

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

DATE & TIME: October 30, 2024 – 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; Amber Feaster, Deputy Clerk/Finance & Tyron Rogers, Technical Support Specialist
MEMBERS PRESENT: Legislators Criswell, Gavaris, Hansut, Levine, & Uchitelle
MEMBERS ABSENT: Legislators Harmon & Kitchen
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislators Collins, Nolan & Roberts; Insurance Officer Brian MacGregor & Deputy Insurance Officer Suzanne Lovetre – Insurance Department; Comptroller Gallagher; Acting County Clerk Taylor Bruck & Deputy Clerk Alice Lawless; County Attorney Clint Johnson; Commissioner John Quigley and Ashley Torres & Deputy Commissioner Jen Bloom; Deputy County Executive Jamie Capuano – UC Executive’s Office

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

Chair Kovacs called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Kovacs thanked the Department Heads present for making the time to attend the meeting and thanked Legislative Staff for preparing budget reports and analyses for 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. Commissioners John Quigley & Ashley Torres, Board of Elections
2. Insurance Officer Brian MacGregor, Department of Insurance
3. County Attorney Clint Johnson, County Attorney’s Office
4. Acting County Clerk Taylor Bruck, County Clerk’s Office

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 viewed via the Ulster County Legislature’s YouTube channel at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4ozeNADJuRw>

Chair Kovacs advised the members that Human Rights Commissioner McDonald was unable to attend the meeting but will be in attendance at the November 14 Regular Meeting for a budget discussion.

He reminded the member that the November 14th meeting is being held in Woodstock at the Mescal Hornbeck Community Center, 56 Rock City Rd, Woodstock at the usual 4:00 PM time.

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Levine

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Hansut

Votes in Favor: 6

Votes Against: 0

TIME: 4:57 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk

Adopted: December 12, 2024