



NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE

2025 JOINT BUDGET HEARING

February 26, 2025 – 2:30 PM

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT / ARTS

Panel A:

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| 1. New York State Department of Economic Development
Empire State Development | Hope Knight
Commissioner
President & CEO |
| 2. NYS Office of Cannabis Management | Felicia B. Reid
Acting Executive Director |
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Panel B:

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| 3. NYS Office of General Services | Jeanette Moy
Commissioner |
| 4. New York State Council on the Arts | Erika Mallin
Executive Director |
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Panel C:

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| 5. Community Service Society of New York | Carolina Rodriguez
Director, Education Debt
Consumer Assistance
Program |
| 6. Business Incubator Association of NYS | Marc Alessi
Executive Director |
| 7. Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine
at Elmira | Dr. Richard Terry, DO MBA
Associate Dean of Academic |

Affairs

Panel D:

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| 8. Popular Democracy | Michael Kink
Counsel |
| 9. ACE! (Upstate Alliance for the Creative Economy) | Corey Aldrich
Executive Director |
| 10. New York Film and Television Production
Industry Council | Santiago Quiñones
Co-Chair |
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Panel E:

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| 11. Studio OSYARI | Rachael Lorimer
Artist |
| 12. Freelancers Union | Rafael Espinal
Executive Director |
| 13. Creatives Rebuild New York | Sarah Calderon
Executive Director |
| 14. New York State Alliance for Arts Education | William Jones
President Elect |
| 15. Dance/NYC | Candace Thompson-Zachery
Co-Executive Director |
| 16. ArtsNYS | Elizabeth Lane
Executive Director |
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Panel F:

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| 17. Association of New York Cannabis Processors | John Vavalo
President |
| 18. NY Cannabis Retail Association | Britni Tantalo
President |
| 19. Cannabis Farmers Alliance | Joe Calderone
President |
| 20. New York Medical Cannabis Industry Association | Ngiste Abebe
Spokesperson |