

**ERIE COUNTY LEGISLATURE
MEETING NO. 22
SPECIAL MEETING
DECEMBER 1, 2025**

The Legislature was called to order by Chair Meyers.

All members present, except Legislator Kooshoian.

An Invocation was held, led by Mr. Meyers, who requested a moment of silence.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Mills.

Chair Meyers opened the First Public Comment Session. No members of the public requested to speak during the session.

Item 1 – MR. GILMOUR presented the following report and moved for immediate consideration. MS. VINAL seconded.

CHAIR MEYERS directed that a roll-call vote be taken.

AYES: MR. BARGNESI, MR. DUPRE, MR. GILMOUR, CHAIR MEYERS, MS. ST. JEAN TARD and MS. VINAL. NOES: MR. GREENE, MS. LORIGO, MR. MILLS and MR. TODARO. (AYES: 6; NOES: 4)

CARRIED.

November 12, 2025, following recess, reconvened on December 1, 2025.	FINANCE & MANAGEMENT/BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1
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ALL MEMBERS PRESENT, EXCEPT LEGISLATOR KOOSHOIAN.

1. RESOLVED, the following items are hereby received and filed:
 - a. COMM. 19E-2 (2025)
COMPTROLLER: “2026 Tentative Budget Revenue and Major Expenditure Estimates”
(Chair’s Ruling)
 - b. COMM. 20E-1 (2025)
CHAIR MEYERS: “2026 Erie County Budget Hearings Schedule”
(Chair’s Ruling)
 - c. COMM. 20M-2 (2025)
NFTA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: “Opposition to Proposed Disinvestment in Transit & Municipalities in the 2026 EC Budget”

(Chair's Ruling)

d. COMM. 21E-2 (2025)
CHAIR MEYERS: "Finance & Management/Budget Committee Member Notification"
(Chair's Ruling)

e. COMM. 21E-3 (2025)
MILLS: "Finance & Management/Budget Committee Member Notification"
(Chair's Ruling)

f. COMM. 21E-4 (2025)
COMPTROLLER: "Comptroller's Review of the Proposed 2026 Erie County Budget"
(Chair's Ruling)

g. COMM. 21E-5 (2025)
COMPTROLLER: "Letter Regarding Construction of a New Jail Facility in Alden"
(Chair's Ruling)

2. COMM. 19E-1 (2025)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE AS AMENDED

a. MAJORITY CAUCUS

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby approves the County Executive's 2026 Tentative Budget with the amendments attached hereto.

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**JOHN A. BARGNESI, JR.
ACTING CHAIR**

MR. GILMOUR moved to lay the report on the table. MS. VINAL seconded.

CHAIR MEYERS directed that a roll-call vote be taken.

AYES: MR. BARGNESI, MR. DUPRE, MR. GILMOUR, CHAIR MEYERS, MS. ST. JEAN TARD and MS. VINAL. NOES: MR. GREENE, MS. LORIGO, MR. MILLS and MR. TODARO. (AYES: 6; NOES: 4)

CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

FROM CHAIR MEYERS

Item 2 – (COMM. 22E-1) Calling a Special Meeting Concerning the Tentative 2026 County Budget

Received, filed and printed.

November 26, 2025

Olivia M. Owens, Clerk
Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street, Fourth Floor
Buffalo, NY 14202

RE: Calling a Special Meeting Concerning the Tentative 2026 County Budget

Dear Clerk Owens:

Please be advised that there is a need to call a Special Meeting of the Legislature to advance the 2026 Tentative Erie County Budget.

Accordingly, pursuant to Rule 2.02 of the Rules of Order of the Erie County Legislature, you are hereby directed to call a SPECIAL MEETING of the Erie County Legislature to be held on Monday, December 1, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. to be held in the Chambers of the Legislature.

The purpose of the Special Meeting will be to consider the Report of the Legislature's Finance and Management/Budget Committee concerning the County Executive's 2026 Tentative Erie County Budget, as may be amended and any Discharges from the Committee related to the 2026 Tentative Budget.

The items on the agenda of the Special Meeting will include and not be limited to the Report from the Legislature's Finance and Management/Budget Committee; any Discharges from the Committee related to the 2026 Tentative Budget; my letter to you directing the calling of the Special Meeting; and your Memo as Clerk of the Legislature to Members of the Legislature calling the Special Meeting. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Timothy J. Meyers
Chair, Erie County Legislature

FROM THE CLERK OF LEGISLATURE

Item 3 – (COMM. 22E-2) Special Meeting Notice Concerning the Tentative 2026 Erie County Budget

Received, filed and printed.

MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 26, 2025

TO: Members of the Erie County Legislature

FROM: Olivia M. Owens

RE: Special Meeting Notice Concerning the Tentative 2026 Erie County Budget

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to Rule 2.02 of the RULES OF ORDER OF THE ERIE COUNTY LEGISLATURE, and under the direction of Chair Timothy J. Meyers, there will be a **SPECIAL MEETING of the Erie County Legislature on Monday, December 1, 2025 at 11:00 a.m., to be held in the Chambers of the Legislature.**

The special meeting will consider the Report of the Legislature's Finance and Management/Budget Committee, concerning the County Executive's Tentative 2026 Erie County Budget, as may be amended and any Discharges from the committee related to the Tentative 2026 Budget.

The items on the agenda of the Special Meeting will include and not be limited to the Report from the Legislature's Finance and Management/Budget Committee; any Discharges from the Committee related to the Tentative 2026 Budget; Chair Meyers' letter to me directing the calling of the Special Meeting; and my Memo as Clerk of the Legislature to Members of the Legislature calling the Special Meeting.

Please also note that the Finance and Management/Budget Committee will reconvene on Monday, December 1, 2025 at 10:00 a.m., for the purpose of acting on the Tentative 2026 Budget.

Item 4 – (COMM. 22E-3) Reconvening of the Legislature's Finance and Management/Budget Committee

Received and filed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Meyers opened the Second Public Comment Session. No members of the public requested to speak during the session.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Item 5 – Chair Meyers announced that the next session of the Legislature is scheduled for Thursday, December 4, 2025, where the Legislature also will conduct its Annual Budget Meeting.

MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS

Item 6 – Legislator St. Jean Tard requested that when the Legislature adjourns, it do so in memory of lives lost in fires in the City of Buffalo and Town of Cheektowaga over the Thanksgiving Holiday.

ADJOURNMENT

Item 7 - At this time, there being no further business to transact, CHAIR MEYERS announced that the Chair would entertain a Motion to Adjourn.

MR. GILMOUR moved that the Legislature adjourn until Thursday, December 4, 2025 at 11:30 AM. MS. VINAL seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CHAIR MEYERS declared the Legislature adjourned until Thursday, December 4, 2025 at 11:30 AM.

**OLIVIA M. OWENS
CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE**