

**ERIE COUNTY LEGISLATURE  
MEETING NO. 22  
SPECIAL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 23, 2021**

The Legislature was called to order by Chair Baskin.

All members present, except Legislator Mills. Legislator Gilmour entered the meeting at 12:09 P.M.

An Invocation was held, led by Ms. Chimera, who requested a moment of silence.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Lorigo.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS**

**FROM LEGISLATOR MEYERS**

Item 1 – (COMM. 22E-1) Resignation from EC Legislature

MS. CHIMERA moved for immediate consideration. MR. GILMOUR seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MS. CHIMERA moved to amend the item. MR. JOHNSON seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CHAIR BASKIN directed that the communication as amended be received, filed and printed.

November 19, 2021

Hon. Michael P. Kearns  
Erie County Clerk  
92 Franklin Street, First Floor  
Buffalo, New York 14202

Re: Resignation from the Erie County Legislature

Dear Mr. Kearns:

I hereby resign my position as the Erie County Legislator for the 7<sup>th</sup> Legislative District effective at 5:00 pm on November 19, 2021.

Under state requirements, in order to retire from the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority and the New York State and Local Retirement System, I have been informed that I must

“separate from service” with Erie County for payroll purposes. I intend to seek reappointment to the Legislature following this temporary break in service.

Thank you in advance for your assistance and courtesies.

Sincerely,

Timothy J. Meyers  
Erie County Legislator, Seventh District

November 22, 2021

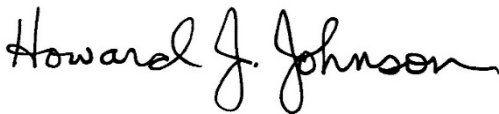
Robert M. Graber, Clerk  
Erie County Legislature  
92 Franklin Street, Fourth Floor  
Buffalo, New York 14202

Re: Appointment of Timothy J. Meyers to Fill Vacancy in the 7th Legislative District

Dear Mr. Graber:

Pursuant to Section 2605 of the Erie County Charter, we the undersigned, representing a majority of the members of the Erie County Legislature representing the Democratic Party, do hereby appoint Timothy J. Meyers of 136 Broad St., Cheektowaga, NY 14225, a duly-qualified elector of the Seventh Legislative District having the same political affiliation as the person last elected to such office, to fill the vacancy in the office of the Seventh Legislative District County Legislator. Said appointment shall take effect on November 23, 2021.

Sincerely,



Howard J. Johnson, Jr.  
Legislator, District 1



April N.M. Baskin  
Legislator, District 2



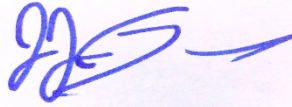
Lisa M. Chimera  
Legislator, District 3



Kevin R. Hardwick  
Legislator, District 4



Jeanne M. Vinal  
Legislator, District 5



John J. Gilmour  
Legislator, District 9

November 22, 2021

Robert M. Graber, Clerk  
Erie County Legislature  
92 Franklin Street, Fourth Floor  
Buffalo, New York 14202

Re: Recommendation of Seventh Legislative District Committee Members to Fill Vacancy

Dear Mr. Graber:

Please be advised that pursuant to the Rules of the Erie County Democratic Committee, a meeting of the Committee Members of the Seventh Erie County Legislative District was held at 10:00 am on Saturday, November 20, 2021 via Zoom videoconferencing for the purpose of endorsing a candidate to fill the vacancy in the Seventh Erie County Legislative District.

At the meeting, Seventh District Committee Members Endorsed Timothy J. Meyers, 136 Broad St., Cheektowaga, NY 14225 to fill the vacancy in the Seventh Erie County Legislative District.

Thank you for your assistance and courtesies.

Sincerely,

Jeremy J. Zellner  
Chair

CHAIR BASKIN directed that a roll-call vote be taken, among members of the Erie County Legislature of the Democratic Caucus, on the appointment.

AYES: CHAIR BASKIN, MS. CHIMERA, MR. GILMOUR, MR. HARDWICK, MR. JOHNSON and MS. VINAL. NOES: None. (AYES: 6; NOES: 0)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

FROM CHAIR BASKIN

Item 2 – (COMM. 22E-2) Letter to Clerk of Legislature Calling Special Meeting

Received, filed and printed.

November 19, 2021

Robert M. Graber  
Clerk of the Legislature  
92 Franklin Street, Fourth Floor  
Buffalo, New York 14202

Re: Calling a Special Meeting of the Legislature

Dear Mr. Graber:

Please be advised that there is a pressing matter before the Erie County Legislature that needs immediate attention. Therefore, there is a need to call a Special Meeting of the Legislature.

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 Tuesday, November 23, 2021 at 12:00 pm via Zoom videoconferencing.

The purpose of the Special Meeting will be to appoint a Legislator to fill the vacancy in the 7<sup>th</sup> Legislative District and to receive the 2022 Proposed Budget from the County Executive.

The items on the agenda of the Special Meeting will include Legislator Timothy Meyers' resignation letter, my letter to you directing the calling of the Special Meeting, your Memo as Clerk of the Legislature to Members of the Legislature calling the Special Meeting, a letter from the Erie County Democratic Committee concerning the appointment, and the Proposed 2022 Erie County Budget.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

April N.M. Baskin  
Chair of the Legislature

**FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

Item 3 – (COMM. 22E-3) 2022 Tentative EC Budget

Received and referred to the FINANCE & MANAGEMENT/BUDGET COMMITTEE.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS**

**FROM THE CLERK OF LEGISLATURE**

Item 4 – (COMM. 22D-1) Notice of Special Meeting

Received, filed and printed.

November 19, 2021

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE ERIE COUNTY LEGISLATURE

FROM: ROBERT M. GRABER, CLERK

SUBJECT: SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE FOR NOVEMBER 23, 2021

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 April Baskin, there will be a SPECIAL MEETING of the Erie County Legislature on Tuesday, November 23, 2021 at 12:00 pm via Zoom videoconferencing.

The Zoom details for the meeting are as follows:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88055953006?pwd=QThkaVNDSIBFQVZxc01CUjhTaUZiQT09>

Meeting ID: 880 5595 3006

Passcode: 300274

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The items on the agenda of the Special Meeting will include Legislator Timothy Meyers' resignation letter, the Chair's letter to me directing the calling of the Special Meeting, my Memo as Clerk of the Legislature to Members of the Legislature calling the Special Meeting, a letter from the Erie County Democratic Committee concerning the appointment, and the Proposed 2022 Erie County Budget.

Thank you.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Item 5 – Chair Baskin announced that the Legislature's Finance & Management/Budget Committee will reconvene on Tuesday, November 30, 2021, at 9:00 a.m., to complete their work on the County Executive's tentative 2022 budget. Following that meeting, the Legislature will hold a Special Meeting at 10:30 a.m., to receive the report of the budget committee and lay the tentative budget, and the report on the table for the required aging process.

### **MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS**

Item 6 – Legislator Johnson requested that when the Legislature adjourns, it do so in memory of Buffalo Musician Andy White.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

MR. JOHNSON moved that the Legislature adjourn until Tuesday, November 30, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. Eastern Standard Time. MR. GILMOUR seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CHAIR BASKIN declared the Legislature adjourned until Tuesday, November 30, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. Eastern Standard Time.

**ROBERT M. GRABER  
CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE**