

**Economic Development, Planning, Education, Employment, Arts & Agriculture Committee
Special Meeting Minutes**

DATE & TIME: October 28, 2024 – 6:00 PM
LOCATION(S): Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston, NY
Livestreamed at <https://www.youtube.com/@UlsterCountyLegislature/streams>
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chair Sperry
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk; Tyron Rogers, Technical Support Specialist & Natalie Kelder, Financial Analyst
MEMBERS PRESENT: Legislators Clinton, Criswell, Hewitt, Litts, Stewart & Walls
MEMBERS ABSENT: Legislator Corcoran
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Director Kevin Lynch – UC Department of Economic Development; Director Dennis Doyle – UC Planning Department; Director Lisa Berger – UC Department of Tourism; Deputy County Executive Johanna Contreras; Executive Director Jake Wedemeyer – Ulster County Soil & Water Conservation District; Michael Schreiber – SUNY Ulster County Community College

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

Chair Sperry called the meeting to order at 6:22 PM and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Sperry advised the members of the meeting structure and thanked the Legislature’s Budget Team, Amber Feaster and Natalie Kelder, for preparing reports and analyses.

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. Michael Schreiber, SUNY Ulster County Community College [Capital Program only]
2. Director Kevin Lynch, Department of Economic Development
3. Director Dennis Doyle, Department of Planning
4. Director Lisa Berger, Department of Tourism

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=enqyvKmnEHI>

Chair Sperry reminded the members that the November Regular meeting was rescheduled from Election Day, Tuesday, November 5th to Thursday, November 7th at 6 PM.

Adjournment

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

TIME: 7:06 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk
Adopted: December 3, 2024