

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

DATE & TIME: March 14, 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 & Tyron Rogers, Technical Support Specialist
MEMBERS PRESENT: Legislators Criswell, Gavaris, Hansut, Levine & Uchitelle
MEMBERS ABSENT: Legislators Harmon & Kitchen
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Clerk of the Legislature Fabella, Legislators Collins & Roberts; Minority Counsel Pascale; Deputy Comptroller Dinstuhl; Commissioner McDonald – Human Rights; Commissioner Quigley & Deputy Commissioner Bloom – Board of Elections; Deputy County Executive Capuano – UC Executive’s Office

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Chair Kovacs called the meeting to order at 4:04 PM.

Motion No. 1: **Motion to Approve the Minutes of the February 8, 2024 Regular Meeting**
Motion Made By: Legislator Gavaris
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Levine

Voting in Favor: Legislators Criswell, Gavaris, Hansut, Kovacs, Levine & Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Minutes Approved**

Resolutions for the February 13, 2024 Session of the Legislature:

Resolution No. 155 – Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 2 Of 2024, A Local Law Amending Article XXX Commission Of Human Rights Of The Ulster County Charter And The Ulster County Administrative Code, And Chapter 216 Human Rights Of The Code Of The County Of Ulster In Relation To The Number Of Members And Appointment Structure Of The Commission Of Human Rights, To Be Held On Tuesday, April 16, 2024 At 7:00 PM

Resolution Summary – This Resolution sets a Public Hearing to be held on Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at 7:00 PM in the Legislative Chambers, Ulster County Office Building, 6th Floor, 244 Fair Street, Kingston, NY regarding Proposed Local Law No. 2 of 2024, (A Local Law Amending Article XXX Commission Of Human Rights Of The Ulster County Charter And The Ulster County Administrative Code, And Chapter 216 Human Rights Of The Code Of The County Of Ulster In Relation To The Number Of Members And Appointment Structure Of The Commission Of Human Rights).

Motion No. 2: **Motion to Postpone Resolution No. 155**
Motion Made By: Legislator Gavaris
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Hansut

Voting in Favor: Legislators Criswell, Gavaris, Hansut, Kovacs, Levine & Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution Postponed**

Resolution No. 150 – Confirming Appointment Of Members To The Ulster County Board Of Ethics

Resolution Summary – This Resolution confirms the appointment of Paul A. Tully, commencing immediately through August 31, 2027 and Stephanie Ellis, commencing immediately through August 31, 2026 to the Board of Ethics.

Motion No. 3: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 150**
Motion Made By: Legislator Gavaris
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Levine

Voting in Favor: Legislators Criswell, Gavaris, Hansut, Kovacs, Levine & Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution Adopted**

Resolution No. 151 – Amending The Rules Of Order In Relation To Resolution Deadline

Resolution Summary – This Resolution amends the Rules of Order to Require that Resolutions shall be deemed Regular Resolutions if they are filed with the Clerk of the Legislature by Resolution Deadline not later than 12:00 Noon thirteen days in advance of the first Regular meeting date of Committees for that Legislative Calendar Month, rather than ten days in advance of such.

Motion No. 3: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 151**
Motion Made By: Legislator Gavaris
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Levine

Voting in Favor: Legislators Criswell, Gavaris, Hansut, Kovacs, Levine & Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution Adopted**

Resolution No. 152 – Amending The Term Of Office For Commissioners Of The Board Of Elections – Ulster County Board Of Elections

Resolution Summary – This Resolution sets the term of office of an Ulster County Election Commissioner to four years beginning January 1 of each alternate odd numbered year for terms of office commencing on and after January 1, 2025.

Motion No. 3: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 152**
Motion Made By: Legislator Levine

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Hansut

Voting in Favor: Legislators Criswell, Gavaris, Hansut, Kovacs, Levine & Uchitelle

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 6

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: **Resolution Adopted**

Resolution No. 153 – Reappointing – Commissioner Of Elections

Resolution Summary – This Resolution reappoints Ashley Torres as Election Commissioner for a term starting on January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2028 with an annual salary of \$97,193.

Motion No. 3: Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 153

Motion Made By: Legislator Levine

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Gavaris

Voting in Favor: Legislators Criswell, Gavaris, Hansut, Kovacs, Levine & Uchitelle

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 6

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: **Resolution Adopted**

Resolution No. 154 – Reappointing – Commissioner Of Elections

Resolution Summary – This Resolution reappoints John Quigley as Election Commissioner for a term starting on January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2028 with an annual salary of \$97,193.

Motion No. 3: Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 154

Motion Made By: Legislator Hansut

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Levine

Voting in Favor: Legislators Criswell, Gavaris, Hansut, Kovacs, Levine & Uchitelle

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 6

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: **Resolution Adopted**

LATE Resolution No. 156 – Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 3 Of 2024, A Local Law Amending Article V Of The Ulster County Charter (Local Law No. 2 Of 2006) And Amending Section Article V Of The Administrative Code For The County Of Ulster (Local Law No. 10 Of 2008) To Modify Various Provisions In Relation To The Commissioner Of Health Or Public Health Director And The Medical Examiner, To Be Held On Tuesday, April 16, 2024 At 7:05 PM

Resolution Summary – This Resolution sets a Public Hearing to be held on Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at 7:05 PM in the Legislative Chambers, Ulster County Office Building, 6th Floor, 244 Fair Street, Kingston, NY regarding Proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2024 (A Local Law Amending Article V Of The Ulster County Charter (Local Law No. 2 of 2006) And Amending Section Article V Of The Administrative Code For The County Of Ulster (Local

Law No. 10 Of 2008) To Modify Various Provisions In Relation To The Commissioner Of Health Or Public Health Director And The Medical Examiner).

Motion No. 3: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 156**
Motion Made By: Legislator Gavaris
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Levine

Voting in Favor: Legislators Criswell, Gavaris, Hansut, Levine & Uchitelle
Voting Against: Legislator Kovacs
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 1
Disposition: **Resolution Adopted**

Forthcoming Resolution(s)

Chair Kovacs advised the members that he would be introducing a Resolution pertaining to minimum staffing levels at the Board of Elections.

New Business

Chair Kovacs advised the members that the Ways & Means Committee would be considering Resolution No. 148 - Amending The Ulster County Sexual Harassment Prevention Policy And Complaint Procedure – Department Of Personnel at there meeting immediately following the Laws, Rules & Government Services meeting.

Old Business: None

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Gavaris
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Uchitelle
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0

TIME: 4:31 PM
Respectfully Submitted: Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk
Approved: April 11, 2024

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