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To: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)

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

Attachments: [rules and regulations relating to public inspection and copying of legislative records - january-2019 blue.pdf](#)

Dear Ms. Sassower,

This is to acknowledge your request dated February 5, 2024 pursuant to the Freedom of Information Law. You are requesting "...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 FY2024-25 state budget – and for the posting of same on the Senate and Assembly websites....."

Please be advised, The New York State Senate's Joint Legislative Budget Hearing can be found on the Senate's public website for review <https://www.nysenate.gov/newsroom/press-releases/2024/liz-krueger/legislature-announces-2024-joint-legislative-budget>.

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,

Alejandra N. Paulino, Esq.
Secretary of the Senate

Senate FOIL-AR

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TO: Senate Records Access Officer/Secretary of the Senate Alejandra Paulino, Esq.
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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 16, 2024 – making January 26, 2024 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 16, 2024 by Senate Finance Committee Chair Krueger, [here](#), and Assembly Ways and Means Committee Chair Weinstein, [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 FY2024-25 state budget – and for the posting of same on the Senate and Assembly websites.

Thank you.

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