

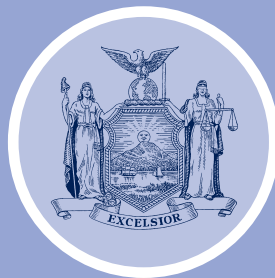


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December 15, 2012

The Honorable Sheldon Silver
Speaker of the Assembly
State Capitol, Room 349
Albany, New York 12248

Dear Speaker Silver:

As Chairman of the Assembly Standing Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions, I am pleased to submit the Committee's 2012 Annual Report.

During the 2012 session, the Committee continued its efforts to reform how the State oversees public authorities and corporations. This year's efforts included the elimination of authorities and corporations that are inactive or have ceased functioning. Working together, the Executive, the Comptroller, the Authorities Budget Office, and the Committee, identified and eliminated 28 local public authorities that had ceased functioning or were never set up by a local government.

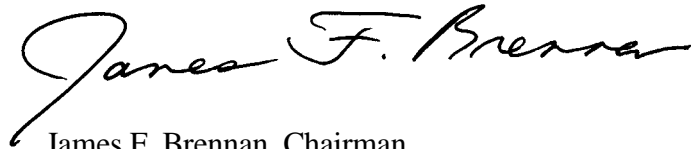
The Committee advanced a bill to increase transparency and accountability for the creation of government-sponsored public corporations. The Committee reported legislation that would have limited the formation, utilization and creation of local development corporations (LDC), limited liability corporations (LLC), and other forms of not-for-profit corporations to finance local government operations or the acquisition of assets. In addition, the legislation would have provided the Comptroller with enhanced powers to audit and exercise oversight over an LDC, LLC, or not-for-profit corporation that is contracted to perform operations on behalf of a local government.

The Committee supported legislation that proposed to provide increased oversight over

the New York Power Authority (NYPA) and Long Island Power Authority (LIPA). Under the legislation, NYPA would have required to file annual financial reports to the Executive, Comptroller, and Legislature detailing its operations. In regards to LIPA, legislation was enacted that requires the Public Service Department to undertake a comprehensive management and operations audit of LIPA. Both measures seek to increase transparency and accountability at these critical State authorities.

It has been a privilege to serve as Chairman of the Corporations, Authorities and Commissions Committee. With your continued leadership we look forward to a productive session in the year to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James F. Brennan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "J".

James F. Brennan, Chairman
Assembly Standing Committee on
Corporations, Authorities and Commissions

2012 Annual Report

New York State Assembly Standing Committee On Corporations, Authorities And Commissions

James F. Brennan, Chairman

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I. INTRODUCTION

The Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions has jurisdiction over the laws concerning private, not-for-profit and public corporations in New York State. Much of the Committee's work focuses on the organizational framework and activities of the State's many public authorities. These authorities, which provide services in areas such as transportation, power, health care financing and environmental services, operate as quasi-governmental entities at the State and local government level. While these entities perform vital public functions and are at times more efficient than State agencies, it is imperative that they be held accountable through public oversight. Consequently, the Committee devotes significant time to public authority oversight and reform.

The Assembly Majority and this Committee have fought for adequate funding for mass transit for many years, and have worked to ensure that money is spent wisely in maintaining and improving these systems. As a result, the Committee has a particular interest in the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) and the Thruway Authority, as well as the other authorities providing public transportation in the State.

In addition, the Committee monitors the operations and policies of the New York State Public Service Commission (PSC). This five-person panel within the Department of Public Service is mandated to ensure that customers of investor-owned electric, gas, telephone and water utilities in the State have adequate service at reasonable rates in an environmentally responsible manner. The Committee has an interest in ensuring the PSC carefully considers public input when an investor-owned utility seeks PSC approval for a rate increase.

The Committee examines proposals affecting the governance of for-profit, not-for-profit, and other corporations in the State. This responsibility includes making sure the State's laws affecting corporations remain up-to-date so New York remains competitive nationwide while at the same time balancing the need for adequate oversight of corporations based in New York.

II. COMMITTEE LEGISLATION OF 2012

A. Public Authorities

The following bills were signed into law:

A.5505 (McLaughlin)

Chapter 299

This law permits the Dormitory Authority to provide financing, refinancing, design and construction of facilities for the St. Andrew's Foundation. The St. Andrew's Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation whose mission is to promote cultural awareness of Scottish history, heritage, and traditions. Access to the Dormitory Authority financing will better enable them to promote Scottish cultural awareness in Albany County.

A.8902 (Magee)

Chapter 7

This law amends Chapter 610 of the laws of 2011 which determines how Otsego County, under certain circumstances, may terminate its membership in Montgomery-Otsego-Schoharie Solid Waste Authority (MOSA). It also provides guidelines for Otsego County's liability if the County exits MOSA in respect to dividing assets and assigning obligations.

A.8957 (Sweeney)

Chapter 8

This law requires the Department of Public Service (DPS) to conduct a comprehensive management and operations audit of the Long Island Power Authority (LIPA). The goal of the audit is to improve LIPA's response to the needs of the more than 1.1 million customers in Nassau and Suffolk counties and the Rockaway Peninsula in Queens. The audit includes a review of current operations and management structure as well as LIPA's rate setting procedures and standards, construction and capital program, overall efficiency, debt service obligations, fuel and purchase power cost agreements, and its annual budgeting process.

In response to customer service concerns, the Department of State's Division of Consumer Protection is given specific authority to investigate LIPA customer service complaints. This new authority provides an independent level of review and allows for mediation when a LIPA customer disputes a charge or tariff.

A.9703 (Kolb)

Chapter 320

This law permits the Dormitory Authority to provide project management services for the equipment and construction of facilities at Mercy Flight, Inc.'s Central New York location. Mercy Flight Central, Inc. is a community-based not-for-profit emergency air-medical corporation that serves Central NY. Access to the Dormitory Authority financing will enable them to continue to provide life-saving air medical transport services.

A.9857-A (Brennan)

Chapter 156

This law permits the New York State Canal Corporation to dispose of real property under limited circumstances, valued between \$15,000 and \$75,000, through negotiated sale rather than a public auction as required by section 2897(6) of Public Authorities Law. This limited exemption is designed to sell small unneeded parcels of land where an adjoining property owner has a direct interest. It is intended to save the Corporation time and resources by entering into a negotiated sale for the small parcels of limited value instead of a public auction.

A.9941 (Brennan)

Chapter 75

This law clarifies a “covered project” as defined by the Public Authorities Reform Act of 2009 so it includes the entity that a public authority enters into an agreement and the contractors or subcontractors that are developing a hotel or convention center. This section of Public Authorities Law dictates how a development project is negotiated and the guidelines a public authority uses when a labor peace agreement is in effect. In addition, it makes permanent the provisions of this section of law.

A.10033-A (Hanna)

Chapter 346

This law authorizes the Monroe County Water Authority to operate and maintain the Village of Bloomfield’s water system in Orleans County. It consolidates government services and provides a cost savings by adopting a regional approach to water system management in Orleans County.

A.10105 (Magee)

Chapter 426

This law permits the Dormitory Authority to provide financing and construction of facilities for the Young Men’s Christian Association (YMCA)’s Women’s Community Center of Rome. The YMCA Women’s Community Center is a community-based not-for-profit that serves Rome with family related programs. Access to the Dormitory Authority financing will enable them to continue to provide these important community services.

A.10288-A (Brennan)

Chapter 374

This law eliminates 28 local public authorities and 95 urban renewal and industrial development agencies that have ceased operations or were never enacted by a local government. It transfers all remaining records, books, and any rights to the municipality in which the authority is located. By dissolving these public authorities, the State is maintaining a more accurate count of which authorities are active.

A.10332 (Hawley)

Chapter 351

This law authorizes the Monroe County Water Authority to operate and maintain the town of Kendall’s water system in Orleans County. The town has requested that the Authority maintain its water system in an effort to consolidate local government services and reduce costs.

A.10525-A (Sweeney)

Chapter 336

This law grants the Suffolk County Water Authority the ability to sell bulk water to a not-for-profit, public and private corporations, and any person at its regular retail rate.

A.10574 (Hanna)

Chapter 357

This law authorizes the Monroe County Water Authority to operate and maintain the water system of the towns of Richmond and Canadice in Ontario County. The towns are studying the request in an effort to consolidate local government services and reduce costs.

The following bills passed the Assembly:

A.763 (Gantt)

This bill would authorize the Monroe County Water Authority to operate and maintain the town of Kendall's water system in Orleans County. Similar legislation, A.10332, became law during the 2012 session.

A.1922 (Peoples-Stokes)

This bill would provide that at least one member of the City of Buffalo Water Board be a member of the Buffalo Common Council or be designated by the Council.

A.3725-A (Weprin)

This legislation would change the composition of the New York City Water Board by altering how members are appointed. It keeps the existing seven member configuration, but appointments to the board would change as follows: four members would be appointed by the Mayor of New York City; one member would be appointed by the Speaker of the City Council; one member appointed by the Public Advocate; and one member would be appointed by the Comptroller of New York City. In addition, the Chairman of the Board would be elected by the board members and all members of the Board would have to be confirmed by the New York City Council. Under current law, the Mayor selects the Chairperson of the Board.

A.5888-B (Brennan)

This bill would limit employee compensation and reimbursement paid by public authorities to levels that are comparable to civil service employees. All public authorities would be prohibited from providing bonuses to any employee unless it is performance based and ratified by a public authority's board of directors. All bonuses of any nature to an authority board member would be prohibited.

A.7768-B (Brennan)

This bill would amend the process under Public Authority Law relating to claims and actions against the New York City School Construction Authority (SCA) and its contractors stemming from payment disputes. It would amend the period of time when a claim could be filed and allows for accrual of a claim submitted to the SCA or an authorizing payment agent.

A.7798-B (Brennan)

This legislation would make technical changes to the Public Authorities Reform Act (PARA). It would make changes to clarify reporting requirements and enhances public access to information about an authority by requiring certain information to be posted on an authority's web site. Another important change is a correction that adds the Comptroller and Authorities Budget Office to the list of agencies that receive an annual report from a State corporation or authority's subsidiary public benefit corporation.

A.9150-A (Brennan)

This bill would apply the reforms of the Public Authority Reform Act of 2005 and 2009 to the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, mirroring the Public Authorities Reform Act for New York State authorities. Specifically, the bill seeks to provide improved oversight and regulation, mandate greater accountability of the authority board, and increase the transparency of the authority's operations. The bill would require the authority to create audit, finance, and governance committees; codify how Commissioners are appointed and set forth specific fiduciary duties, create disposal of property guidelines, mandate detailed annual reports by the Authority, and require independent financial statements confirmed by an independent auditor. It would create a whistleblower protection system and create an Inspector General Office to ensure accountability. In regards to transparency, it formulates lobbying contact rules and mandates clearer public hearing responsibilities.

A.9414-C (Pretlow)

This bill would increase the Board of Directors of the Yonkers Parking Authority from four members to eight members. It also creates a schedule for when new members would be appointed to the Board and the length of their initial term.

B. Mass Transit Operations and Finance

The following bills were signed into law:

A.9455 (Schimminger)

Chapter 220

This law allows the appointment of an additional non-voting member to the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority Board. The new non-voting member is appointed by the Governor as a representative of the transit dependent and/or disabled community.

A.10543 (Schimminger)

Chapter 176

This law makes technical amendments to Chapter 220 of the laws of 2012, which allowed the appointment of an additional non-voting member by the Governor to the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority Board of Directors.

The following bills passed the Assembly:

A.1405 (Thiele)

This bill would include police officers employed by the towns of Suffolk County in the Metropolitan Transportation Authority's (MTA) fare exemption program to ride the Long Island Rail Road (LIRR). The current statute allows for fare exemption for police officers employed by the City of New York, Nassau County PD, city and village departments in Nassau County, Suffolk County PD and village departments in Suffolk County.

A.6818 (Cook)

This bill would require the MTA to submit its strategic operations plan to the Governor on or before September 1 of each year instead of July 1, beginning with the plan for the period commencing January 1, 2013. The plan includes information on MTA operations and capital construction as required under §17(a) of the Transportation Law. This modifies current law so the strategic operations plan is available to policymakers during the State budget planning process.

A.10542 (Brennan)

This bill would require the MTA and New York City Transit Authority to report to the Legislature and the Governor on transit service reductions and eliminations that have commenced since January 1, 2008. The report would have to detail actual revenue savings as compared to anticipated savings for each route; the cost to fully restore each such change; a detailed plan for full restoration or a detailed plan for equitable restoration of subways, buses and commuter rail service. The report would also address ways to mitigate the impact of service cuts and include a plan to fairly restore services in affected neighborhoods and regions.

C. Corporations Law

The following bills were signed into law:

A.10002 (Brennan)

Chapter 323

This law authorizes students who practice physical therapy to organize and participate in university faculty practice corporations. Each corporation is authorized explicitly under State law and limited to practice of a single medical profession. University faculty practice corporations were previously authorized for the practice of medicine, dentistry, chiropractic, and optometry.

A.10043 (Walter)

Chapter 425

This law creates the Main-Transit Volunteer Exempt Firefighter's Benevolent Association as a not-for-profit corporation for former or current members of the Main-Transit Fire Department located in the town of Amherst in Erie County. The purpose of the Association is to provide maintenance to a suitable headquarters that can assist volunteer firefighters and their family members who are disabled or indigent and promote the welfare of the volunteer fire service. The Association is governed by a board of trustees, which consists of officers and other members of the Association elected on an annual basis. The Association is also allowed to collect all taxes levied pursuant to article 91 of the Insurance Law on premiums for insurance against loss or damage by fire covering property situated in the District.

The following bills passed the Assembly:

A.1710-A (Kavanagh)

This legislation would allow a corporation whose shares are traded on a stock exchange or in the over-the-counter market to implement an electronic voting system at a shareholders meeting. An electronic voting system would provide a reasonable alternative for shareholders that are not physically at a meeting to witness the proceedings to vote and instead could cast proxies via electronic communication through telephone and internet voting. Corporations would also be required to notify shareholders and proxy holders of how they could witness the proceedings online and vote via electronic communication for a shareholders meeting.

A.6354 (Nolan)

This bill would increase the current penalties associated with unauthorized excavation or demolition in underground facilities. Currently, violators found guilty of committing an unauthorized excavation or demolition are fined \$1,000 for the first violation and \$7,500 for each subsequent violation. The enhanced fines would be \$5,000 and \$15,000 respectively.

A.7510-A (Brennan)

This bill would limit the utilization and creation of a local development corporation (LDC), limited liability corporation (LLC), and other forms of not-for-profit corporations by a municipality and local government agency to fund operational costs. Additionally, this bill would give the Comptroller clear powers to audit and exercise oversight authority over a LDC,

LLC, and not-for-profit corporation that has performed operations on behalf of a municipality or local government.

A.8907 (Silver)

This bill would make technical changes to Chapter 599 of the Laws of 2011 relating to Benefit Corporations. The bill would amend the minimum status vote to be the greater of two thirds or whatever vote is required in the certificate of incorporation. It also eliminates the allowance for a benefit corporation to sell or lease substantially all of its assets even if such transaction is in the usual and regular course of business.

D. Telecommunications and Utilities

The following bills were signed into law:

A.4636-B (Rivera, P.)

Chapter 490

This law requires providers of interactive telephone information network services to provide callers with an automated disclaimer message regarding the fees the phone service charges and to allow a caller to disconnect before charges are incurred. This law will help curb “remote call forwarding” scams that appear as local phone numbers and then transfer the caller to a phone information service that charges high fees. This scam often lures in potential victims with promises of information on employment, affordable housing, child care, educational opportunities and other topics of interest to people searching to improve their lives.

A.9737-A (Magnarelli)

Chapter 149

This law extends for an additional five years, until June 1, 2018, provisions of law related to the establishment of the New York Telecommunications Relay Service Center. The Telecommunications Relay Service Center is a call relaying service for the hearing impaired.

The following bills passed the Assembly:

A.6563 (Brennan)

This legislation would require the Public Service Commission (PSC) to take a formal action on petitions without a statutory guideline within 90 days. For petitions currently pending before the PSC, the Commission would be required to act within 30 days from the effective date of this legislation; unless it is determined that action on such petitions would not serve the public interest. In this case, the PSC would be required to issue a report setting forth the facts and circumstances upon which it based the decision to take no action.

A.7306 (Brennan)

This bill would compel power producers under the jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission (PSC) to file, without exception, annual reports. The goal of this legislation is to reinstitute more regular public reporting by power producers in the State.

A.9905 (Paulin)

This bill would authorize a municipality to apply to the Public Service Commission (PSC) to have costs for fire hydrant maintenance and access be charged to all water customers directly instead of having the costs issued directly to a municipality. It ensures that all benefiting customer classes cover this cost and would prohibit a water company from charging separate or additional costs to a municipality for access to fire hydrants.

A.10212 (Brennan)

This bill would require the Department of Public Service to conduct regular management and operation audits of the Power Authority of New York (NYPA). Each audit includes a review of the overall operations and management as well as the Authority's operating, construction, and capital budgets in relation to the Authority's mission to provide reliable service to its customers. Beyond the initial audit, a follow-up audit shall commence on or before December 15, 2016 and then regular audits would occur at least every five years. Each audit would be publicly disclosed and made available on the PSC's website. A series of follow-up public hearings would also be held around the State and used as an opportunity to discuss the findings of an audit.

III. PUBLIC HEARINGS OF 2012

Public Hearing 1: Examining Procedures Put Into Place By Consolidated Edison To Ensure Safe and Reliable Service

July 25, 2012
11:00 a.m.
New York City

The Corporations, Authorities and Commissions Committee, along with the Committees on Energy and Labor held a hearing on Consolidated Edison (Con Ed) which provides electric, gas, and steam services to more than three million homes and businesses in New York City and Westchester County.

In the midst of a recent heat wave, Con Ed reassigned management employees and retired supervisors to field positions to do the work of traditional employees. Some critics claimed that these workers were not qualified to perform these jobs and their health and safety were at risk. In addition there was concern about how Con Ed would respond in the event of a power emergency or major disruption in service.

This hearing examined the protocols put into place to ensure the safety of employees and the public during this challenging situation.

Testimony was provided by John Miksad, SVP of Electric Operations, Consolidated Edison, Inc.; Garry Brown, Chairman, New York State Public Service Commission; Harry J. Farrell, President, Utility Workers Union of America - Local 1-2; Mario Cilento, President, New York State AFL-CIO; Vincent Alvarez, President, New York City Central Labor Council; James Parrott, Deputy Director and Chief Economist, Fiscal Policy Institute; Reggie Davis, National Representative, Utility Workers Union of America; Robert Stahl, Senior Business Agent, Utility Workers Union of America - Local 1-2; Jean L. Washington and Richard McNally, Board Members, Utility Workers Union of America - Local 1-2; and George Romaka, Electrical Technician, Utility Workers Union of America - Local 1-2.

Public Hearing 2: Finances and Operations of the New York State Thruway Authority

September 7, 2012
10:30 a.m.
Albany

The Corporations, Authorities and Commissions Committee, along with the Committee on Transportation held a joint public hearing on the finances and operations of the New York State Thruway Authority. This hearing provided an opportunity for the Committees and the public to obtain pertinent information regarding the Authority's current financial plan and its Multi-Year Capital Program.

Testimony was presented by Thomas J. Madison, Jr., Executive Director of the New York State Thruway Authority; Robert Ward, Deputy Comptroller for Budget and Policy Analysis; and Kendra L. Adams, President of the New York State Motor Truck Association.

IV. OUTLOOK FOR 2013

Early in 2013, the Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions will hold two hearings on the operation and financial condition of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) and NYCHA (New York City Housing Authority) covering the time both before and after Hurricane Sandy. The Committee may do further hearings or investigations of other public authorities as well.

The Committee will also continue its work aimed at overseeing the operations and functions of all public authorities and corporations as envisioned in the Public Authorities Reform Act of 2009. Two of the most important authorities, the MTA and Thruway Authority provide critical transportation services to New Yorkers and need continued oversight to ensure they operate in the public's best interests. The Committee also has a role in oversight of the utility and telecommunications industry through crafting public service laws. Legislation aimed at strengthening consumer protections and improving access to broadband through the Public Service Commission will continue to be crafted and advanced by the Committee.

**APPENDIX A
2012 SUMMARY SHEET**

**2012 SUMMARY OF ACTION ON ALL BILLS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON
CORPORATIONS, AUTHORITIES AND COMMISSIONS**

Final Disposition of Bills	Assembly	Senate	Total
Bills Reported With or Without Amendment			
To Floor; Not Returning to Committee	13	0	13
To Floor; Recommitted and Died	1	0	1
To Ways and Means	34	0	34
To Codes	7	0	7
To Rules	5	0	5
To Judiciary	0	0	0
Total	60	0	60
Bills Having Committee Reference Changed			
To Consumer Protection	1	0	1
To Economic Development	1	0	1
To Higher Education	1	0	1
To Government Employees	2	0	2
To Ways and Means	1	0	1
To Libraries	1	0	1
To Local Governments	1	0	1
Total	8	0	8
Senate Bills Substituted or Recalled			
Substituted		5	5
Recalled		3	3
Total		8	8
Bills Defeated in Committee	0	0	0
Bills Never Reported, Held in Committee	62	0	62
Bills Never Reported, Died in Committee	237	23	260
Bills Having Enacting Clauses Stricken	7	7	7
Motions Discharge Lost	0	0	0
Total Bills in Committee	375	31	406
Total Number of Committee Meetings Held			9

**APPENDIX B
BILLS THAT BECAME LAW**

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A.5505	McLaughlin	299	This law permits the Dormitory Authority to provide financing, refinancing, design construction, and construction of facilities for the St. Andrew's Foundation.
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A.10043	Walter	425	This law incorporates Main-Transit Volunteer Exempt Firefighter's Benevolent Association (hereinafter 'the Association') as a not-for-profit corporation. The purpose of the Association would be to provide a suitable headquarters and provide for the assistance of volunteers and their family members who are disabled or indigent. The Association would be governed by a board of trustees, which would consist of officers and other members of the Association elected on an annual basis. The Association would be allowed to collect all taxes levied pursuant to article 91 of the Insurance Law on premiums for insurance against loss or damage by fire covering property situated in the District.
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