

September 15, 2022

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
REPORT NO. 4

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT, EXCEPT LEGISLATOR TODARO.  
CHAIR BASKIN PRESENT AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER.

1. RESOLVED, the following items are hereby received and filed:
  - a. COMM. 10M-2 (2022)  
**HODGSON RUSS LLP:** “Buffalo City Cemetery ("Forest Lawn") Merger with Clarence Fillmore Cemetery”  
(Chair’s Ruling)
  - b. COMM. 12E-3 (2022)  
**COUNTY CLERK:** “Letter Regarding Proposal to Bring Guns into County Clerk and Auto Bureau Offices”  
(Chair’s Ruling)
  - c. COMM. 12E-31 (2022)  
**BASKIN:** “Letter to County Executive Regarding Disparity Study Workgroup Meetings”  
(Chair’s Ruling)
  - d. COMM. 14D-2 (2022)  
**DEPARTMENT OF LAW:** “Transmittal of New Claims Against Erie County”  
(Chair’s Ruling)
  - e. COMM. 14D-5 (2022)  
**DEPARTMENT OF LAW:** “Local Law Filing - LL No. 3-2022”  
(Chair’s Ruling)
  - f. COMM. 14M-4 (2022)  
**ASSIGNED COUNSEL PROGRAM:** “Financial Report & Cash Basis for the Period 1/1/22 - 6/30/22”  
(Chair’s Ruling)
  - g. COMM. 14M-5 (2022)  
**ASSIGNED COUNSEL PROGRAM:** “Quarterly Report for the 1st Quarter of 2022”  
(Chair’s Ruling)

- h. COMM. 15D-2 (2022)  
**COUNTY ATTORNEY:** “Local Law No. 3-2022 Filing Receipt”  
(Chair’s Ruling)
- i. COMM. 15D-6 (2022)  
**COUNTY ATTORNEY:** “Transmittal of New Claims Against Erie County”  
(Chair’s Ruling)
- j. COMM. 15M-4 (2022)  
**TOWN OF EAST OTTO:** “Proposed Local Law 1-2022”  
(Chair’s Ruling)

2. INTRO. 7-4 AS AMENDED (2022)  
**BASKIN**

WHEREAS, New York State Public Authorities Law, Section 1299-c, provides that among the ten members of the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority (“NFTA”) Board of Commissioners, one member shall be appointed by the Governor upon the recommendation of the Erie County Legislature, subject to State Senate confirmation; and

WHEREAS, the term of the current Commissioner recommended by the Erie County Legislature, appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the State Senate expired in June 2016; and

WHEREAS, Treneeka Cusack Fields has expressed a desire to be the Legislature’s recommendation to the Governor, offering solid credentials and a deep commitment to our region, as well as energy and enthusiasm for the appointment; and

WHEREAS, as an attorney, Ms. Fields possesses an exceptional understanding of complex matters, enabling her to excel as a member of the governing board of the NFTA; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Fields recognizes that our public transportation system is a critical asset for workforce development and improving the lives of our residents through allowing them to access jobs, education, and cultural and other quality-of-life activities and she is committed to working to help improve the public’s access to public transit, as well as NFTA accountability.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature respectfully requests the Governor to appoint Treneeka Cusack Fields (18 Greenboro Court, Amherst, NY 14051), as a member of the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority Board of Commissioners representing the Erie County Legislature; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution shall be transmitted to the Governor of New York; the Majority Leader of the New York State Senate, the local delegation of the New York State Senate, the Chair and Secretary of the NFTA Board of Commissioners.  
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**JOHN A. BARGNESI, JR.**  
**CHAIR**