Erie County Attorney, the Erie County Executive, the Chair of the Government Affairs Committee and the Chair of the Erie County Legislature.

(4-0) Chair Miller-Williams not present for vote.

3. COMM. 27E-12 (2010)  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature hereby confirms the re-appointment of the following individual to the Erie County Board of Ethics for the term ending 12/31/2015:

Mr. Chris G. Trapp  
1700 Rand Building  
14 Lafayette Square  
Buffalo, NY 14203

(5-0)

**CHRISTINA W. BOVE**  
**CHAIR**