



# **NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE**

## **2026 JOINT BUDGET HEARING**

**January 28, 2026 – 9:30 AM**

### **ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION/ ENERGY**

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Panel A:

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| 1. New York State Department of<br>Environmental Conservation | Amanda Lefton<br>Commissioner    |
| 2. NYSERDA  | Doreen Harris<br>President & CEO |

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Panel B:

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| 3. New York State Public Service Commission | Rory Christian<br>Chair                     |
| 4. New York Power Authority                 | Justin Driscoll<br>Acting President and CEO |

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Panel C:

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| 5. Citizens Campaign for the Environment  | Adrienne Esposito<br>Executive Director |
| 6. New York League of Conservation Voters | Patrick McClellan<br>Policy Director    |

7. Natural Resources Defense Council

Kate Donovan  
Northeast Director for  
Environmental Health

8. Clean+Healthy

Bobbi Wilding  
Executive Director

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Panel D:

9. Earthjustice

Elizabeth Moran  
New York Policy Advocate

10. Open New York

Annemarie Gray  
Executive Director

11. Environmental Advocates NY

Katherine Nadeau  
Deputy Executive Director,  
Policy & Programs

12. Beyond Plastics

Alexis Goldsmith  
National Organizing Director

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Panel E:

13. NY Renews

Avrielle Miller  
Policy Director

14. Building Decarbonization Coalition

Allison Considine  
New York Director

15. Rewiring America

Michael Hernandez  
New York Policy Director

16. Regional Plan Association

Joshua Berman  
Campaigns Manager

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Panel F:

17. New York Battery and Energy Storage  
Technology Consortium (NY-BEST)

William Acker  
Executive Director

18. The Public Utility Law Project

Laurie Wheelock  
Executive Director and Counsel

19. New York Solar Energy Industries Association

Jonathen Cohen  
Policy Director

20. New Yorkers for Clean Power

Anshul Gupta  
Policy & Research Director

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Panel G:

21. Conservation Officers PBA

Matthew Krug  
Director

22. New York City Environmental Justice Alliance

Conor Bambrick  
Senior Climate Advisor

23. Upstate New York Towns Association

Dr. Carolyn Price  
Executive Director

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Panel H:

24. Adirondack Council

Andrew Williams  
Director of Government Relations

25. Adirondack Mountain Club (ADK)

Cathy Pedler  
Director of Advocacy

26. Paul Smith's College Adirondack  
Watershed Institute

Maureen Cunningham  
Executive Director

27. Protect the Adirondacks! Inc.

Claudia Braymer  
Executive Director

28. Open Space Institute

Eileen Larrabee  
Executive Vice President

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Panel I:

29. Sure We Can

Ryan Castalia  
Executive Director

30. Allegany Beverage and Redemption Center

Anndrea Sprague  
Manager

31. Creek End Sustainability Solutions, LLC

Peter J. Baker  
Partner, Executive VP

32. Alliance of Independent Recyclers of NYC

Miguel Rosero  
Member

33. Empire State Redemption Association

Jade Eddy  
Director

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Panel J:

34. Save the Sound

David Ansel  
VP of the Center for Water  
Protection

35. New York State Wildlife Rehabilitation Council

Kelly Martin  
Vice President

36. Humane World for Animals

Brian Shapiro  
New York State Director