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**Sent:** Friday, February 7, 2025 1:32 PM  
**To:** 'recordsaccessofficer@dps.ny.gov'  
**Subject:** **Thanks -- Jan 21, 2025 FOIL Request -- Salaries & Other Compensation/"Fringe Benefits" of the Chair & Members of the Public Service Commission**

Dear Asst. Andrea

Thanks for your assistance – and your efficiency in forwarding my Jan 21, 2025 e-mail to FOIL Officer  
Michell Zaludek.

Elena Sassower

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**ATT: Assistant in the Office of the Records Access Officer -- Andrea Andrea**

As we are speaking now (518-486-2661), below is the Jan 21, 2025 FOIL request to which I have received  
no response.

Thank you.

Elena Sassower

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**From:** Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <[elena@judgewatch.org](mailto:elena@judgewatch.org)>  
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**TO: [Public Service Commission Records Access Officer](#)**

An entry for [New York in Ballotpedia from January/February 2024](#) lists the salary of each of the seven  
members of the [Public Service Commission](#) as \$205,000. This would appear to be incorrect.

[Executive Law §169](#), entitled “Salaries of certain state officers”, identifies the Public Service Commission in two places of its subdivision 1:

- ¶b: “chairman of public service commission”;
- ¶d: “commissioners of the department of public service”.

Subdivision 2 sets their respective salaries at \$127,000 and \$109,800, but this was modified by the [December 10, 2018 Report of the Committee on Legislative and Executive Compensation](#) (at pp. 6-7, 17-18, 20-21) and thereafter by the Governor pursuant thereto.

Pursuant to FOIL ([Public Officers Law, Article VI](#)), this is to request:

- records as to the salaries of the chair and six members of the Public Service Commission from January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2024;
- records as to the salaries of the chair and six members of the Public Service Commission, as of January 1, 2025, as modified by the [November 14, 2024 Report of the Commission on Legislative, Judicial and Executive Compensation](#);
- records as to the value of other “compensation”/“fringe benefits” of the chair and members of the Public Service Commission, such as the website of the [Workers’ Compensation Board](#) furnishes on [its webpage about itself](#), stating:

“The Chair, Vice Chair, and Board Members are eligible for payment of expenses and annual compensation in the performance of their duties pursuant to [NYS Workers’ Compensation Law, Section 148](#). Specifically, the Chair's annual compensation (salary plus fringe benefits) is \$337,641 (\$198,926 salary), the Vice Chair's annual compensation is \$286,994 (\$169,087 salary), and the annual compensation of each Board Member is \$268,762 (\$158,345 salary).” (hyperlinking added).

Thank you.

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