

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**JOURNAL OF THE SENATE.**



**THURSDAY, JANUARY 2, 2025.**

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Thursday, January 2, 2025.

Met at sixteen minutes before twelve o'clock noon.

The President, members, guests and staff then recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of allegiance.

*Communications.*

The following communications were severally received and placed on file, to wit:

Communication from Her Excellency the Governor relative to the base compensation of the members of the General Court pursuant to Article CXVII of the Amendments to the Constitution (received in the Office of the Clerk of the Senate on Tuesday, December 31, 2024, at a half past two o'clock P.M.);

Legislative base compensation.

Communication from Michael D. Hurley, Clerk of the Senate, announcing the appointments of Stacey O. LeMay of Quincy as Assistant Clerk of the Senate and Andrea Crighton of Lynn as 2nd Assistant Clerk of the Senate;

Assistant Clerks,-- appointment.

Communication from the Honorable Bruce E. Tarr, Minority Leader, relative to the appointment of Patrick M. O'Connor, Ryan C. Fattman, Peter J. Durant and Kelly A. Dooner as Assistant Minority Leaders for the 2025-2026 legislative session (received January 1, 2025); and

Assistant Minority Leaders.

Communication from the Honorable Timothy Carroll, Clerk of the House, announcing the appointments of Elizabeth M. Thompson of Clinton as Assistant Clerk of the House and Alison J. Morris of Taunton as 2nd Assistant Clerk of the House (received January 2, 2025).

Assistant Clerks of the House,-- appointment.

*Moment of Silence.*

At the request of Mr. Fattman, the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the victims of the terrorist attack that took place in New Orleans, Louisiana on January 1, 2025.

Moment of silence.

*Orders Adopted.*

On motion of Ms. Spilka,--

*Ordered,* That the Clerk be directed to inform the House of Representatives of the organization of the Senate; and that the Honorable Karen E. Spilka of Middlesex and Norfolk has been elected President of the Senate; and Michael D. Hurley of South Boston has been elected Clerk of the Senate.

Notify the House of Representatives.

**There being no objection, the order was considered forthwith, and it was adopted.**

On motion of Ms. Creem,--

*Ordered,* That the Secretary of the Commonwealth give notice to Joseph C. Ferreira, Tamisha L. Civil, Mara Dolan, Christopher A. Iannella, Jr., Eunice Delice Zeigler, Terrence W. Kennedy, Paul DePalo and Tara Jacobs that they have been

Notify Executive Councillors.

duly elected Councillors to advise the Governor in the executive part of the government.

**There being no objection, the order was considered forthwith, and it was adopted.**

*Communication.*

The following communication, together with the return of votes and schedules therein referred to, were received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, to wit:

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON 02133

January 1, 2025

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

Return of votes.

I have the honor to lay before you the returns of votes cast at the election held in this Commonwealth on the fifth day of November, 2024, for the Councillors in the several districts, together with schedules showing the number of ballots which appear to have been cast for each person voted for.

These returns have been duly canvassed by the Governor and Council, and are now transmitted for examination by the Senate, as required by the Constitution and General Laws.

Very truly yours,  
WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN,  
Secretary of the Commonwealth

*Order Adopted.*

Canvassing the votes.

On motion of Mr. Brownsberger,--

*Ordered,* That a joint committee to consist of members of Senate and the House of Representatives be appointed for the purpose of canvassing the votes for Executive Councillors.

Senators Eldridge of Middlesex and Worcester, William J. Driscoll, Jr. of Norfolk, Plymouth and Bristol and Peter J. Durant of Worcester and Hampshire were appointed the committee on the part of the Senate.

The order was considered forthwith and adopted.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

Subsequently, the order was returned by the House with the endorsement that it had been adopted, in concurrence.

The order bore the endorsement that Representatives Stanley of Waltham, Howard of Lowell and Vieira of Falmouth were appointed on the part of the House and bore the further endorsement that it had been adopted, in concurrence.

Subsequently, Mr. Eldridge, for the said special joint committee to which had been referred the returns of votes for the Councillors in the several districts submitted a report thereon, as follows:

After an examination of the returns, it appears that the following named persons have been duly elected in their respective districts, to wit:

District No. 1. Joseph C. Ferreira of Swansea.

District No. 2. Tamisha L. Civil of Stoughton.

District No. 3. Mara Dolan of Concord.

- District No. 4. Christopher A. Iannella, Jr., of Boston.
- District No. 5. Eunice Delice Zeigler of Methuen.
- District No. 6. Terrence W. Kennedy of Lynnfield.
- District No. 7. Paul M. DePalo of Worcester.
- District No. 8. Tara J. Jacobs of North Adams.

**The report was accepted.**

*Moment of Silence.*

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Brady), the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the memory of Jeffrey W. Albanese.

Moment of silence.

*Order Adopted.*

On motion of Mr. Brady,--

*Ordered,* That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Time of meeting.

*Adjournment in Memory of Jeffrey W. Albanese.*

The Senator from Plymouth and Norfolk, Mr. Brady, moved that when the Senate adjourns today, it do so in memory of Jeffrey W. Albanese.

Jeffrey W. Albanese, (BFD), of Halifax, died on December 21, 2024 at Beth Israel hospital after he suffered a cardiac arrest on December 9th while responding to an incident. After fighting very hard with his family and friends by his side, he succumbed to his injuries on the 21st.

Jeff was the loving husband for 20 years to Michele L. (Mackedon) Albanese. He was the son of Karen (Doyle) Potter of Maine and the son of William Albanese and his wife Kathleen of Carver.

Raised in Brockton, he was a graduate of Brockton High School and received his associate's degree from Massasoit Community College. At the time of his passing, Jeff had been a Brockton Firefighter for 24years. He was a member of the Firefighters Local 144 and was a member of the Honor Guard.

His larger-than-life personality brought so much joy and fun to everyone's life. You will never meet a funnier, more carefree, kinder, man. He was the 1st one there-to-help type of person. He loved his family and dog Violet so much. He loved to go camping with his family, fishing, hanging with friends, having a fire, playing some music and cornhole and hanging out at his beloved Tiki bar that he built himself.

In addition to his wife Michele, he is survived by his children Jayson and Jillian Albanese of Halifax. He is also survived by his sister Carrie Lavigne and husband Fred of East Bridgewater, and his brothers Michael Smith and wife Stacie of Pembroke, Patrick Smith and his companion Stacey of Brockton and Matthew Albanese and his wife Katelyn of Canton. Jeff was an amazing uncle and is survived by many nieces and nephews.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of Jeffrey W. Albanese, at eight minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Driscoll, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.