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Ulster County Legislative Chair Tracey Bartels Announces Vice Chair and Standing Committee Appointments For 2019

Kingston, NY – Tracey Bartels, Chair of the Ulster County Legislature, has announced Standing Committee assignments for 2019. “This is a year of significant change which will require all committees to gain a deeper understanding of department initiatives beyond the resolutions put before them,” said Bartels. “With a newly elected Sheriff and the anticipated change in leadership of the County Executive, it is critical that the Legislature take the opportunity to effectuate our role as defined in the Charter.” Bartels is looking to create an environment where committees work closely together and have an enhanced understanding of programs and projects, all to ensure the needs of the people of Ulster County are met.

The initiatives Chairwoman Bartels and the committees will be focused on include a full review of the legislative rules, an analysis of the recently proposed GUS initiative as it relates to waste management solutions for Ulster County, an update of the County’s economic development plan, and codifying an update of the County’s long outdated Information Technology Security Policy and formalization of an IT disaster recovery plan.

The Chairwoman will be requesting that the Public Works Committee do an in-depth review of the Capital Improvement Program and that the Law Enforcement and Public Safety Committee undertake a study of departments under their purview including the Ulster County Sheriff and the Law Enforcement Center, the District Attorney, the Public Defender and the Probation Department. “Understanding how criminal justice is administered in Ulster County is key to being able to bring about change,” Bartels commented.

The Ways & Means Committee will continue the process commenced last year to expand the departmental detail provided to all committees during the budget process. “The Legislature is charged by the Charter with the very serious responsibility of appropriating funds, including adopting a budget and capital program,” said the Chairwoman. “This, in my view, is a year-long endeavor.”

The Chairwoman has designated Legislator Dave Donaldson to serve as Vice Chair, noting that his experience and knowledge makes him a valued member of her leadership team. “I’m grateful that Legislator Donaldson has agreed to serve in this important capacity,” she said.

“This Legislature has an incredible wealth of very talented and committed public servants. I am so grateful for every one of my colleagues’ willingness to serve in these important roles and look forward to utilizing their unique knowledge and experience to deliver best results for our constituents,” Bartels remarked. “At the end of the day we all have the same goal - to improve the lives of Ulster County residents.”

Committee assignments for 2019 are as follows:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM, HOUSING, PLANNING & TRANSIT

Hector Rodriguez, Chair

Brian Woltman, Deputy Chair

Lynn Archer

James Delaune

Mary Beth Maio

James Maloney

Joseph Maloney

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

Manna Jo Greene, Chair

Mary Wawro, Deputy Chair

Lynn Eckert

Jonathan Heppner

Brian Woltman

LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Lynn Eckert, Chair

Kenneth Ronk, Jr. Deputy Chair

Julius Collins, Jr.

Heidi Haynes

Jonathan Heppner

LAWS AND RULES, GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES

David Donaldson, Chair

Kevin Roberts, Deputy Chair

Jonathan Heppner

Hector Rodriguez

Kenneth Ronk, Jr.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAMS, EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

James Delaune, Chair

Heidi Haynes, Deputy Chair

Julius Collins, Jr.

David Donaldson

Mary Wawro

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Craig Lopez, Chair
Kathy Nolan, Deputy Chair
Julius Collins, Jr.
Laura Petit
Mary Wawro

PUBLIC WORKS AND CAPITAL PROJECTS

Laura Petit, Chair
Dean Fabiano, Deputy Chair
Manna Jo Greene
Herbert Litts, III
Kathy Nolan

WAYS AND MEANS

Lynn Archer, Chair
Richard Gerentine, Deputy Chair
Laura Petit
Hector Rodriguez
Marybeth Maio
James Maloney
Joseph Maloney

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Joseph Maloney, Chair
Lynn Archer
Herbert Litts, III
Richard Gerentine
Hector Rodriguez
