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Subject: FOIL/records request: "Budget Consideration Schedule" required by Joint Rule III, §1 of the Permanent Joint Rules of the Senate and Assembly

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[Senate](#) and [Assembly](#) Permanent Joint Rule III, §1 entitled "Budget Consideration Schedule" reads:

"In accordance with [section 54-a of the Legislative Law](#), within ten days of the submission of the budget by the Governor pursuant to article VII of the Constitution, the Temporary President of the Senate and the Speaker of the Assembly shall promulgate a schedule of dates for considering and acting upon such submission. Such schedule shall include the dates for those actions required to be taken by the legislature pursuant to section 53 of the Legislative Law, dates for the convening of a joint budget conference committee or committees as provided herein, and a date by which such committee or committees shall issue a final report or reports."

Governor Hochul submitted the budget on January 21, 2025 – making January 31, 2025 the date by which Temporary Senate President Stewart-Cousins and Assembly Speaker Heastie were required to promulgate "a schedule of dates for considering and acting upon such submission". However, based on the [Senate webpage of news/press releases](#) and the [Assembly webpage of press releases](#), the only schedule that appears to have been promulgated was for joint Senate-Assembly legislative hearings on the budget, announced on January 22, 2025 by Senate Finance Committee Chair Krueger, [here](#), and Assembly Ways and Means Committee Chair Pretlow, [here](#).

Pursuant to [Senate Rule XIV](#) ["Freedom of Information"] and [Assembly Rules VIII](#) ["Public Access to Records"], request is made for any additional schedules that Temporary Senate President Stewart-Cousins and Assembly Speaker Heastie promulgated pertaining to the FY2025-26 state budget – and for the posting of same on the Senate and Assembly websites.

Thank you.

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