

**Energy, Environment and Sustainability Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes**

DATE & TIME: February 4, 2025 – 4:00 PM
LOCATION(S): Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
Livestreamed at <https://www.youtube.com/@UlsterCountyLegislature/streams>
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chair Hewitt
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Lizvett Noriega, Legislative Administrative Assistant; Tyron Rogers, Legislative Technical Support Specialist
MEMBERS PRESENT: Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Litts Nolan, Stewart and Walls
MEMBERS ABSENT: None
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislators Collins, Lopez, Roberts; Deputy County Executive Amanda LaValle; UCRRA Executive Director Marc Rider; UCCRA Jim Gordon; Poppy Cannon-Reese - Warwarsing, Pamela Williams – Warwarsing, Public – Against landfill; Robert K. – UCRRA; Vicki Lucarini – EMC; Shabazz Jackson & Josephine Papagni – Greenway

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Chair Hewitt called the meeting to order at 4:04 PM

Motion No. 1: **Motion to Approve the minutes of the December 3, 2024 Meetings**
Motion Made By: Legislator Nolan
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Donaldson

Voting in Favor: Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Hewitt, Litts, Nolan, Stewart and Walls
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. 470 – 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 Plastic, To Be Held On Tuesday, March 18, 2025 At 7:05 PM

Resolution Summary – This Resolution sets 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.

Motion No. 2: **Motion to AMEND PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 10 of 2024 AS PRESENTED**
Motion Made By: Legislator Greene

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Donaldson
Voting in Favor: Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Hewitt, Litts, Nolan, Stewart and Walls
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 7
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Proposed Local Law No. 10 of 2024 Amended as Presented**

Motion No. 3: **Motion to POSTPONE RESOLUTION No. 470**
Motion Made By: Legislator Nolan
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Donaldson

Voting in Favor: Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Hewitt, Litts, Nolan, Stewart and Walls
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 7
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution Postponed**

Resolution No. 25 – Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Intermunicipal Agreement With The City Of Kingston, As An Ulster County Grant Recipient, For Installation Of Solar Panels At Hasbrouck Park – Department Of Finance, Division Of Recovery And Resilience

Resolution Summary – This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to execute an Inter Municipal Agreement with the City of Kingston to partially fund the installation of solar panels at Hasbrouck Park in the amount of \$40,000.00.

Resolution No. 26 – Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Intermunicipal Agreement With The Town Of Lloyd, As An Ulster County Grant Recipient, For Installation Of Solar Panels At The Town Of Lloyd Highway Garage – Department Of Finance, Division Of Recovery And Resilience

Resolution Summary – This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to execute an Inter Municipal Agreement with the Town of Lloyd to partially fund the installation of solar panels at the Town of Lloyd Highway Garage in the amount of \$100,000.00.

Resolution No. 27 – Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Intermunicipal Agreement With The Town Of Marbletown, As An Ulster County Grant Recipient, For Installation Of Solar Panels At The High Falls Water District – Department Of Finance, Division Of Recovery And Resilience

Resolution Summary – This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to execute an Inter Municipal Agreement with the Town of Marbletown to partially fund the installation of solar panels at the High Falls Water District in the amount of \$100,000.00.

Resolution No. 28 - Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Intermunicipal Agreement With The Town Of New Paltz, As An Ulster County Grant Recipient, For Installation Of Solar Panels At The Town Of New Paltz Police/Justice Court Building – Department Of Finance, Division Of Recovery And Resilience

Motion No. 5: **Motion to Adopt Resolution Nos. 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32**
Motion Made By: Legislator Litts
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Greene

Voting in Favor: Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Hewitt, Litts, Nolan, Stewart and Walls
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 7
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolutions Adopted**

Resolution No. 33 – Opposing The Establishment Of A County-Wide Landfill In Wawarsing, NY, And Urging The Exploration Of Alternative Locations And Waste Management Solutions

Resolution Summary – This Resolution opposes the siting of a landfill at either Milk Road or Brown Road in Wawarsing, NY, and calls for the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency to explore alternative locations and waste management solutions that prioritize environmental protection, community well-being, and sustainability, and reaffirms the Legislature's commitment to responsible environmental stewardship, sustainable waste management practices, and the protection of health, safety, and quality of life of the residents of Ulster County.

Motion No. 6: **Motion to Postpone Resolution No. 33**
Motion Made By: Legislator Nolan
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Greene

Voting in Favor: Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Hewitt, Nolan and Stewart
Voting Against: Legislators Litts and Walls
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 2
Disposition: **Resolution Postponed**

Forthcoming Resolutions – Sponsored by Chair Criswell for March Introduction.

Resolution No. 81 - Confirming Appointment To The Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency

Resolution No. 82 - Confirming Appointment To The Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency

Reports

- UCRRA Update – Director Marc Rider
- Update on Renewable Energy – Legislator Greene
- Industrial hemp progress – Chair Hewitt
- Climate Smart progress – Legislator Greene
- Expansion of UCRRA Board – Chair Hewitt

- Update on the Climate Smart Committee – Legislator Stewart

New Business - None

Old Business - None

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Litts
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Nolan
Votes in Favor: 7
Votes Against: 0

TIME: 5:55 PM
Respectfully Submitted: Lizvett Noriega, Legislative Administrative Assistant
Approved: March 4, 2025

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