

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

DATE & TIME: November 7, 2024 – 6:00 PM
LOCATION(S): KL Binder Library, 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
MEMBERS PRESENT: Legislators Corcoran, Stewart & Walls
MEMBERS ABSENT: Legislators Clinton, Hewitt & Litts
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislator Nolan; Director Dennis Doyle & Senior Planner Burt Samuelson – UC Planning Department; Deputy County Executive Amanda LaValle; Director Sharon Williams – UC Office of Employment & Training; Director Lisa Berger – UC Department of Tourism; Executive Director Jake Wedemeyer – Ulster County Soil & Water Conservation District; Christian Malsatzki – Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County; Michael Schreiber – SUNY Ulster County Community College

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Chair Sperry called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM and asked Legislator Walls to lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion No. 1: **Motion to Approve the minutes of the October 1st Regular Meeting**
Motion Made By: Legislator Corcoran
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Stewart

Voting in Favor: Legislators Corcoran, Sperry, Stewart & Walls
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Minutes Approved**

Chair Sperry invited Planning Director Dennis Doyle and Senior Planner Burt Samuelson to make a presentation on the Draft Ulster County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan. An in person Public Meeting on the Plan is being held on December 5th from 6 PM – 8 PM at the SUNY New Paltz Lecture Center 100 located at 8 Sojourner Way, New Paltz (Zoom registration is also available.) Comments can be submitted by emailing Burt Samuelson at bsam@co.ulster.ny.us until January 31, 2025.

Chair Sperry invited Michael Schreiber, CPA, MBA, SUNY Ulster County Community College Vice President of Administration and Finance to update the committee on the status of Capital Projects at the college.

Office of Employment & Training Director Williams was unable to attend the Committee’s Special Meeting on October 28th to discuss the County Executive’s Proposed 2025 Budget and Proposed 2025-2030 Capital Program as it pertained to her department. Chair Sperry invited her to make a brief presentation and asked the following questions:

Forthcoming Resolution

Resolution No. 507 – Amending The 2024 Ulster County Budget To Reallocate Unused Funds For Economic Development Research And Strategy (*No Action Taken in Public Works, Capital Projects & Transportation Committee on November 4th*)

Chair Sperry advised the members that did not advance out of the Public Works, Capital Projects & Transportation Committee and would therefore not be considered at Legislative Session. Because of the November schedule changes the Public Works, Capital Projects & Transportation Committee met before Economic Development, Planning, Education, Employment, Arts and Agriculture. The Resolution will appear on the committee's agenda in December.

New Business:

Eric Stewart stated that he wanted to revisit the contract with the Agricultural Society for the operation of the County Fair, specifically to require a composting program. Chair Sperry recommended that Legislator Stewart reach out to Chair Criswell. Deputy County Executive LaValle added that the timing for the discussion was good as the county was just beginning to discuss the 2025 County Fair with the Society.

Old Business: None

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Corcoran

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walls

Votes in Favor: 4

Votes Against: 0

TIME: 6:55 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk

Adopted: December 3, 2024

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