

The  
**WESTCHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS**  
celebrates

# **BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2023 AT 7:00 P.M.**

Live streamed from the Board Chamber  
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## **PROGRAM**

**Welcoming Remarks & Acknowledgements**  
Board Chair Catherine Borgia

## **PRESENTATION OF TRIBUTES**



### **MAMIE DUNCAN-GIBBS**

*Professor of Movement, Vocal  
Arts Department at the  
Manhattan School of Music*

Presented by Majority Leader  
Christopher Johnson



### **NEIL REYNOLDS**

*Deputy Police Commissioner  
of New Rochelle*

Presented by Legislator  
Terry Clements



### **SPECIAL VIDEO PRESENTATION**

from New York State  
Attorney General  
**LETITIA JAMES**

**Catherine Borgia**  
*Board Chair*  
Legislator, 9th District

**Colin D. Smith**  
Legislator, 1st District

**Erika L. Pierce**  
Legislator, 2nd District

**Margaret A. Cunzio**  
*Minority Leader*  
Legislator, 3rd District

**Vedat Gashi**  
Legislator, 4th District

**Benjamin Boykin II**  
Legislator, 5th District

**Nancy E. Barr**  
*Vice Chair*  
Legislator, 6th District

**Catherine F. Parker**  
Legislator, 7th District

**Jewel Williams Johnson**  
Legislator, 8th District

**Damon R. Maher**  
Legislator, 10th District

**Terry Clements**  
Legislator, 11th District

**Tyrae Woodson-Samuels**  
Legislator, 13th District

**David J. Tubiolo**  
Legislator, 14th District

**James Nolan**  
*Minority Whip*  
Legislator, 15th District

**Christopher A. Johnson**  
*Majority Leader*  
Legislator, 16th District

**José I. Alvarado**  
*Majority Whip*  
Legislator, 17th District





**MAMIE DUNCAN-GIBBS** grew up in Springfield, Maryland where she began taking acrobatic classes at the Dunbar Community Center. She received direction from legendary jazz instructor, Frank Hatchett, which ultimately fueled her passion for dance. After graduating high school and spending one year at the Boston Conservatory of Music, she moved to New York to pursue her dream of dancing on Broadway. She was fortunate to work with and learn from some of the great choreographers like Bob Fosse and Ann Reinking, and on renowned productions such as *The Tap Dance Kid*, *Sweet Charity*, *Chicago*, *Cats*, *Kiss Me Kate*, and many more. After much success, she felt it was time to give back and she did by becoming the Executive/Artistic Director of Youth Theatre Interactions, Inc. (YTI), an after-school performing arts program located in Yonkers that provides professional instruction to Westchester County youth.

Mamie Duncan-Gibbs went on a mission to expose youth to high quality training with the belief that the instruction they received at YTI would carry them into the professional world of the arts. During her tenure at YTI, she created successful events such as “YTI Presents Teen Night,” where youth had the opportunity to artistically express themselves in a safe environment, and the well-received fundraiser “Broadway Comes to Yonkers” in which actors, singers, and dancers came to Yonkers to share the stage with and show support for YTI.

She unexpectedly discovered her next mission -- senior fitness -- while attempting to get her mother to exercise. Her approach was to make exercise fun, strengthening, and engaging, and she established “Get Fit with Miss Mamie.” She attained certificates in fitness instruction, adult and pediatric first aid, yoga essentials, and injury prevention and combined this with her knowledge as a dance instructor. She now takes her love of fitness to senior centers throughout Westchester County and teaches weekly to keep seniors inspired and moving. In addition, she currently teaches at the Manhattan School of Music where she is a Professor of Movement in their Vocal Arts Department. She counts among her greatest blessings her wonderful husband of 37 years, Marvin Gibbs, and her two incredible children and granddaughter.



**DEPUTY POLICE COMMISSIONER NEIL K. REYNOLDS** earned his B.A. in Communications from Iona College, and went on to obtain a J.D. from Pace University Law School. He is licensed to practice in New York State, and in the United States Federal Court – Southern District of New York.

Deputy Commissioner Reynolds has been a member of the New Rochelle Police Department (NRPD) since September 11, 1994. He was promoted to Detective in 1998, Sergeant in 2007, Lieutenant in 2014, Detective Lieutenant in 2020, and Captain in 2021. After working in the Patrol Division as an officer, he was assigned to the Police and Community Together (P.A.C.T.) unit where he became a Detective. He has worked in the Property Theft Unit and the Internal Affairs Unit. After being promoted to Captain, he was assigned to develop and lead the new Professional Development and

Community Engagement Division.

Deputy Commissioner Reynolds completed the New York City Police Department’s Internal Affairs Investigators course, Auto Crime School, and Emergency Services Unit (ESU) Training. He has received the Trilogy Award from the FBI – Law Enforcement Executive Development Association, receiving certificates in Supervisor, Command and Executive Leadership. He also completed the FBI - LEEDA Internal Affairs Investigators course, and attended the Police Executive Research Forum’s Senior Management Institute for Police.

Deputy Commissioner Reynolds has received much recognition for his exemplary service such as the Police Commissioner’s Award, seven Commendations, three Class “C” Citations, two “Life Saving” awards, two “Police Officer of the Month” awards, one NRPD “Problem Solver of the Year” award, and many others. He is also an active member of The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, the Westchester Rockland Guardians Association, the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE), the Police Executive Research Forum, the International Association of Chiefs of Police, and the New Rochelle Branch of the NAACP.

Deputy Commissioner Reynolds is proud to call New Rochelle his lifelong home, where he was raised by a caring community, and where he and his wife have raised their wonderful family.