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A Brief Summary Concerning the Structure and Operations of the Nassau County Legislature

As noted on the [Legislature's web pages](#):

“The Nassau County Legislature, formed in 1996, is the legislative arm of the Nassau County government. Comprised of single representatives from each of the County's 19 districts, it is the Legislature's duty to draft and approve local laws that affect the County and its residents.

“The Nassau County Legislature is based on a committee system, consisting of twelve committees. Issues are assigned to a committee for review and consideration. Upon approval, issues move to the Rules Committee for further review. If approved, issues are placed on the calendar of the Nassau County Legislature at full session where it is voted on by all 19 legislators. The public is invited to attend and observe all committee meetings. Public comment is welcomed at full sessions of the legislature.

“The 12 committees are Rules; Finance; Public Safety; Government Services & Operations; Economic & Community Development and Labor; Judiciary; Public Works; Minority Affairs; Towns, Villages and Cities; Planning, Development & the Environment; Health and Social Services; and Budget Review”.

There are 19 legislators in the Nassau County Legislature. Each is elected by and represents a separate legislative district of Nassau County. The majority leader of the legislature is the “Presiding Officer”. The committee assignments of each legislators can be found here:

<http://www.nassaucountyny.gov/agencies/legis/Legislators.html>

Nassau County is subject to the [Constitution](#) and [Laws](#) of the State of New York and, where relevant, the Constitution and Laws of the United States. There is a subdivision of the New York laws which is called “[The County Law](#)”. In addition, the County is subject to its own “Charter” and the laws enacted by the County legislators. See the links found here: <http://www.nassaucountyny.gov/website/ag/laws/index.html>

The website of the Legislature includes a listing of the title of the “local laws” adopted by the Legislature between 2007 and 2014. We have assembled those local laws in a pdf booklet that can be found here.

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The current (2014) legislators are as follows [Click on the photo of a legislator to go to that legislator's official web page]:



[Kevan Abrahams](#)
[LD 1 \(D\)](#)
[Minority Leader]



[Siela A. Bynoe](#)
[LD 2 \(D\)](#)



[Carrié Solages](#)
[LD 3 \(D\)](#)



[Denise Ford](#)
[LD 4 \(R\)](#)



[Laura Curran](#)
[LD 5 \(D\)](#)



[Francis X. Becker Jr.](#)
[LD 6 \(R\)](#)



[Howard J. Kopel](#)
[LD 7 \(R\)](#)



[Vincent T. Muscarella](#)
[LD 8 \(R\)](#)



[Richard J. Nicoletto](#)
[LD 9 \(R\)](#)



[Ellen W. Birnbaum](#)
[LD 10 \(D\)](#)



[Delia DeRiggi-Whitton](#)
[LD 11 \(D\)](#)



[Michael Venditto](#)
[LD 12 \(R\)](#)



[Norma L. Gonsalves](#)
[LD 13 \(R\)](#)
[Presiding Officer]



[Laura Schaefer](#)
[LD 14 \(R\)](#)



[Dennis Dunne, Sr.](#)
[LD 15 \(R\)](#)



[Judy Jacobs](#)
[LD 16 \(D\)](#)



[Rose Marie Walker](#)
[LD 17 \(D who votes R\)](#)



[Donald MacKenzie](#)
[LD 18 \(R\)](#)



[David Denenberg](#)
[LD 19 \(R\)](#)

Keep in mind that several persons who were on the Nassau County Legislature in earlier years, are no longer members of the legislature.

An overall review of the history, structure and geography of Nassau County can be found here in Wikipedia:
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nassau_County,_New_York.

See also:

[List of places in Nassau County, New York](#) and

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