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Subject: **FOIL/Records Request: the Members & Chairs of the Senate & Assembly Joint Legislative Commissions of Legislative Law Articles 5, 5-A, and 5-B**

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[Legislative Law Article 5 \(§80\)](#) establishes the Legislative Ethics Commission, [Legislative Law Article 5-A \(§§82-83\)](#) lists 14 legislative commissions, and [Legislative Law Article 5-B \(§§86-88\)](#) lists a further legislative commission – the Administrative Regulations Review Commission.

The [Senate’s webpage for “Senators and Committees”](#) identifies only two of these “Legislative Commissions”:

- (1) the [Legislative Commission on Administrative Regulations Review](#), chaired by Senator Felder, with two additional Senate members: Ashby and Skoufis;
- (2) the [Legislative Commission on Rural Resources](#), chaired by Senator May, with four additional Senate members: Helming, Gallivan, Hinchey, and Webb (Legislative Law §83-1);

The [Assembly’s webpage for “Committees & More”](#) identifies the following nine “Legislative Commissions”:

- (1) the [Legislative Commission on Administrative Regulations Review](#), chaired by Assemblyman Stern, with one additional member: Assemblyman Goodell.
- (2) the [Legislative Commission on Government Administration](#), chaired by Assemblyman Carroll, with two additional members: Assemblymen Brabenec and DiPietro;
- (3) the [Legislative Commission on Rural Resources](#), with no indicated chair and three members: Assemblymen Jones and Palmesano and Assemblywoman Woerner;
- (4) the [Legislative Commission on Solid Waste Management](#), chaired by Assemblywoman Hyndman, with two additional members: Assemblymen Gallahan and Tannousis;
- (5) the [Legislative Commission on Toxic Substances and Hazardous Wastes](#), with no chair, but two members: Assemblymen Morinello and Tannousis;
- (6) the [Legislative Commission on Future of the Long Island Power Authority](#), co-chaired by Assemblyman Thiele and Senator Thomas, and five additional members: Assemblyman Anderson and Smith, Assemblywoman Solages, and Senators Gaughran and Sanders;

- (7) the [Legislative Commission on Legislative Ethics](#), chaired by Assemblywoman Simon, with no additional members;
- (8) the [Legislative Commission on Skills Development and Career Education](#), chaired by Assemblyman Conrad, with two additional members: Assemblymen Blankenbush and Durso; and
- (9) the [Legislative Commission on State-Local Relations](#), chaired by Assemblyman Epstein, with no additional members.

It also lists, under the title “Task Forces and Other Entities”, the [Legislative Task Force on Demographic Research and Reapportionment](#), chaired by Assemblyman Zebrowski, with one additional member: Assemblyman Palmesano – (Legislative Law §83-M).

Pursuant to [Senate Rule XIV \[“Freedom of Information”\]](#) and [Assembly Rules VIII \[“Public Access to Records”\]](#), this is to request records reflecting the appointment of the members and chairs of the 14 [Legislative Law Article 5-A commissions](#), the [Legislative Law Article 5-B Administrative Regulations Review Commission](#), and the [Legislative Law Article 5 \(§80\) Legislative Ethics Commission](#), consistent with those statutory provisions.

Thank you.

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