

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

DATE & TIME: June 13, 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, Harmon, Levine (arrived at 4:01 PM) & Uchitelle
MEMBERS ABSENT: Legislator Kitchen
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislators Collins, Nolan & Roberts; Legislative Counsel Ragucci & Minority Counsel Pascale; Commissioner McDonald – UC Human Rights Commission; Deputy County Executive Capuano – UC Executive’s Office

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Chair Kovacs called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion No. 1: **Motion to Approve the Minutes of the May 9, 2024 Regular Meeting**
Motion Made By: Legislator Hansut
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Uchitelle

Voting in Favor: Legislators Criswell, Gavaris, Hansut, Harmon, Kovacs, Levine & Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 7
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Minutes Approved**

Resolutions for the June 18, 2024 Session of the Legislature:

Resolution No. 262 – Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 6 Of 2024, A Local Law Amending Article XXX Of The Ulster County Charter, (Local Law No. 2 Of 2006), And Amending Article XXX Of The Administrative Code For The County Of Ulster, (Local Law No. 10 Of 2008), And Section 216 Of The Code Of The County Of Ulster, Commission of Human Rights, To Modify Various Provisions, To Be Held On Tuesday, July 16, 2024 At 7:05 PM

Resolution Summary – This Resolution sets a public hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 6 Of 2024, A Local Law Amending Article XXX Of The Ulster County Charter, (Local Law No. 2 Of 2006), And Amending Article XXX Of The Administrative Code For The County Of Ulster, (Local Law No. 10 Of 2008), And Section 216 Of The Code Of The County Of Ulster, Commission of Human Rights, To Modify Various Provisions, to be held on Tuesday, July 16, 2024 at 7:05 PM.

Motion No. 2: **Motion to Discuss Resolution No. 262**
Motion Made By: Legislator Gavaris

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Uchitelle

Motion No. 3: **Motion to Amend Proposed Local Law No. 6 of 2024 to add the term “gender expression” after the term “gender identity” throughout the Proposed Local Law**

Motion Made By: Legislator Uchitelle

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Harmon

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

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 7

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: **Amendment Adopted**

Motion No. 4: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 262 with Proposed Local Law as amended**

Motion Made By: Legislator Gavaris

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Uchitelle

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

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 7

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: **Resolution Adopted with Proposed Local Law as amended**

Resolution No. 323 – Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 7 Of 2024, A Local Law To Allow Enrolled Volunteer Firefighters And Volunteer Ambulance Workers To Be Eligible For A Real Property Tax Exemption Under Real Property Tax Law (RPTL) § 466-a, To Be Held On Tuesday, July 16, 2024 At 7:10 PM

Resolution Summary – This Resolution sets a public hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 7 of 2024 (A Local Law To Allow Enrolled Volunteer Firefighters And Volunteer Ambulance Workers To Be Eligible For A Real Property Tax Exemption Under Real Property Tax Law § 466-a) to be held on Tuesday, July 16, 2024 at 7:10 PM.

Motion No. 4: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 323**

Motion Made By: Legislator Levine

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Harmon

Legislators Levine and Harmon withdrew their motions

Motion No. 5: **Motion to Postpone Resolution No. 323**

Motion Made By: Legislator Uchitelle

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Hansut

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

Voting Against: None

Recusal: Legislator Gavaris

Votes in Favor: 6

Votes Against: 0

Recused: 1

Disposition: **Resolution Postponed**

Resolution No. 325 – Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 8 Of 2024, A Local Law Amending The Code Of The County Of Ulster To Establish The Department Of Assigned Counsel, To Be Held On Tuesday, July 16, 2024 At 7:15 PM

Resolution Summary – This Resolution sets a public hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 8 of 2024, (A Local Law Amending The Code Of The County Of Ulster To Establish The Department Of Assigned Counsel) to be held on Tuesday, July 16, 2024 at 7:15 PM.

Motion No. 7: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 325**
Motion Made By: Legislator Levine
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Harmon

Voting in Favor: Legislators Criswell, Gavaris, Hansut, Harmon, Kovacs, Levine & Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 7
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution Adopted**

Resolution No. 357 – Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 4 Of 2024, A Local Law Amending Article II Of The Administrative Code For The County Of Ulster (Local Law No. 10 Of 2008) In Relation To Certain Employment Restrictions

Resolution Summary – This Resolution adopts Proposed Local Law No. 4 of 2024

Motion No. 7: **Motion to Amend Proposed Local Law No. 4 of 2024 to reduce the number of years to 2**
Motion Made By: Legislator Kovacs

Legislator Kovacs withdrew his motion

Motion No. 7: **Motion to Postpone Resolution No. 357**
Motion Made By: Legislator Gavaris
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Kovacs

Voting in Favor: Legislators Criswell, Gavaris, Hansut, Harmon, Kovacs, Levine & Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 7
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution Postponed**

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, July 16, 2024 At 7:05 PM

Resolution Summary – This Resolution sets 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, at 7:00 PM in the Legislative Chambers on Tuesday, July 16, 2024.

Motion No. 3: **Motion to Postpone Resolution No. 155**
Motion Made By: Legislator Uchitelle
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Gavaris

Voting in Favor: Legislators Criswell, Gavaris, Hansut, Harmon, Kovacs, Levine & Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 7
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution Postponed**

Forthcoming Resolution None

New Business None

Old Business: None

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Gavaris
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Harmon
Voting in Favor: Legislators Criswell, Gavaris, Hansut, Harmon, Kovacs, Levine & Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 7
Votes Against: 0

TIME: 4:18 PM
Respectfully Submitted: Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk
Approved: July 11, 2024

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