

Meeting held on Wednesday, May 29, 2025, at 5:00 P.M.
SPECIAL MAY MEETING

The Board met pursuant to statute and called to order by the Chairman. Below is a Roster of the members of the Board of Legislators listing their respective Legislative Districts.

- R-1 Keith Schiebel (Vernon, District 1, 2, 3, 4, 5; Verona, District 3, 5)
R-2 Colin Idzi (Augusta District 1, 2; Kirkland District 3, 8; Marshall District 1, 2; Sangerfield District 1, 2)
R-3 Norman Leach (Rome 3rd Ward, District 3; Verona Districts 2, 4, 6; Vienna District 1, 2, 3, 4)
R-4 Cynthia Rogers-Witt (Rome Ward 1, District 2; Ward 2 District 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Ward 3 District, 4 Ward 7 District 2, 4 Verona District 1)
R-5 Michael B. Waterman (Annsville, District 1, 2, 3; Camden District 1, 2, 3; Florence District 1; Lee District 3)
R-6 Steve Boucher (Ava District 1; Boonville District 1, 2, 3, 4; Forestport District 1, 2; Remsen District 1; Steuben District 1)
R-7 Gerald J. Fiorini (Lee District 4, 5; Rome Ward 1 District 1; Ward 6 District 1, 2, 3, 4; Ward 7 District 3, 5)
R-8 Richard A. Flisnik (Marcy District 1, 2; Utica Ward 6 District 1; Whitestown District 1, 4, 5)
R-9 David Buck (Deerfield District 1, 2, 3; Floyd District 1; Trenton District 1, 2, 3, 4)
R-10 George Joseph (Kirkland District 1, 10; New Hartford Ward 4, District 4; Westmoreland District 1, 2, 3, 4)
R-11 Robert Koenig (Whitestown District 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 15)
R-12 Kenneth White (Rome Ward 3 District 1, 2, 5; Ward 4 District 1, 2, 3, 4; Ward 5 District 1, 2, 3, 4)
R-13 Christopher Newton (New Hartford Ward 2, District 1, 2; Utica Ward 2, District 1; Whitestown District 3, 12, 14, 16)
D-14 Chad Davis (Kirkland District 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9; New Hartford Ward 3 District 2 Ward 4 District 1, 2, 3, Utica Ward 3, District 2)
D-15 Caroline Reale (New Hartford Ward 1 District 3, 5; Ward 2 District 3, 4; Ward 3 District 1, 3, 4 Utica Ward 3 District 5 Ward 4 District 2)
R-16 Mary Pratt (Bridgewater District 1; New Hartford Ward 1 District 1, 2, 4; Paris District 1, 2, 3)
R-17 Stephen DiMaggio (Floyd District 2, 3 Lee District 1, 2; Rome Ward 1, District 3, 4; Ward 7 District 1. Western District 1, 2, 3)
R-18 Jeffery Daniels (Utica Ward 4 District 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9)
D-19 Timothy Julian (Utica Ward 3 District 1, Ward 5 District 2, 3)
D-20 Evon M. Ervin (Utica Ward 1 District 8; Ward 5 District 1, 4, 5, 6)
D-21 Lori Washburn (Utica Ward 2 District 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7; Ward 3 District 10; Ward 5 District 7)
D-22 Maria McNiel (Utica Ward 1 District 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7; Ward 2 District 8)
R-23 Michael Gentile. (Utica Ward 6, District 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9)

MEMBERS PRESENT: Schiebel, Idzi, Leach, Waterman, Boucher, Fiorini, Flisnik, Buck, Joseph, White, Newton, Reale, Pratt, DiMaggio, Daniels, Julian, Ervin, Washburn, McNiel, Gentile

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rogers-Witt, Koenig, Davis

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS

No. 122 – FN 2025-1597 – Legislators, Schiebel, Idzi, Leach, Rogers-Witt, Waterman, Bocher, Fiorini, Flisnik, Buck, Koenig, White, Newton, Davis, Reale, Pratt, DiMaggio, Daniels, Julian, Ervin, Washburn, McNiel, Gentile all offered the following resolution and moved its adoption.

RE: MEMORIALIZING A REQUEST TO THE STATE LEGISLATORS REPRESENTING ONEIDA COUNTY TO SECURE THE PASSAGE OF SENATE BILL NO. S8117 AND ASSEMBLY BILL NO. A8488 WHICH WOULD AUTHORIZE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SCHOOL SPEED ZONE CAMERA DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM IN THE COUNTY OF ONEIDA

WHEREAS, Speeding endangers every community in New York. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, speeding drivers are at a higher risk for loss of control of their vehicle, reduce the effectiveness of occupant protection equipment, require an increased stopping distance after the driver perceives a danger, and increase the likelihood of a crash being severe. Consequently, driving above the posted speed limit is a factor in 29% of traffic related fatalities nationwide. This danger is magnified in school zones where large numbers of students are arriving by bus or on foot and are often outside during the school day, and

WHEREAS, The County of Oneida Office of Traffic Safety, using cameras placed in school zones found that during the period beginning on March 20, 2025 to present, there were a total of 3,541 incidents of motorists speeding through school zones, and

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WHEREAS, Under current law, a police officer must be present at the scene of a speeding incident to observe the violation and serve the operator of the vehicle with a summons. However, it is nearly impossible for a police officer to observe every speeding violation in the county, especially those in school zones, thus, it is necessary to develop a system which will supplement law enforcement efforts by using recent technology to record speeding violations on film or other recording devices, and

WHEREAS, Technology presently exists which will photographically capture vehicles which exceed the maximum speed limit without the presence of a police officer. This technology combines speed sensing technology that determines the speed of a vehicle and captures/records that data by photographic, micrographic, video tape, or other recording system and produces an image of a motor vehicle at the moment that it exceeds the speed limit. This image can then be used as evidence in a proceeding to impose liability on the owner of the vehicle for the speeding violation.

WHEREAS, The enactment of this legislation will provide the County of Oneida with a greater ability to enforce appropriate speeds in school zones, hopefully saving lives in the process, now, therefore, be it hereby

RESOLVED, That the Oneida County Board of Legislators sends a Home Rule Request to our local representatives in the New York State Senate and the New York State Assembly urging the passage of Senate Bill No. S8117 and Assembly Bill No. A8488 authorizing establishment of a school speed zone camera demonstration program in the County of Oneida, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Oneida County Board of Legislators urges Senator Joseph A. Griffo to enact Senate Bill No. S8117 and urges Assemblywoman Marianne Buttenschon and Assemblymen Brian D. Miller, Ken Blankenbush and Robert Smullen to enact Assembly Bill No. A8488 authorizing establishment of a school speed zone camera demonstration program in the County of Oneida, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution and a Home Rule Request in the appropriate form to Senator Joseph A. Griffo and Assemblywoman Marianne Buttenschon and Assemblymen Brian D. Miller, Ken Blankenbush and Robert Smullen and to the Home Rule Counsel for the New York State Senate and Assembly.

APPROVED: May 29, 2025

DATED: May 29, 2025

Seconded by Mr. Julian and adopted by the following vote:

AYES 19 NAYS 1 (Mr. Joseph) ABSENT 3 (Mme. Rogers-Witt, Messrs. Koenig, Davis)

CERTIFICATION OF THE CLERK

STATE OF NEW YORK, County of Oneida, ss:

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true report of the proceedings of the Board of Legislators of the County of Oneida on Thursday May 29, 2025, at 5:00 P.M., typographical errors excepted.

MIKALE BILLARD