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Today, March 1, 2020, I examined the Assembly's webpage of "Committees and More": <https://www.nyassembly.gov/comm/>. This is what I discovered with respect to its eight enumerated "Legislative Commissions", in the order in which they are listed:

1. Legislative Commission on Administrative Regulations Review, whose homepage, <https://nyassembly.gov/comm/?id=44>, reflects two members: its Assembly chair, Dan Quart, and Assemblyman Andy Goodell;
2. Legislative Commission on Governmental Administration, whose homepage, <https://nyassembly.gov/comm/?id=49>, reflects three members: its Assembly Chair, Diana Richardson, and Assembly members Karl Brabenic and David DiPietro;
3. Legislative Commission on Legislative Ethics, whose homepage, <https://nyassembly.gov/comm/?id=48>, reflects a single member: its Assembly chair, Jo Anne Simon;
4. Legislative Commission on Rural Resources, whose homepage, <https://nyassembly.gov/comm/?id=47>, reflects four members: its Assembly chair, Angelo Santabarbara, and Assembly members Philip Palmesano, Mark Walczyk, and Carrie Woerner;
5. Legislative Commission on Skills Development and Career Education, whose homepage, <https://nyassembly.gov/comm/?id=52>, reflects three members: its Assembly chair, Carrie Woerner, and Assembly members Ken Blankenbush and Michael Durso;
6. Legislative Commission on Solid Waste Management, whose homepage, <https://nyassembly.gov/comm/?id=53>, reflects three members: its Assembly chair, Alicia Hyndman, and Assembly members Jeff Gallahan and Michael Tannousis;
7. Legislative Commission on State-Local Relations, whose homepage, <https://nyassembly.gov/comm/?id=54&sec=hearings>, reflects three members: its Assembly chair, Brian Barnwell, and Assembly members Kieran Michael Lalor and John Salka;
8. Legislative Commission on Toxic Substances and Hazardous Wastes, whose homepage, <https://nyassembly.gov/comm/?id=56>, reflects three members: its Assembly chair, Judy Griffin, and Assemblyman Angelo Morinello and Michael Tannousis.

Only 2 of these "Legislative Commissions" are posted on the Senate's webpage for "Senators & Committees": <https://www.nysenate.gov/senators-committees> – and this is what I discovered in examining them, also today, March 1, 2021:

- the Legislative Administrative Regulations Review Commission, whose homepage, <https://www.nysenate.gov/committees/administrative-regulations-review-commission-arrc>, reflects a single member: its Senate Chair Simcha Felder;
- the Legislative Commission on Rural Resources, whose homepage: <https://www.nysenate.gov/committees/legislative-commission-rural-resources>, reflects four Senate members: its Senate chair, Rachel Ray, its Senate ranking member, Pamela Helming, and Senators Patty Ritchie and Neil Breslin.

Additionally, the Legislative Task Force on Demographic Research and Reapportionment is not accessible from the Senate's webpage for "Senators & Committees" – and when the previously posted link is utilized: <https://www.nysenate.gov/committees/task-force-demographic-research-and-reapportionment>, the Task Force comes up "INACTIVE", with no members. As for the Assembly's webpage for the Legislative Task Force on Demographic Research and Reapportionment, <https://nyassembly.gov/comm/?id=60>, accessible from its webpage for "Committees and More", it reflects a single member, its Assembly chair Robert Rodriguez.

Pursuant to Senate Rule \_\_\_ ["Freedom of Information"] and Assembly Rule VIII ["Public Access to Records"], request is made for ALL records reflecting:

- (1) the appointment of Senate and Assembly members and chairs of the above nine entities for the 2021-2022 legislative session;
- (2) why no appointments were made to the following five "Legislative Commissions", previously on the Assembly's website:
  - Legislative Commission on Council on Health Care Financing, whose homepage was previously: <https://nyassembly.gov/comm/?id=45>;
  - Legislative Commission on Critical Transportation Choices, whose homepage was previously: <https://nyassembly.gov/comm/?id=46>;
  - Legislative Commission on Science and Technology, whose homepage was previously: <https://nyassembly.gov/comm/?id=51>;
  - Legislative Commission on Tax Study, whose homepage was previously: <https://nyassembly.gov/comm/?id=55>;
  - Legislative Commission on Water Resource Needs of New York State, whose homepage was previously: <https://nyassembly.gov/comm/?id=57>.

Thank you.

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