

**Health, Human Services & Housing Committee
Special Meeting Minutes**

DATE & TIME: Wednesday October 30, 2024 – 2:30 PM
LOCATION: KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
PRESIDING OFFICERS: Chair Peter Criswell
Chair Abe Uchitelle
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Amber Feaster, Deputy Clerk
Tyron Rogers. Technical Support Specialist
Michael Tierney, Legislative Support Specialist
MEMBERS PRESENT: Criswell, Collins, Corcoran, McCollough, Uchitelle
MEMBERS ABSENT: Harmon, Kitchen, Lopez
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes
OTHER ATTENDEES: Deputy Executive Johanna Contreras, DSS Commissioner Mike Iapoce, Health Commissioner Eve Walter, Deputy Commissioner Tom Gibney, Veterans’ Services Director Mark Cozzupoli, Youth Director Sugely Melenciano-Weed, Mental Health Commissioner Tara McDonald

Complete content of the meeting can be accessed via the Ulster County Legislature’s YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/@UlsterCountyLegislature/streams>

Chair Criswell called the meeting to order at 2:40 PM.

Chair Uchitelle arrived at 2:53 PM and took over the running of the meeting.

Department heads under the committee’s purview were in attendance to discuss the County Executive’s Proposed 2025 Budget and Proposed 2025-2030 Capital Program as it pertained to their departments.

Order of appearance:

1. Director Susan Koppenhaver, Office for the Aging
2. Director Mark Cozzupoli, Veterans’ Services Agency
3. Director Sugely Melenciano-Weed, Youth Bureau
4. Commissioner Eve Walter, Department of Health
5. Commissioner Tara McDonald, Department of Mental Health
6. Commissioner Mike Iapoce, Department of Social Services

The following questions were asked of each department:

- Did you make any requests that were not included in the Proposed Budget or Capital Program?
- Are there any new programs, projects or initiatives planned for 2025? Any being eliminated?

· Do you feel the Proposed 2025 Budget and, if applicable, Capital Program, for your department is right-sized, including staffing, for your needs/workload?

Department responses and committee discussion can be via the Ulster County Legislature's YouTube channel at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8MdIOy-sveI>

The Committee took a recess following the presentation of Commissioner McDonald from 3:20 PM to 3:31 PM.

Adjournment

Motion By: Legislator Collins
Seconded By: Legislator Corcoran
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0

TIME: 6:28 PM

Approved: December 4, 2024
Respectfully Submitted: Michael Tierney, Legislative Support Specialist