

**Laws, Rules & Government Services Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes**

DATE & TIME: February 13, 2025 – 4:00 PM
LOCATION(S): KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
Livestreamed at <https://www.youtube.com/@UlsterCountyLegislature/streams>
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chair Kovacs
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk & Tyron Rogers, Technical Support Specialist
MEMBERS PRESENT: Legislators Criswell, Gavaris, Hansut, Harmon, Kitchen (arrived at 4:20 PM),
Levine & Uchitelle
MEMBERS ABSENT: None
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislators Collins, Nolan and Roberts; Minority Counsel Pascale; Commissioners Torres and Quigley – UC Board of Elections; Deputy County Executive Jamie Capuano – UC Executive’s Office; Dare Thompson – League of Women Voters; Anthony Fitzpatrick – member of the public

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Chair Kovacs called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM and asked those present to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion No. 1: Motion to Approve the Minutes of the December 12th Regular Meeting

Motion Made By: Legislator Levine
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Harmon

Voting in Favor: Legislators Criswell, Gavaris, Hansut, Harmon, Kovacs, Levine & Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 7
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Minutes Approved**

Resolutions for the February 18, 2025 Session of the Legislature:

Resolution No. 553 – Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 9 Of 2024, A Local Law Providing Real Property Tax Exemption Of The County Portion Of The Real Property Taxation And Special Ad Valorem Levies For The Creation Of New Accessory Dwelling Units In Accordance New York State Real Property Tax Law Article 4 Title 2 Private Property Section 421-P*2

Resolution Summary – This Resolution adopts Proposed Local Law No. 9 of 2024, A Local Law Providing Real Property Tax Exemption Of The County Portion Of The Real Property Taxation And Special Ad Valorem Levies For The Creation Of New Accessory Dwelling Units In Accordance New York State Real Property Tax Law Article 4 Title 2 Private Property Section 421-P*2.

Motion No. 2: Motion to Amend Proposed Local Law No. 9 of 2024, Section J, As Presented
Motion Made By: Legislator Uchitelle
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Levine

Voting in Favor: Legislators Criswell, Gavaris, Hansut, Harmon, Kovacs, Levine & Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 7
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Amendment Adopted**

Motion No. 3: **Motion to Postpone Resolution No. 553**
Motion Made By: Legislator Hansut
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Gavaris

Voting in Favor: Legislators Criswell, Gavaris, Hansut, Harmon, Kovacs & Levine
Voting Against: Legislator Uchitelle
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 1
Disposition: **Resolution Postponed**

Resolution No. 709 – Establishing A Policy For Legislator Public Accessibility

Resolution Summary – This Resolution establishes policies regarding the accessibility of Legislators to the public, including phone number requirements, communication guidelines, and privacy and security guidelines.

Motion No. 4: **Motion to Postpone Resolution No. 709**
Motion Made By: Legislator Levine
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Hansut

Voting in Favor: Legislators Criswell, Gavaris, Hansut, Harmon, Kovacs, Levine & Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 7
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution Postponed**

Resolution No. 67 – Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Sign An Agreement With The New Paltz Central School District For The Use Of Polling Equipment And Material – Ulster County Board Of Elections

Resolution Summary – This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to sign agreements, and amendments thereto, with the New Paltz Central School District in Ulster County for the use of polling equipment and material for the January 16, 2025 New Paltz Central School District Capital Project Election.

Motion No. 5: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 67**
Motion Made By: Legislator Gavaris
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Criswell

Voting in Favor: Legislators Criswell, Gavaris, Hansut, Harmon, Kovacs, Levine & Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 7
Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution Adopted

Resolution No. 68 – Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 12 Of 2024, A Local Law Amending Article II Of The Administrative Code For The County Of Ulster (Local Law No. 10 Of 2008) In Relation To Certain Employment Restrictions

Resolution Summary – This Resolution adopts Proposed Local Law No. 12 of 2024 A Local Law Amending Article II Of The Administrative Code For The County Of Ulster (Local Law No. 10 Of 2008) In Relation To Certain Employment Restrictions.

Motion No. 6: Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 68

Motion Made By: Legislator Hansut

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Kovacs

Voting in Favor: Legislator Hansut

Voting Against: Legislators Criswell, Gavaris, Harmon, Kovacs, Levine & Uchitelle

Votes in Favor: 1

Votes Against: 6

Disposition: Resolution Defeated

Resolution No. 69 – Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 13 Of 2024, A Local Law Amending Article II Of The Administrative Code For The County Of Ulster (Local Law No. 10 Of 2008) To Remove Certain Employment Restrictions

Resolution Summary – This Resolution adopts Proposed Local Law No. 13 of 2024 A Local Law Amending Article II Of The Administrative Code For The County Of Ulster (Local Law No. 10 Of 2008) To Remove Certain Employment Restrictions.

Motion No. 7: Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 69

Motion Made By: Legislator Harmon

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Uchitelle

Voting in Favor: Legislators Criswell, Gavaris, Harmon, Levine & Uchitelle

Voting Against: Legislators Hansut, Kitchen & Kovacs

Votes in Favor: 5

Votes Against: 3

Disposition: Resolution Adopted

Resolution No. 73 – Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 1 Of 2025, A Local Law Amending The Ulster County Charter, (Local Law No. 2 Of 2006), And Amending The Administrative Code For The County Of Ulster, (Local Law No. 10 Of 2008), In Relation To Legislator Qualifications, To Be Held On Tuesday, March 18, 2025 At 7:10 PM

Resolution Summary – This Resolution sets a public hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2025, (A Local Law Amending The Ulster County Charter, (Local Law No. 2 Of 2006), And Amending The Administrative Code For The County Of Ulster, (Local Law No. 10 Of 2008), In Relation To Legislator Qualifications) to be held on

Tuesday, March 18, 2025 at 7:10 PM in the Legislative Chambers, Ulster County Office Building, 6th Floor, 244 Fair Street, Kingston, NY.

Motion No. 8: Motion to Amend Proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2025, Section 1.B to strike the word “School” with the section to to read as follows:

B. No County Legislator shall hold at the same time any other elective public office. **Notwithstanding the forgoing, a County Legislator shall not be ineligible to serve as such solely by virtue of concurrent elective service as Fire Commissioner, ~~School~~ or Library Board member.**

Motion Made By: Legislator Gavaris
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Hansut

Voting in Favor: Legislators Criswell, Gavaris, Hansut, Harmon, Kitchen, Kovacs, Levine & Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 8
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Amendment Adopted**

Motion No. 9: Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 73 with Proposed Local Law as amended
Motion Made By: Legislator Criswell
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Gavaris

Voting in Favor: Legislators Criswell, Gavaris, Hansut, Harmon, Kitchen, Kovacs, Levine & Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 8
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution Adopted with Proposed Local Law As Amended**

Resolution No. 80 – Amending The Rules Of Order As They Relate To The Scheduling And Rescheduling Of Legislative Committee Meetings

Resolution Summary – This Resolution amends the Rules of Order, Rule 5. Standing and Special Committees of the Legislature and Calendaring of the Legislative Sessions (D) Meetings of the Committees, to establish that no Regularly schedule meeting may be rescheduled by the Chair of the Committee without the prior written consent of the Deputy Chair of the Committee, and to further specify requirements for the rescheduling of Regular meetings.

Motion No. 10: Motion to Postpone Resolution No. 80
Motion Made By: Legislator Levine
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Hansut

Voting in Favor: Legislators Criswell, Gavaris, Hansut, Harmon, Kitchen, Kovacs, Levine & Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 8
Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution Postponed

Forthcoming Resolutions

- **Resolution No. 470 of 2024** – Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 10 Of 2024, A Local Law Amending The Code Of The County Of Ulster, Chapter 205 Food Service, Article II Use Of Disposable Polystyrene Foam, To Include ~~Polypropylene~~ **Thermoform** Plastic, To Be Held On Tuesday, March 18, 2025 At 7:05 PM (*Postponed in the Energy, Environment & Sustainability Committee on February 4th*)
- **Resolution No. 54** – Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 19 Of 2024, A Local Law Regulating The Use Of County Parking Lots (*Postponed in the Public Works & Capital Projects Committee on February 11th*)
- **Resolution No. 676 of 2024** – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$150,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Ulster County Community Action Committee, Inc. – Department Of Social Services (*Postponed at December Legislative Session. On the floor for February 18th Session*)
- **Resolution No. 684 of 2024** Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 14 Of 2024, A Local Law Amending The Code Of The County Of Ulster, Chapter 232 Living Wage, In Relation To Applicability And Compensation (*Passed LRGS Committee as amended in December. On the floor for February 18th Session*)
- **Resolution No. 688 of 2024** – Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 18 Of 2024, A Local Law Applying Salary Revisions for Certain Elected Ulster County Officials Serving For Fixed Terms (*Petition to Discharge successfully executed. On the floor for February 18th Session*)

New Business None

Old Business None

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Levine
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Uchitelle
Votes in Favor: 8
Votes Against: 0

TIME: 4:40 PM
Respectfully Submitted: Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk
Approved: March 13, 2025

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