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(Appearing Virtually)

VICTOR A. KOVNER, Commissioner

R. NADINE FONTAINE, Commissioner

THERESA EGAN, Commissioner

HELENE BLANK, Commissioner  
(Appearing Virtually)

ROBERT L. MEGNA, Commissioner

JAMES DEWAN, Division of Budget

1                   CHAIRPERSON FAHEY: Good afternoon, everyone.  
2                   I'm the chairperson of the Legislative and Executive  
3                   Compensation Commission for the State of New York.

4                   COMMISSIONER BLANK: Oh, now you're not muted.  
5                   Okay.

6                   CHAIRPERSON FAHEY: All right. Helene, you can  
7                   hear me?

8                   COMMISSIONER BLANK: Yes.

9                   CHAIRPERSON FAHEY: Good afternoon, everyone.  
10                  My name is Eugene Fahey. I'm the chairperson of the  
11                  Legislative and Executive Compensation Commission. This  
12                  is the beginning of the second part of the Commission's  
13                  work. The first part of the Commission's work dealt with  
14                  judicial pay raises and the second part will address the  
15                  question of compensation for members of statewide elected  
16                  officials, members of the legislature, and executive  
17                  employees covered by Section 169 of the state budget.

18                  I'm going to ask each commissioner to introduce  
19                  themselves, starting with Commissioner Kovner on my right.

20                  COMMISSIONER KOVNER: My name is Victor Kovner.  
21                  I'm a senior counsel to Davis, Wright, Tremaine in New  
22                  York City, and I'm very pleased to see my colleagues again  
23                  after many months.

24                  COMMISSIONER EGAN: Good morning. I'm Terri  
25                  Egan. I am the Speaker's appointee, in transition in jobs

1 right now, but I'm really happy to be here. And I agree  
2 with my colleague to my right, it's great to see  
3 everybody.

4 COMMISSIONER FONTAINE: Nadine Fontaine,  
5 Governor Hochul's appointee, currently general counsel at  
6 DASNY.

7 COMMISSIONER MEGNA: Robert Megna, president of  
8 the Rockefeller Institute of Government and a governor's  
9 appointee and the proud host.

10 CHAIRPERSON FAHEY: And I know I've been saying  
11 it, but I want to thank Commissioner Megna and the  
12 Rockefeller Institute for hosting this meeting. And I  
13 also don't want to leave out a commissioner who's  
14 participating by video conferencing, Commissioner Blank.  
15 Would you like to say a few words?

16 COMMISSIONER BLANK: Sure. Good afternoon.  
17 It's great to see everybody, even if it's not in person.  
18 And I was appointed by Chief Judge Rowan Wilson to do this  
19 very important work.

20 CHAIRPERSON FAHEY: Thank you, Helene. Thank  
21 you for being with us today. One commissioner,  
22 unfortunately, had a last minute, something come up at the  
23 last minute, Commissioner Weinstein, and he may begin  
24 participating by video shortly. It depends. But we have  
25 more than a quorum, so the Commission can proceed.

1           The first item on the agenda today is a formal  
2           adoption of a resolution allowing video conferencing  
3           pursuant to the statute. The language for the resolution  
4           itself will be available on the website after this meeting  
5           and the rules governing video conferencing are also  
6           available and will be accessible to anyone who's  
7           interested afterwards. Otherwise, I'd like to have a  
8           motion to adopt the resolution.

9           COMMISSIONER KOVNER: So moved.

10          COMMISSIONER EGAN: Second.

11          CHAIRPERSON FAHEY: All right. Any comment?

12          All those in favor, please say aye.

13          COMMISSIONER MEGNA: Aye.

14          COMMISSIONER EGAN: Aye.

15          COMMISSIONER BLANK: Aye.

16          COMMISSIONER KOVNER: Aye.

17          CHAIRPERSON FAHEY: Hearing no objections, the  
18          resolution is adopted. I should note for the record that  
19          I'm the chairperson and I was appointed by Governor  
20          Wilson. And, as chairperson, I do not vote.

21          COMMISSIONER KOVNER: Chief Judge.

22          CHAIRPERSON FAHEY: Thank you. The Chief  
23          Judge, that's right. I better say that, Commissioner  
24          Kovner. Judge Rowan Wilson, the Chief Judge. And anyway,  
25          as a result of that, the way the statute is set up is I

1 will not vote on specific items, but I will keep saying  
2 that over and over again. So, there will be six voting  
3 members and it's my job to preside and organize.

4 All right. The second item on our agenda today  
5 is the question of dates and locations for a public  
6 hearing and future Commission meetings. The first issue  
7 really I think is the question of where to have a public  
8 hearing on the issues that the Commission is confronted  
9 with. It seems that the best time would be maybe the  
10 second week of October. The commission's work has to be  
11 done by November 15th. And I would suggest, if it makes  
12 sense for the other commissioners, either October 8th, 9th  
13 or 10th, which I believe is Wednesday, Thursday or Friday  
14 of the second week in October. Is there any time in that  
15 period that's good for the commissioners, perhaps the  
16 Thursday?

17 COMMISSIONER BLANK: Any of those dates are  
18 good for me, your Honor.

19 CHAIRPERSON FAHEY: Helene's a working  
20 attorney. So the rest of us work, but she has, and as is  
21 Victor. So, how about you Victor, how are those dates?

22 COMMISSIONER KOVNER: Either of them, any of  
23 them, will work for me as well.

24 CHAIRPERSON FAHEY: Theresa?

25 COMMISSIONER EGAN: Good.

1 COMMISSIONER FONTAINE: Same.

2 CHAIRPERSON FAHEY: Robert?

3 COMMISSIONER MEGNA: We'll make it work.

4 CHAIRPERSON FAHEY: All right. So, how about  
5 we go with October 8th, which is the Thursday?

6 COMMISSIONER BLANK: Perfect.

7 CHAIRPERSON FAHEY: Perhaps we --

8 COMMISSIONER KOVNER: No, October 8th I think  
9 is a Tuesday.

10 COMMISSIONER BLANK: It's a Tuesday.

11 CHAIRPERSON FAHEY: Oh, all right.

12 COMMISSIONER KOVNER: Thursday is the 10th.

13 CHAIRPERSON FAHEY: Then let's go the 11th,  
14 which is the Thursday.

15 COMMISSIONER BLANK: 11th is a Friday. The  
16 10th is a Thursday.

17 CHAIRPERSON FAHEY: Thank God you brought a  
18 calendar. So, the 10th, October 10th, Thursday, 11 a.m.  
19 We haven't decided on a location. So, 10/10, 11 a.m. I  
20 am going to reach out to the New York State Bar, if that's  
21 all right with everyone else, and a public hearing will be  
22 held in Albany. Now --

23 COMMISSIONER KOVNER: Did you say the time?

24 CHAIRPERSON FAHEY: 11 a.m.

25 COMMISSIONER KOVNER: Could I ask, since we're

1 going to do it in Albany, that it be noon?

2 CHAIRPERSON FAHEY: Sure. Is that all right  
3 with everyone?

4 COMMISSIONER EGAN: Sure.

5 COMMISSIONER BLANK: That's fine.

6 CHAIRPERSON FAHEY: All right. So, 12 noon.  
7 The issue of Commissioner Fontaine's appointment to the  
8 Court of Claims and Commissioner Egan's appointment to  
9 Town Judge of Bethlehem, my research indicates that  
10 there's no conflict. Commissioner Fontaine will not begin  
11 serving until the work of the Commission is completed and  
12 Commissioner Egan is appointed as a town judge in  
13 Bethlehem. Town judges are an area of the judiciary over  
14 which we have no jurisdiction. Town and village courts  
15 are handled by their own municipalities and are not  
16 governed or administered by the Office of Court  
17 Administration. So, there's no conflict. I'm just noting  
18 that for the record. I don't think we need to do anything  
19 else, unless anyone else does.

20 Okay. Now, the fourth point, we have with us  
21 today I want to introduce James Dewan from the New York  
22 State Division of Budget. Mr. Dewan, thank you for being  
23 here today. Would you tell us what your title is and give  
24 us a brief sense of what your experience is?

25 MR. DEWAN: Thank you very much and good

1           afternoon. I am a unit head over the Division of Budget's  
2           General Government and Workforce Unit. In that capacity,  
3           we manage any budgetary issues related to New York State's  
4           workforce, as well as considering the issues that are  
5           presented by Executive Law with the payment of agency  
6           commissioners that are named in Section 169 of the  
7           Executive Law. I've worked for the State for nearly 20  
8           years. Most of that experience has been with the Division  
9           of the Budget managing relations issues. That includes  
10          New York State's negotiation with our public employee  
11          unions and looking at the cost of New York State's  
12          workforce and considering how New York State compensates  
13          its workforce in terms of both salary and also the cost of  
14          fringe benefits as well.

15                       CHAIRPERSON FAHEY: Thank you, Mr. Dewan.  
16           We're lucky to have you.

17                       MR. DEWAN: Thank you.

18                       CHAIRPERSON FAHEY: So, thank you for being  
19          with us today. There are a number of issues that the  
20          Commission is going to have to look into before it can  
21          begin to make any decisions about compensation. We have a  
22          three-part problem. The first is the question of  
23          statewide elected officials. What their salaries are is  
24          out there and is a relatively straight forward research  
25          matter, but I think we want to look back over 10 years and



1 initially as to what they've been compensated in New York  
2 and then we can compare those, that compensation, with how  
3 other states have compensated their statewide elected  
4 officials.

5 The second area is the area of the legislature  
6 and I think we approach it the same way. What's been the  
7 pattern for compensation for members of the legislature  
8 over the last 10 years and how does that compare to other  
9 states.

10 I think the third area is what I call the 169  
11 commissions, which are employees of the Executive  
12 Department that are in policy making decisions. Primarily  
13 commissioners and I believe a few deputy commissioners are  
14 included within 169. And so these are people that are not  
15 civil servants, that are, I believe, almost all appointed  
16 directly by the Governor or by a board that the Governor  
17 appoints and their compensations vary and the issues there  
18 tend to be more complicated. Maybe the other  
19 commissioners should give you some of their thoughts  
20 and/or experience in this area and give you some guidance  
21 as to areas where some research should be done. Why don't  
22 we start with Mr. Megna.

23 COMMISSIONER MEGNA: Yeah. Hi, Jim. I think  
24 the real issue for me always is, you know, which  
25 commissioners are covered by which law and which are not

1 and how that plays into, you know, what we're embarking  
2 on. Because I don't think the logic of it when the law  
3 was passed 30 years ago may have made sense, or 40 or 50  
4 years ago, but it doesn't always seem to make sense now.  
5 So, it might be nice to get a summary on that.

6 MR. DEWAN: Yes, we have information about the  
7 history of Section 169 and the officials that are covered  
8 in that law.

9 CHAIRPERSON FAHEY: What I'd like to see, Jim,  
10 is if we can look over, the same thing, a 10-year period.  
11 One of the, and I would call it anomalies, but really  
12 almost an injustice, you have a situation where sometimes  
13 in state government a deputy commissioner covered by  
14 contract would be paid more than the commissioners in the  
15 departments. So, let's see if we can identify problem  
16 areas and if they need to be addressed as you do your  
17 research.

18 COMMISSIONER MEGNA: I would add that's not  
19 unusual.

20 COMMISSIONER EGAN: I was going to say I have  
21 personal experience and that is exactly it. It's not even  
22 really contracts because even as deputy commissioners we  
23 were appointed by the Governor's office. But I am very  
24 familiar with opportunities that executive deputies in  
25 particular would opt not to go forward with a commissioner

1 position because they were making so much more in their  
2 current position that they would have taken pay cuts and  
3 obviously a hit to their retirement if they had gone to  
4 the commissioner position.

5 COMMISSIONER MEGNA: We have acting  
6 commissioners today that are in that position.

7 COMMISSIONER KOVNER: Another area that would  
8 be helpful I note is that I believe there are many  
9 comparable positions in the City of New York and the City  
10 commissioners are paid more than State commissioners and  
11 it seems inappropriate to me at least. I don't know that  
12 we need the history of the city compensation for  
13 comparable officials, but we'd certainly like to have the  
14 current compensation.

15 CHAIRPERSON FAHEY: Comparable.

16 COMMISSIONER KOVNER: For us.

17 CHAIRPERSON FAHEY: Comparable, if they're  
18 doing the same job.

19 COMMISSIONER KOVNER: Yes.

20 CHAIRPERSON FAHEY: What they're paid in the  
21 state level versus what they're paid in New York City.

22 COMMISSIONER KOVNER: Exactly.

23 CHAIRPERSON FAHEY: That's very important.  
24 Very important. Nadine?

25 COMMISSIONER FONTAINE: I thought it was

1 similar to what Victor was indicating, but it's kind of  
2 comparable because it helps us in making our determination  
3 for the judges. So, it's good to have some point of  
4 reference to prepare potential increases, so.

5 COMMISSIONER BLANK: Excuse me, Nadine, is your  
6 mic on? Because I can't hear you.

7 COMMISSIONER FONTAINE: Sorry, I'm supposed to  
8 speak into it. I indicated, similar to the way that we  
9 analyzed the increases for the judges, it would be good to  
10 have the comparison of some form of comparable, and, as  
11 Victor indicated, the city commissioners and also looking  
12 at what other states have done because we have the  
13 federal/state comparison that we're able to use to make  
14 our assessments.

15 COMMISSIONER MEGNA: I --

16 CHAIRPERSON FAHEY: Go ahead.

17 COMMISSIONER MEGNA: Thank you. I do think  
18 Victor's point is a good one. I would stretch it a little  
19 bit and look at some of the increases only because I think  
20 that gives us some context as well, how much they've gone  
21 up say in the past 10 years.

22 CHAIRPERSON FAHEY: You're talking about the  
23 increases for the city commissioners?

24 COMMISSIONER MEGNA: Yes.

25 CHAIRPERSON FAHEY: I see. Okay. Helene, is

1           there anything you wanted to add?

2                       COMMISSIONER BLANK:  No, I have one other  
3           question, one small question, I don't know the answer, are  
4           all these commissions and commissioners full-time  
5           employees?

6                       CHAIRPERSON FAHEY:  Yes.

7                       MR. DEWAN:  I would say yes, for those serving  
8           in commissioner positions, that is the case, that they are  
9           serving as full-time.  Other positions --

10                      COMMISSIONER BLANK:  And --

11                      MR. DEWAN:  Oh, go ahead.

12                      COMMISSIONER BLANK:  And are they allowed to  
13           have any other employment once they accept the position of  
14           commissioner?

15                      CHAIRPERSON FAHEY:  Helene, you got to let him  
16           finish on just this one point, all right, because I think  
17           there are some boards.

18                      MR. DEWAN:  There are some board members.

19                      CHAIRPERSON FAHEY:  Like the Thruway Board.

20                      MR. DEWAN:  Under Section 169, there are a  
21           number of boards.  I don't think it's Thruway.

22                      CHAIRPERSON FAHEY:  Okay.

23                      MR. DEWAN:  I think it's the Workers'  
24           Compensation Board, the Parole Board, and I think the  
25           Commission on Corrections, if I have that right.  We can

1 provide that information. So, there are board members  
2 that are covered under Section 169 that are subject to  
3 this Commission's jurisdiction that are not full-time  
4 positions. And I believe, but we can certainly confirm,  
5 that those individuals that are board members are allowed  
6 to have -- they are allowed to have outside income.

7 CHAIRPERSON FAHEY: Which was your question,  
8 Helene?

9 COMMISSIONER BLANK: Yes. Thank you.

10 CHAIRPERSON FAHEY: I want to note for the  
11 record that Commissioner Weinstein is with us also now.  
12 Good morning, Commissioner.

13 COMMISSIONER WEINSTEIN: Good afternoon,  
14 everyone.

15 CHAIRPERSON FAHEY: Good afternoon, huh?

16 COMMISSIONER WEINSTEIN: Unless it's a  
17 different time zone in Albany. It wouldn't surprise me.

18 CHAIRPERSON FAHEY: No, it's not. It's not.  
19 But it's the least of my mistakes today.

20 COMMISSIONER WEINSTEIN: Congratulations to our  
21 two new Judges, or my condolences as the case may be,  
22 having been one for so many years, but lots of good luck.

23 COMMISSIONER FONTAINE: Thank you.

24 COMMISSIONER EGAN: Thank you.

25 CHAIRPERSON FAHEY: Commissioner Weinstein, we

1 set a hearing date. Jerry, we had set a hearing date.

2 COMMISSIONER WEINSTEIN: I'm going to move my  
3 internet. It says I'm unstable. Obviously my computer  
4 knows me well. So, I'm going to move to another area  
5 where I think would be better. I was in the middle of  
6 congratulating the Judges, our new Judges, and I wish them  
7 well.

8 COMMISSIONER FONTAINE: Thank you.

9 COMMISSIONER EGAN: Thank you.

10 CHAIRPERSON FAHEY: Let's let him get set up.  
11 All right. I lost you.

12 COMMISSIONER WEINSTEIN: I'm here. I'm back.  
13 How's that?

14 CHAIRPERSON FAHEY: Good. For your  
15 information, a public hearing date has been set for  
16 October 10th, which is a Friday, 12 noon.

17 COMMISSIONER EGAN: Thursday.

18 CHAIRPERSON FAHEY: Thursday, 12 noon.

19 COMMISSIONER EGAN: Sorry.

20 CHAIRPERSON FAHEY: No. Thank you. Thursday,  
21 October 10th, 12 noon. We're going to aim for the State  
22 Bar Association in Albany. I'll get more information for  
23 you when we have it. And then the dates for the draft  
24 report are the 8th, did we say?

25 COMMISSIONER EGAN: We're going do it after the

1 election, right?

2 CHAIRPERSON FAHEY: Right, after the election.

3 COMMISSIONER EGAN: So, sometime after November  
4 5th.

5 CHAIRPERSON FAHEY: Yes. So, that will be  
6 Thursday, the 7th. And draft report aiming for the City  
7 Bar. And then the following week, the 14th, the final  
8 report, the City Bar Association in New York. These are  
9 tentative only because I haven't set up any locations yet.  
10 But we voted on those, Commissioner Weinstein, I just  
11 wanted you to know about those. We had talked briefly  
12 about it.

13 COMMISSIONER WEINSTEIN: All right. Just for  
14 clarification, you said the last two dates would be at the  
15 City Bar?

16 CHAIRPERSON FAHEY: Yes.

17 COMMISSIONER WEINSTEIN: The first date you  
18 said would be in Albany?

19 CHAIRPERSON FAHEY: Yes.

20 COMMISSIONER WEINSTEIN: Okay.

21 CHAIRPERSON FAHEY: Okay. And we introduced  
22 Mr. James Dewan, who's from the New York State Division of  
23 Budget, and he's helping us do background research into  
24 each category, statewide elected officials, the  
25 legislature and the 169 employees. And we've just been



1 talking about the 169 employees. Okay?

2 COMMISSIONER WEINSTEIN: Okay. Great.

3 CHAIRPERSON FAHEY: All right. So, that's  
4 where we're at. Now, anything else on the 169 employees  
5 in terms of research for Mr. Dewan?

6 COMMISSIONER EGAN: I'm sorry, no, I was just  
7 going to say, Judge, a quick question, the 169 judges did  
8 have a salary change in the kind of recent past, right?  
9 Because I'm -- like is it within the last 10 years there's  
10 been adjustment to the salary level?

11 MR. DEWAN: For the 169 cohort?

12 COMMISSIONER EGAN: Yeah.

13 MR. DEWAN: The commissioners in 169 last  
14 received a salary increase from the last commissioner,  
15 from I think -- so it's not from the last Commission, but  
16 from the Commission that I think was established in 2018.

17 COMMISSIONER EGAN: Okay.

18 MR. DEWAN: Which set out a series of salary  
19 increases. So, those individuals last had a salary  
20 increase on 1/1/21, I believe, was their last salary  
21 increase.

22 COMMISSIONER EGAN: So, it would be caught  
23 within our 10-year kind of review period. I just wanted  
24 to make sure. My recollection was there had been a  
25 change. I just couldn't remember when. Thank you, Jim.

1 MR. DEWAN: Yes.

2 CHAIRPERSON FAHEY: One point on that, this  
3 Commission operates under a different statute than the  
4 2018 Commission. The 2018 Commission was a one off; that  
5 was done by the legislature and the governor. In 2016,  
6 the Commission that assisted, pursuant to this statute,  
7 looked at the issue, but wasn't able to come to a  
8 resolution. Is that right, James?

9 MR. DEWAN: That's consistent with my  
10 understanding, yes.

11 CHAIRPERSON FAHEY: Yeah. So, that's the only  
12 variant. I don't know if the 20 -- the authorizing  
13 legislation for the 2018 Commission has any -- I don't  
14 know about the timeframe that they operated under because  
15 that Commission's findings were challenged in Court and  
16 I'm a little unclear about what the net result is, but I  
17 don't think it affected the 169 employees.

18 MR. DEWAN: Correct. It affected the  
19 compensation that was provided to members of the  
20 legislature.

21 CHAIRPERSON FAHEY: Okay. All right. Good.  
22 So we're clear. So I think we're okay. Now, Jim, is  
23 there anything else, any other questions you have of us  
24 before you go on?

25 MR. DEWAN: No, I don't believe so. Thank you.

1                   CHAIRPERSON FAHEY: All right.

2                   COMMISSIONER FONTAINE: I just have one  
3 question along the lines of what Terri was asking. So,  
4 these employees are not subject to these management  
5 confidential increases?

6                   MR. DEWAN: That's correct. Right. These are  
7 individuals because their compensation is explicitly  
8 outlined in Section 169. Whereas, you have the case where  
9 you have individuals serving in executive positions, those  
10 individuals are management confidential employees. When  
11 there are salary increases that are provided to those  
12 employees, those positions are eligible to receive those  
13 salary increases. But positions covered by this  
14 Commission's review are not eligible for those salary  
15 increases.

16                  COMMISSIONER EGAN: Which, for many reasons,  
17 has caused the concern about that's why you want to be an  
18 acting commissioner and not a real commissioner for lack  
19 of better speech.

20                  CHAIRPERSON FAHEY: Okay. So, for mnemonic  
21 purposes, all of our meetings are on Thursdays. So, it  
22 should be easy enough for us to remember that. At least  
23 for me. I don't know about the rest of you. But I don't  
24 think we have anything else that has to be handled today.  
25 Are there any other issues that need to be addressed by

1 the commission? I think we're okay. Are you okay on  
2 where you're going?

3 MR. DEWAN: Yes.

4 CHAIRPERSON FAHEY: All right. Helene, are you  
5 all right with everything? Any questions?

6 COMMISSIONER BLANK: I am, your Honor. No, no  
7 questions.

8 CHAIRPERSON FAHEY: All right. Commissioner  
9 Weinstein, Jeremy, how about you?

10 COMMISSIONER WEINSTEIN: I have lots of  
11 questions. None of which pertain to the Commission.

12 CHAIRPERSON FAHEY: Okay.

13 COMMISSIONER WEINSTEIN: Just in general.

14 CHAIRPERSON FAHEY: All right. If there are --

15 COMMISSIONER WEINSTEIN: Where are we going to  
16 be in terms of I know, Nadine, your new appointment,  
17 what's the status of that in terms of fulfilling that  
18 role?

19 COMMISSIONER FONTAINE: I will be able to  
20 continue the role because I will not start until January.

21 COMMISSIONER WEINSTEIN: Oh, okay, that's  
22 wonderful.

23 COMMISSIONER FONTAINE: I'm not sworn in yet.

24 CHAIRPERSON FAHEY: All right.

25 COMMISSIONER FONTAINE: I'm a Judge in waiting.

1                   COMMISSIONER WEINSTEIN: A Judge in waiting.  
2 Well, first you get sworn in and then you get sworn at.  
3 That's how it works, so. And, Terri, I assume in your  
4 position you'll be able to continue?

5                   COMMISSIONER EGAN: Yes, no conflict.

6                   COMMISSIONER WEINSTEIN: Great. Wonderful.

7                   CHAIRPERSON FAHEY: Jim?

8                   MR. DEWAN: I just have a quick question. I  
9 know you've set up the next Commission hearing for October  
10 10th. Is that when you'd like me to share that  
11 information, or is there a date sooner that you would like  
12 to have that information by?

13                  CHAIRPERSON FAHEY: Let's you and I set a date  
14 afterwards.

15                  MR. DEWAN: Okay. That sounds good.

16                  CHAIRPERSON FAHEY: But I'd like to aim for  
17 early September.

18                  MR. DEWAN: Okay.

19                  CHAIRPERSON FAHEY: So I can get it out to all  
20 the commissioners and they can review it.

21                  COMMISSIONER EGAN: I would like it at least a  
22 little bit before that hearing date would be helpful.

23                  CHAIRPERSON FAHEY: Well, what will happen,  
24 Jim, is this, is we'll look at the stuff, if you can get  
25 it to us in the first week of September, we'll have more

1 questions then, that's the way it works, and we'll send  
2 you something in writing saying these are the kind of  
3 questions we have and we'll follow-up with you and you and  
4 I can talk directly about it also.

5 MR. DEWAN: Okay. Very good.

6 CHAIRPERSON FAHEY: All right? Is that  
7 acceptable to everyone?

8 COMMISSIONER EGAN: Great.

9 COMMISSIONER BLANK: Yes.

10 COMMISSIONER KOVNER: And you can anticipate at  
11 a public hearing many people will testify and if you are  
12 attending on behalf of the Department, the Budget  
13 Department, you'll be asked -- there will be questions  
14 that you will be in the lead in terms of answering.

15 MR. DEWAN: Of course. I'd be happy to do  
16 that.

17 CHAIRPERSON FAHEY: Something to look forward  
18 to.

19 COMMISSIONER EGAN: I was just going to say.

20 MR. DEWAN: Mark that on my calendar.

21 COMMISSIONER EGAN: Maybe not happy, but you  
22 will be here.

23 MR. DEWAN: People have thoughts. It's good to  
24 understand what people's viewpoints are.

25 COMMISSIONER FONTAINE: Yes.

1 CHAIRPERSON FAHEY: All right. Then if we have  
2 nothing else, then I'd like a motion to adjourn.

3 COMMISSIONER FONTAINE: I'd move.

4 COMMISSIONER MEGNA: Second.

5 CHAIRPERSON FAHEY: Thank you. The Commission  
6 meeting is adjourned. Thank you, everyone, for your  
7 attendance today.

8 (Whereupon, the proceedings were concluded.)  
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