

From: Senate Foil <foil@nysenate.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 14, 2025 9:43 AM
To: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)
Subject: **Re: FOIL/Records Request -- The Legislature's General Budget Conference Committee & Subcommittees for FY 2025-2026**

Attachments: [Rules and Regulations relating to Public Inspection and Copying of Legislative Records - January 2019 blue.pdf](#);
[Joint Cert 2025.pdf](#);
[Joint Cert Extender 2025.pdf](#)

Dear Ms. Sassower:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your request dated April 7, 2025 pursuant to the Freedom of Information Law.

You are requesting..."1. the "joint certificate" executed by the Senate and Assembly "beginning the conference committee process in an effort to reconcile variations in the budget proposals passed by each house", so-stated by Assembly Speaker Heastie at [the first meeting of the 2025 General Conference Committee on March 17, 2025](#);

1. 2. any report of the General Conference Committee filed with the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the Assembly pursuant to [Senate and Assembly Joint Rules II and III](#), prior to March 31, 2025 or thereafter, and/or any written extension notice(s) signed by Temporary Senate President Stewart-Cousins and Assembly Speaker Heastie;
1. 3. any records of meetings of the Joint Conference Committee subsequent to March 17, 2025;
1. 4. the "joint certificates" appointing the ten budget conference subcommittees;
5. any records of meetings of the ten budget conference subcommittees subsequent to the first meetings of each on March 17, 2025 or March 18, 2025 – and any reports rendered by them".

1. Information pertaining to your request has been attached herein.
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3. Please see the provided link below.
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<https://www.nysenate.gov/calendar/events/finance/andrea-stewart-cousins/march-17-2025/senate-and-assembly-announce-general>



Senate and Assembly Announce General Conference Committee Appointments - The New York State Senate

Senator has new policy idea. Idea is drafted into a Bill. Bill undergoes committee process. Senate and Assembly pass bill. Bill is signed by Governor

www.nysenate.gov

I have attached a copy of the Senate's Rules and Regulations Relating to the Public Inspection and Copying of Legislative Records for your information.

Sincerely,

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Secretary of the Senate

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Sent: Monday, April 7, 2025 2:03 PM

To: Senate Foil <foil@nysenate.gov>; 'Fern Whyland' <whylandfm@nyassembly.gov>

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**TO: Senate Records Access Officer/Secretary of the Senate Alejandra Paulino, ESQ.
Assembly Records Access Officer Fern Whyland**

Pursuant to [Senate Rule XIV "Freedom of Information"](#) and [Assembly Rule VIII, "Public Access to Records"](#), request is made for:

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5. any records of meetings of the ten budget conference subcommittees subsequent to the first meetings of each on March 17, 2025 or March 18, 2025 – and any reports rendered by them.

Thank you.

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