



NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE

2026 JOINT BUDGET HEARING

January 28, 2026 – 9:30 AM

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION/ ENERGY

Panel A:

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

Panel B:

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

Panel C:

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

7. Natural Resources Defense Council

Kate Donovan
Northeast Director for
Environmental Health

8. Clean+Healthy

Bobbi Wilding
Executive Director

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

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

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

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

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

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

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