

**Health, Human Services & Human Rights Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes**

DATE & TIME: March 6, 2024 – 5:00 PM
LOCATION(S): KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
Livestreamed at <https://www.youtube.com/@UlsterCountyLegislature/streams>
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chair Uchitelle
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Tyron Rogers, Technical Support Specialist
Michael Tierney, Legislative Support Specialist
MEMBERS PRESENT: Legislators Collins, Corcoran, Harmon, McCollough
MEMBERS ABSENT: Legislators Kitchen, Lopez
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislator Kathy Nolan, Deputy Executive Johanna Contreras, Mental Health Commissioner Tara McDonald, Deputy Commissioner Katrina Williams, Public Health Director Eve Walter, Steve Ellman

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Chair Last Name called the meeting to order at 5:12 PM.

Motion No. 1: **Motion to Approve the minutes of the March 6, 2025 Meeting**
Motion Made By: Legislator McCollough
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Harmon

Voting in Favor: Legislators Collins, Corcoran, Harmon, McCollough, Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Minutes Approved**

Resolutions for the March 18, 2025 Session of the Legislature:

Resolution No. 98 - Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Contract With The New York State Office Of Addiction Services And Supports – Department Of Mental Health

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to execute the State Aid Funding Authorization with OASAS and any future amendments thereto, for the period beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025, in the amount of \$1,157,584.00, to support chemical dependency, prevention and recovery services in Ulster County as defined in the State Aid Funding Authorization.

Motion No. 2: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 98**
Motion Made By: Legislator McCollough
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Harmon

Voting in Favor: Legislators Collins, Corcoran, Harmon, McCollough, Uchitelle

Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution Adopted**

Resolution No. 99 - Amending The 2025 Ulster County Budget To Accept Additional Funding From The New York State Office Of Mental Health - Department Of Mental Health

Resolution Summary: This Resolution amends the 2025 Operating Budget in the amount of \$100,136.00 upon notification from the New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH) of increased funding for Personalized Recovery Oriented Services (PROS) Viability and Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) service as well as funding for Forensic Court Navigator staff as per New York Office of Mental Health (OMH) State Aid letters dated December 16, 2024.

Motion No. 3: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 99**
Motion Made By: Legislator Harmon
Motion Seconded By: Legislator McCollough

Voting in Favor: Legislators Collins, Corcoran, Harmon, McCollough, Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution Adopted**

Resolution No. 96 - Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Contract With The New York State Department Of Health To Enter Into A Data Use Agreement – Department Of Health

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to execute a five-year agreement and any amendments thereto for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2030 with the New York State Department of Health to grant access to mortality surveillance data.

Motion No. 4: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 96**
Motion Made By: Legislator Harmon
Motion Seconded By: Legislator McCollough

Voting in Favor: Legislators Collins, Corcoran, Harmon, McCollough, Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution Adopted**

Resolution No. 97 - Amending The 2025 Ulster County Budget To Fund A Deputy Medical Examiner (Medicolegal Investigation) Position - Amending The 2025 Ulster County Position Listing – Department Of Health

Resolution Summary: This Resolution establishes a full time Deputy Medical Examiner Position at \$77,191.00 annual pay, and decreases a Part Time Medical Examiner position to less than Part Time at ten (10) hours a week, for a total 2025 budgetary impact of \$4,565.00.

Motion No. 5: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 97**
Motion Made By: Legislator McCollough
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Collins

Voting in Favor: Legislators Collins, Corcoran, Harmon, McCollough, Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution Adopted**

Resolution No. 100 - Exercising Ulster County’s Termination Rights Under Article 30 Of A Contract Between The County Of Ulster And Samadhi Center, Inc.

Resolution Summary: This Resolution directs the Purchasing Director to send a termination notice pursuant to Article 30 of a contractual agreement between Ulster County and Samadhi Center, Inc., and to rescind any existing, and forbear from pursuing any future offers for contractual extensions, amendments, or modifications with Samadhi Center, Inc.

Motion No. 6: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 100**
Motion Made By: Legislator Corcoran
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Collins

Voting in Favor: Legislator Corcoran
Voting Against: Legislators Collins, Harmon, McCollough, Uchitelle
Votes in Favor: 1
Votes Against: 4
Disposition: **Resolution Defeated**

Resolution No. 101 - Exercising Ulster County’s Termination Rights Under Article 25 Of A Lease Between The County Of Ulster And Samadhi Center, Inc.

Resolution Summary: This Resolution directs the Commissioner of Public Works to send a sixty (60) day termination notice pursuant to Article 25 of a Lease Agreement with Samadhi Center, Inc.

Motion No. 7: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 101**
Motion Made By: Legislator Corcoran
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Collins

Voting in Favor: Legislator Corcoran
Voting Against: Legislators Collins, Harmon, McCollough, Uchitelle
Votes in Favor: 1
Votes Against: 4
Disposition: **Resolution Defeated**

New Business: None

Old Business: None

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Harmon

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Corcoran

Votes in Favor: 5

Votes Against: 0

TIME: 5:58 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Michael Tierney, Legislative Support Specialist

Approved: April 3, 2025

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