

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

**DATE & TIME:** March 13, 2025 – 4:00 PM  
**LOCATION(S):** KL Binder Library, 6<sup>th</sup> 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 Gavaris, Hansut, Harmon, Levine & Uchitelle  
**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Legislator Kitchen  
**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes

**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Legislators Collins, Maloney and Nolan; Legislative Counsel Ragucci and Minority Counsel Pascale; Deputy County Executive Jamie Capuano – UC Executive’s Office

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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.

Chair Kovacs advised the members that Annual Reports for the following were available in the committee’s OneDrive file:

- Ulster County Executive Departments (excerpted for LRGS)
    - County Attorney
    - Dept. of Insurance (now part of Risk Management)
    - Dept. of Safety (now part of Risk Management)
  - County Clerk
  - Board of Elections
  - Board of Ethics
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**Motion No. 1:**                      **Motion to Approve the Minutes of the February 13<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting**

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

**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Gavaris, Hansut, Harmon, Kovacs, Levine & Uchitelle  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 6  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Minutes Approved**

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

**Resolution No. 553 of 2024** – 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 to Strike Section 2G**  
**Motion Made By:** Legislator Harmon  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Uchitelle

**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Gavaris, Hansut, Harmon, Kovacs, Levine & Uchitelle  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 6  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Amendment Adopted**

Chair Kovacs called the question for those in favor of adopting the Resolution with the Proposed Local Law as amended.

**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Gavaris, Hansut, Harmon, Kovacs, Levine & Uchitelle  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 6  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolution Adopted with Proposed Local Law No. 9 of 2024 As Amended**

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**Resolution No. 709 of 2024** – 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. 3:** **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 709**  
**Motion Made By:** Legislator Gavaris  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Harmon

**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Harmon, Levine & Uchitelle  
**Voting Against:** Legislators Gavaris, Hansut & Kovacs  
**Votes in Favor:** 3  
**Votes Against:** 3  
**Disposition:** **Resolution Defeated**

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**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. 4:**                      **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 80**  
**Motion Made By:**              Legislator Kovacs  
**Motion Seconded By:**        Legislator Hansut

Legislators Kovacs and Hansut withdrew their motions.

**Motion No. 5:**                      **Motion to Postpone Resolution No. 80**  
**Motion Made By:**              Legislator Hansut  
**Motion Seconded By:**        Legislator Gavaris

**Voting in Favor:**                Legislators Gavaris, Hansut, Harmon, Kovacs, Levine & Uchitelle  
**Voting Against:**                None  
**Votes in Favor:**                6  
**Votes Against:**                0  
**Disposition:**                **Resolution Postponed**

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**Resolution No. 110** – Appointing Chair Peter J. Criswell As The Ulster County Legislature’s Member To Serve On The County Jury Board

**Resolution Summary** – This Resolution designates Legislative Chair Peter J. Criswell to serve on the Ulster County Jury Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2025.

**Motion No. 6:**                      **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 110**  
**Motion Made By:**              Legislator Gavaris  
**Motion Seconded By:**        Legislator Levine

**Voting in Favor:**                Legislators Gavaris, Hansut, Harmon, Kovacs, Levine & Uchitelle  
**Voting Against:**                None  
**Votes in Favor:**                6  
**Votes Against:**                0  
**Disposition:**                **Resolution Adopted**

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**Resolution No. 122** – Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 2 Of 2025, A Local Law Amending The Code Of The County Of Ulster, Chapter 232 Living Wage, Definitions, In Relation To Youth Employment Programs, To Be Held On Tuesday, April 15, 2025 At 7:10 PM

**Resolution Summary** – This Resolution sets a Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 2 of 2025, A Local Law Amending The Code Of The County Of Ulster, Chapter 232 Living Wage, Definitions, In Relation To Youth Employment Programs, to be held on Tuesday, April 15, 2025 At 7:10 PM

**Motion No. 7:**                      **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 122**  
**Motion Made By:**              Legislator Gavaris  
**Motion Seconded By:**        Legislator Hansut

**Voting in Favor:**                Legislators Gavaris, Hansut, Harmon, Kovacs, Levine & Uchitelle  
**Voting Against:**                None  
**Votes in Favor:**                6  
**Votes Against:**                0  
**Disposition:**                **Resolution Adopted**

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## 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, April 15, 2025 At 7:00 PM (*Postponed in the Energy, Environment & Sustainability Committee on March 4<sup>th</sup>*)

**New Business**                None

**Old Business**                None

## Adjournment

**Motion Made By:**                Legislator Uchitelle

**Motion Seconded By:**        Legislator Gavaris

**Votes in Favor:**                    6

**Votes Against:**                    0

**TIME:**                                4:15 PM

**Respectfully Submitted:**      Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk

**Approved:**                         April 10, 2025

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