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Subject: Records of the 2009 Temporary Senate Committee on Rules & Administration Reform

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The 2009 Senate Committee on Rules and Administration Reform – of which Senator Valesky was lead co-chair – held four public hearings at which it heard testimony from witnesses: on Feb 6th in Syracuse; on Feb 7th in Albany; on Feb 26th in Manhattan; and on Feb. 27th in Long Island. Can you help me locate the transcripts of these hearings and the written submissions of witnesses – either in paper format or as pdfs? As reflected by the below, these important documents are NOT accessible from the Senator's four webpages of the hearings – nor from the website of the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration Reform.

Please advise, as soon as possible, as I require these immediately.

Thank you.

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From: Dean Hill [mailto:dhill@nysenate.gov]
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2017 3:32 PM
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Subject: Re: Senate website problems -- 2009 Temporary Committee on Rules & Administration Reform

Hi Elena -

I did some digging, and discovered the issue. The Senate migrated to a new website in the Spring of 2009 shortly after the pages that you referenced were originally created. The links on those pages point to a file server used by the pre-2009 redesign website. No one noticed the broken links at the time of the migration, and it was not discovered until now.

Eight years have passed, and the Senate went through a subsequent redesign/migration in the Fall of 2015. The pages themselves were successfully migrated in both the 2009 and 2015 website redesigns, but unfortunately the linked files can no longer be accessed.

I wish I had better news. Let me know if you have any questions.

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On Mar 2, 2017, at 12:21 PM, Dean Hill <dhill@nysenate.gov> wrote:

Hi Elena -

This is a weird one. Let me do some investigation and get back to you later today.

- Dean

On Mar 2, 2017, at 11:49 AM, Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewatch.org> wrote:

Dear Dean,

There is a problem with Senator Valesky's four webpages pertaining to the four public hearings of the 2009 Temporary Senate Committee on Rules & Administration Reform. The indicated links to the "minutes" of each hearing and to the written testimony are NOT working. Over and again, it says "The connection has timed out". As a result, I can neither access the "minutes" or the written testimony for the hearings.

Here are the four webpages:

- Senator Valesky's webpage for the February 6, 2009 hearing in Syracuse: <https://www.nysenate.gov/newsroom/articles/david-j-valesky/nyss-temporary-committee-rules-reform-syracuse-testimony-given>
- Senator Valesky's webpage for the February 7, 2009 hearing in Albany: <https://www.nysenate.gov/newsroom/articles/david-j-valesky/nyss-temporary-committee-rules-reform-albany-testimony-given>
- Senator Valesky's webpage for the February 26, 2009 hearing in Manhattan: <https://www.nysenate.gov/newsroom/articles/david-j-valesky/nyss-temporary-committee-rules-reform-nyc-testimony-given-thursday>
- Senator Valesky's webpage for the February 27, 2009 hearing on Long Island: <https://www.nysenate.gov/newsroom/articles/david-j-valesky/nyss-temporary-committee-rules-reform-long-island-testimony-given>

Also, Senator Valesky has a February 10, 2009 webpage entitled "Senate Rules Reform Website Launched" -- <https://www.nysenate.gov/newsroom/in-the-news/david-j-valesky/senate-rules-reform-committee-website-launched-0> -- and this is what it says:

"As part of their commitment to increase public participation and awareness about the legislative process in Albany, the bi-partisan New York State Senate Temporary Committee on Rules and Administration Reform today announced the launch of a new website: <http://www.senate.state.ny.us/sws/reform/index.html>

Included on the website is video from each of the committee's four hearings, one of which took place last week in Syracuse, and the second which was held today at the Capitol. At the conclusion of each hearing, all testimony collected in person as well as in writing will be uploaded, as well as pictures and other features."

Where is the website for the Temporary Committee on Rules & Administrative Reform? When I try to access it from the indicated link: <http://www.senate.state.ny.us/sws/reform/index.html>, this is what comes up:

"Web Site Not Found

Sorry, we could not find any content for this web address. Please check the URL.

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I would appreciate if you could resolve these problems at your earliest convenience.

Thank you.

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