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TO: Secretary of the Senate Francis Patience
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FROM: Elena Ruth Sassower, Director
Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)

RE: RECORDS REQUEST: Legislative Commission on State-Local Relations and
Legislative Commission on Government Administration

Legislative Law, Article 5-A (§§82, 83), entitled “Legislative commissions”, establishes 12 legislative commissions – which are to be repealed/sunset on June 30, 2017. Among these are the “Legislative commission on state-local relations” (Legislative Law §83-h) and the “Legislative commission on public management systems”, which also goes by the name “legislative commission on government administration” (Legislative Law §83-c).

Each of these two commissions is to have ten members appointed as follows:

“three members of the senate shall be appointed by the temporary president of the senate; three members of the assembly shall be appointed by the speaker of the assembly; two members of the senate shall be appointed by the minority leader of the senate; and two members of the assembly shall be appointed by the minority leader of the assembly. From among the members so appointed, a chairman and a vice chairman shall be designated by the joint action of the temporary president of the senate and the speaker of the assembly. Any vacancy that occurs in the commission or in the chairmanship or vice chairmanship shall be filled in the same manner in which the original appointment or designation was made.” (Legislative Law §83-h(3); §83-c(1)).

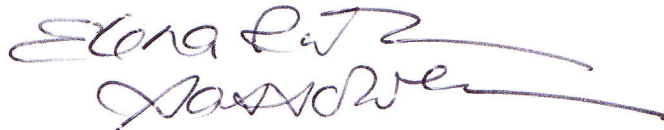
Legislative Law §82 provides:

“Expenditures made from appropriations and reappropriations to the legislature for services and expenses of shared legislative commissions, task forces and councils, including, but not limited to those set forth in this article and article five-B of this chapter, shall be paid upon the approval of the temporary president of the senate and the speaker of the assembly, unless otherwise specified by law. Such expenditures shall be payable after audit by and on the warrant of the comptroller upon vouchers certified by the temporary president of the senate or his or her designee and the speaker of the assembly or his or her designee.”

Pursuant to Senate Rule XV, "Freedom of Information", and Assembly Rule VIII, "Public Access to Records", request is made for:

- (1) records identifying the members of these two legislative commissions since 2000 – including the dates each member was appointed and by which legislative leader – and the designation of their chairs and vice chairs and the dates thereof;
- (2) records pertaining to appropriations and reappropriations for each of these two legislative commissions since 2007;
- (3) records of activity by these two legislative commissions beyond what is reflected on the Assembly webpage of "Updates" for each:
<http://nyassembly.gov/comm/?sec=post&id=54>
<http://nyassembly.gov/comm/?sec=post&id=49> – printouts of which are attached, together with printouts of the Assembly webpages of the current memberships, identifying only their Assembly chairs:
<http://nyassembly.gov/comm/?sec=mem&id=54>
<http://nyassembly.gov/comm/?sec=mem&id=49>.¹

Thank you.



Enclosures

¹ The Senate webpage entitled, "Senators, Committees, and Other Legislative Groups" <https://www.nysenate.gov/senators-committees>, lists neither legislative commission – and no results are found using the Senate website's search feature.

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