

**Energy, Environment and Sustainability Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes**

DATE & TIME: April 1, 2025 – 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 Hewitt
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Lizvett Noriega, Legislative Administrative Assistant; Tyron Rogers, Legislative Technical Support Specialist
MEMBERS PRESENT: Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Nolan, Stewart, and Walls
MEMBERS ABSENT: Legislator Litts
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislator Collins; Deputy County Executive Amanda LaValle – UC Executive’s Office; Executive Director Marc Rider – Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency; Director Dennis Doyle – UC Department of Planning; Vicki Lucarini – EMC; Mary McNamara – LECAC; Jake Wedemeyer – Ulster County Soil & Water Conservation District; Tom Konrad – Renewable Energy Working Group

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Chair Hewitt called the meeting to order at 4:01 PM.

Motion No. 1: **Motion to Approve the Minutes of the March 4, 2025 Regular Meeting and March 10, 2025 Special Meeting**
Motion Made By: Legislator Nolan
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Donaldson

Voting in Favor: Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Hewitt, Nolan, Stewart, and Walls
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Minutes Approved**

Resolutions for the April 15, 2025 Session of the Legislature:

Resolution No. 81 – Confirming Appointment To The Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency, as Presented

Resolution Summary – This Resolution appoints Mike Baden to the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency for a term effective immediately and ending on December 31, 2027.

Motion No. 2: Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 81 as Presented

Motion Made By: Legislator Nolan

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Donaldson

Voting in Favor: Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Hewitt, Nolan, Stewart, and Walls

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 6

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution Adopted as Presented

Resolution No. 82 – Confirming Appointment To The Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency, as Presented

Resolution Summary – This Resolution appoints James Gordon to the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency for a term effective immediately and ending on December 31, 2027.

Motion No. 3: Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 82 as Presented

Motion Made By: Legislator Greene

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Nolan

Voting in Favor: Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Hewitt, Nolan, Stewart, and Walls

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 6

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution Adopted as Presented

Resolution No. 125 – Declaring Ulster County’s Intent To Act As Lead Agency Under The New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) For Adoption Of The Ulster County Agricultural And Farmland Protection Plan – Department Of Planning

Resolution Summary – This Resolution declares Ulster County’s intent to act as Lead Agency under the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) for adoption of the Ulster County Agricultural And Farmland Protection Plan.

Motion No. 4: Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 125

Motion Made By: Legislator Nolan

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Greene

Voting in Favor: Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Hewitt, Nolan, Stewart, and Walls

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 6

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution Adopted

Resolution No. 126 – Urging The New York State Department Of Environmental Conservation To Initiate The Rulemaking Process And Establish New Regulations Under 6 NYCRR, Parts 360 & 363 For The Onsite Treatment And Disposal Of Landfill Leachate

Resolution Summary – This Resolution joins the Ulster County Legislature with the Hudson and Mohawk Rivers Leachate Collaborative, Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger, and other elected officials and concerned citizens to urge the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to immediately initiate the rulemaking process to review and establish new regulations under 6 NYCRR Parts 360 & 363 regarding the effective management, treatment, and disposal of landfill leachate.

Motion No. 5: Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 126

Motion Made By: Legislator Stewart

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Donaldson

Voting in Favor: Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Hewitt, Nolan, Stewart, and Walls

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 6

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution Adopted

Resolution No. 127 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$100,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Ulster County Soil & Water Conservation District – Department Of Environment/Department Of Planning

Resolution Summary – This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment in the amount of \$100,000.00 with Ulster County Soil & Water Conservation District to install a new photovoltaic system associated with the Golden Hill Affordable Housing Project for the term 6/1/25 – 5/31/26.

Motion No. 6: Motion to Adopted Resolution No. 127

Motion Made By: Legislator Nolan

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Stewart

Voting in Favor: Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Hewitt, Nolan, and Walls

Voting Against: Legislator Stewart

Votes in Favor: 5

Votes Against: 1

Disposition: Resolution Adopted

Resolution No. 178 – Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 4 Of 2025, A Local Law Providing For The Protection And Restoration Of The Esopus Creek, Rondout Creek And Wallkill River In Ulster County, And Providing For The Rights Of The Residents Of Ulster County To Clean Water And A Healthy And Productive Ecosystem, To Be Held On Tuesday, May 20, 2025 At 7:15 PM

Resolution Summary – This Resolution sets a public hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 4 Of 2025, A Local Law Providing For The Protection And Restoration Of The Esopus Creek, Rondout Creek And Wallkill River In Ulster County, And Providing For The Rights Of The Residents Of Ulster County To Clean Water And A Healthy And Productive Ecosystem, to be held on Tuesday, May 20, 2025 At 7:15 PM.

Motion No. 7: Motion to Postpone Resolution No. 178

Motion Made By: Legislator Donaldson

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Nolan

Voting in Favor: Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Hewitt, Nolan, Stewart, and Walls

Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution Postponed**

Resolution No. 470 of 2024 – Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 10 Of 2024, A Local Law Amending The Code Of The County Of Ulster, Chapter 205 Food Service, Article II Use Of Disposable Polystyrene Foam, To Include Thermoform Plastic, To Be Held On Tuesday, May 20, 2025 At 7:00 PM

Resolution Summary – This Resolution sets a public hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 10 Of 2024, A Local Law Amending The Code Of The County Of Ulster, Chapter 205 Food Service, Article II Use Of Disposable Polystyrene Foam, To Include Thermoform Plastic, to be held on Tuesday, May 20, 2025 at 7:00 PM.

Motion No. 8: **Motion to Postpone Resolution No. 470 of 2024**
Motion Made By: Legislator Nolan
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Donaldson

Voting in Favor: Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Hewitt, Nolan, Stewart, and Walls
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution Postponed**

Reports

- **Leachate Loophole – Rebecca Martin:** Support for the Leachate Loophole and the Packaging Reduction Bill
- **Renewable Energy Working Group – Tom Konrad:** Recommendations and plan for reaching the CLCPA goal
- **UCRRA Update – Executive Director Marc Rider:** Update on the Agency and the Recycling Innovation Center (RIC)

Old Business

- **Climate Smart Committee – Legislator Greene** – Roles and responsibilities, and involvement of the Environmental Management Council (EMC)

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Nolan
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Stewart
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0

TIME: 5:52 PM
Respectfully Submitted: Lizvett Noriega, Legislative Administrative Assistant
Approved: May 6, 2025

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