

**PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATURE
OF THE
COUNTY OF NIAGARA
STATE OF NEW YORK
OFFICIAL RECORD**

Lockport, New York
January 6, 2026

The Legislature of the County of Niagara, State of New York, convened in annual session in the Legislature Chambers, Courthouse, Lockport, New York on Tuesday, January 6, 2026 for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year.

County Clerk Joseph Jastrzemski, acting as Chairman pro temp, called the Legislature meeting to order at 6:05p.m

A moment of Silence was held for former legislator Owen T. Steed and former Town Justice and Supervisor of the Town of Wheatfield Robert Cliffe.

On roll call the following Legislators were present from the several legislative districts:

First	Irene M. Myers
Second	Michael A. Casale
Third	Christopher J. McKimmie
Fourth	Jeffery Elder
Fifth	Christopher A. Robins
Sixth	Sam R. Farruggia II
Seventh	Jesse P. Gooch
Eighth	Richard L. Andres Jr.
Ninth	Randy R. Bradt
Tenth	David E. Godfrey
Eleventh	Anthony J. Nemi
Twelfth	Carla L. Speranza
Thirteenth	Richard E. Abbott
Fourteenth	Shawn A. Foti
Fifteenth	Michael A. Hill

County Clerk Jastrzemski administered the oath of office to the 2026 Niagara County Legislators.

The Chairman pro temp Joseph Jastrzemski asked for nominations for temporary Chairman.
Moved by McKimmie, seconded by Casale, that Legislator Nemi be nominated for temporary Chairman.
Moved by McKimmie, seconded by Casale, that the nominations be closed.

Carried.

Chairman pro temp Jastrzemski declared Legislator Nemi as the Temporary Chairman.

Temporary Chairman asked for nominations for permanent Chairman.

Moved by Nemi, seconded by Myers, that Legislator Hill be nominated for permanent Chairman.

Moved by Nemi, seconded by Myers, that the nominations be closed.

Carried.

Temporary Chairman declared Legislator Hill as the Chairman.

Chairman Hill took a few minutes to say some remarks and thanked his fellow Legislators for their vote of confidence in him.

Moved by Gooch, seconded by Bradt, to designate Legislator Nemi to serve as Vice Chairman.

Moved by Gooch, seconded by Bradt, that nominations be closed.

Carried.

Chairman Hill designated Legislator Nemi to serve as Vice-Chairman.

Moved by Hill, seconded by Abbott, to appoint Alysa T. Tomasino as the Clerk of the Legislature.

Moved by Hill, seconded by Abbott, to close nominations.

Carried.

Alysa T. Tomasino was declared the Clerk of the Legislature.

Moved by Myers, seconded by Foti, to nominate Claude A. Joerg as the County Attorney.

Moved by Myers, seconded by Foti, to close the nominations.

Carried.

Claude A. Joerg was declared the County Attorney.

Moved by Foti, seconded Nemi to nominate Herbert Greenman as the Public Defender.

Moved by Foti, second by Nemi, to close the nominations.

Carried.

Herbert Greenman was declared the Public Defender.

Legislator Hill announced that Legislator Bradt would serve as Majority Leader, Legislator Foti as First Deputy and Legislator McKimmie as Second Deputy Majority Leader.

Legislator Robins announced that Legislator Elder would serve as Minority Leader, Legislator Speranza as First Deputy and Legislator Farruggia as Second Deputy Minority Leader.

Moved by Casale, seconded by Gooch, that the Board will meet on the following dates, or at the call of the Clerk of the Legislature.

Carried.

NIAGARA COUNTY LEGISLATURE 2026 MEETING SCHEDULE
6:00 P.M.

January

Tuesday, January 6, 2026 (Organizational Mtg.)
Tuesday, January 20, 2026

August

Tuesday, August 4, 2026

February

Tuesday, February 17, 2026

September

Tuesday, September 22, 2026

March

Tuesday, March 24, 2026

October

Tuesday, October 20, 2026

April

Tuesday, April 21, 2026

November

Tuesday, November 17, 2026

May

Tuesday, May 5, 2026
Tuesday, May 19, 2026

December

Tuesday, December 1, 2026 (Budget Hearings)
Tuesday, December 8, 2026 (Budget Vote)

June

Tuesday, June 16, 2026

Moved by Andres, seconded by Bradt, that Chairman Hill is designated to serve on the Niagara County Jury Board.

Carried.

Moved by McKimmie, seconded by Myers, to appoint Gary Billingsley as the Attorney for the Aging.
Carried.

Moved by Andres seconded by Bradt, to approve the Standing Committee structure as presented.
Carried.

NIAGARA COUNTY 2026 STANDING COMMITTEES

**MICHAEL A. HILL, CHAIRMAN
ANTHONY J. NEMI, VICE CHAIRMAN
RANDY R. BRADT, MAJORITY LEADER
JEFFREY ELDER, MINORITY LEADER**

ADMINISTRATION

(County Manager, County Attorney, Management & Budget, Treasurer, Audit, Real Property, Legislature, Printing/Mailing, Human Resources, Civil Service, Risk Management, Board of Elections)

GODFREY, NEMI, ABBOTT, BRADT, CASALE, ELDER, ROBINS
Co. Attorney - C. Joerg, K. Alexander
Secretary- Heather Soles, 439-7005

COMMUNITY SERVICES

(Social Services, Employment & Training, Youth Bureau, Office for the Aging, Public Health, Mental Health, NCCC, County Clerk/DMV, Historian, Veterans Services)

GOOCH, ABBOTT, BRADT, GODFREY, NEMI, ROBINS, SPERANZA
Co. Attorney – G. Lisowski
Secretary – Danielle Baes, 439-7027

COMMUNITY SAFETY & SECURITY

(Sheriff, District Attorney, Public Defender, Probation, Fire Coordinator/Emergency Services, Coroners, Conflicts and Assigned Council)

McKIMMIE, GODFREY, ABBOTT, BRADT, ELDER, FARRUGGIA, NEMI
Co. Attorney – B. Marble, K. Alexander
Secretary – Laura Moll, 438-3370

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

(Economic Development, Niagara Co. Industrial Development Agency)

ANDRES, MYERS, BRADT, CASALE, ELDER, McKIMMIE, SPERANZA
Co. Attorney – T. Burgasser
Secretary-Cathie Synor, 278-8750

GREENWAY (ad hoc committee-under Economic Development)

ANDRES, NEMI, BRADT, ELDER, FOTI

INFRASTRUCTURE & FACILITIES

(Public Works, Parks/Golf Course, Refuse Disposal District, Sewer District, Water District, Weights & Measures, Information Technology, Buildings & Grounds)

FOTI, MYERS, ABBOTT, BRADT, FARRUGGIA, GOOCH, ROBINS
Co. Attorney – T. Burgasser (Parks/Golf Course), D. Koplas
Secretary- Dan Quinn, 439-7244

REFUSE DISPOSAL DISTRICT (ad hoc committee-under Infrastructure & Facilities)

FOTI, BRADT, ABBOTT, CASALE, ELDER, GOOCH, HILL, MYERS, NEMI, ROBINS
Co. Attorney – G. Lisowski

Moved by Nemi, seconded by Casale, that the two Niagara County newspapers, namely: The Niagara Gazette and the Lockport Union Sun & Journal are designated as the official newspapers.
Carried.

APPOINTMENTS:

Appt. **Expires**

BOARD OF HEALTH:

Anthony J. Nemi, Legislator	01/06/26	12/31/26
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COOPERATIVE EXTENSION:

Richard E. Abbott, Legislator	01/06/26	12/31/27
Jeffrey Elder, Legislator	01/06/26	12/31/27

FISH & WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD – REGION 9:

Mike Johannes (Sportsman Rep.) 3253 Lower Mountain Rd. Sanborn, 14132	01/06/26	12/31/27
ALT: David Cosgrove PO Box 43 Model City, NY 14107	01/06/26	12/31/27

Shawn Foti (Leg. Rep.)	01/06/26	12/31/27
ALT: David E. Godfrey	01/06/26	12/31/27

FISHERIES BOARD:

Brad Clark	01/06/26	12/31/28
2407 Harwood Drive, Wilson 14172-9749		
Vince Pierleoni	01/06/26	12/31/28
3859 Coomer Road, Newfane 14108		
Kevin Noon	01/06/26	12/31/28
6468 Phillips Rd. Burt 14208		
Al Sauerland	01/06/26	12/31/28
3711 Lockport-Olcott Rd., Lockport 14094		
Timothy Sylvester	01/06/26	12/31/28
1678 Braley Rd., Youngstown 14174		

GREATER BUFFALO NIAGARA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL (GBNRTC):

Michael A. Hill, Chairman	01/06/26	12/31/26
Niagara County Legislature		
Planning & Coordinating Committee		
Garret Meal, Commissioner of Public Works	01/06/26	12/31/26
Norman D. Allen, PE, Deputy Commissioner of Public Works-Engineering (Alternate)	01/06/26	12/31/26
Andrea Klyczek, Commissioner (Alternate) Economic Development Department	01/06/26	12/31/26

INTER-COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF WNY:

Michael A. Hill, Chairman Niagara County Legislature	01/06/26	12/31/26
Anthony J. Nemi, Legislator	01/06/26	12/31/26
Alysa T. Tomasino, Clerk	01/06/26	12/31/26
David E. Godfrey, Legislator	01/06/26	12/31/26

NIAGARA ORLEANS REGIONAL ALLIANCE (NORA):

David E. Godfrey	01/06/26	12/31/27
Michael A. Hill	01/06/26	12/31/27
Michael A. Casale	01/06/26	12/31/27
Shawn A. Foti	01/06/26	12/31/27

REFUSE DISPOSAL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD:

Michael Hill - Towns of Royalton & Hartland	01/06/26	12/31/27
Michael A. Casale – Town of Lewiston	01/06/26	12/31/27
Irene M. Myers - Town of Porter	01/06/26	12/31/27
Richard E. Abbott– City of Lockport	01/06/26	12/31/27
Shawn A. Foti - Town of Somerset	01/06/26	12/31/27
Anthony Nemi – City of Lockport, Town of Lockport	01/06/26	12/31/27
Jeffery Elder– City of Niagara Falls	01/06/26	12/31/27
Christopher A. Robins– City of Niagara Falls	01/06/26	12/31/27
Randy Bradt - City of North Tonawanda	01/06/26	12/31/27
Jesse P. Gooch – Town of Wheatfield, City of North Tonawanda	01/06/26	12/31/27
Garret Meal, Comm. of Public Works – Ex-officio		

SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT:

Shawn A. Foti, Legislator	01/06/26	12/31/26
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Carla L. Speranza, Legislator	01/06/26	12/31/26
Louise Brachmann (Community at Large)	01/06/26	12/31/28
5354 Road, Sanborn 14132		
Gerald Farnham (Community at Large)	01/06/26	12/31/28
4923 Saunders Settlement Rd., Lockport 14094		
Scott White (Grange)	01/06/26	12/31/28
8596 Mountain Rd., Middleport 14067		
Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.		
Approved.		

Moved by Bradt, second by Myers to enter into Executive Session at 6:26 p.m. for discussion on pending road use agreement.

Moved by Bradt, second by Myers to adjourn Executive Session at 6:56 p.m.

Moved by McKimmie, seconded by Casale, that the Board adjourn.
Carried.

The Chairman Hill declared the Board adjourned at 6:59 p.m., subject to the call of the Clerk.



Alysa T. Tomasino, Clerk