

**Economic Development, Planning, Education, Employment, Arts & Agriculture Committee  
Regular Meeting Minutes**

**DATE & TIME:** June 4, 2024 – 6:00 PM  
**LOCATION(S):** KL Binder Library, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, County Office Building, Kingston, NY  
Livestreamed at <https://www.youtube.com/@UlsterCountyLegislature/streams>  
**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Chair Sperry  
**LEGISLATIVE STAFF:** Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk & Tyron Rogers, Technical Support Specialist  
**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Legislators Corcoran, Hewitt, Stewart & Walls  
**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Legislators Clinton & Litts  
**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes

**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Legislators Collins & Nolan; President Allison Buckley – SUNY Ulster County Community College; Executive Director Jake Wedemeyer – Ulster County Soil & Water Conservation District; Executive Director Melanie Forstrom – Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County

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Chair Sperry called the meeting to order at 6:20 PM and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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**Motion No. 1:** **Motion to Approve the minutes of the April 30<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting**  
**Motion Made By:** Legislator Hewitt  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Walls  
  
**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Corcoran, Hewitt, Sperry, Stewart & Walls  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 5  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Minutes Approved**

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

**Resolution No. 168** – Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 1 Of 2024, A Local Law Amending Article III Hotel And Motel Room Occupancy Tax Of The Code Of The County Of Ulster In Relation To Determination Of Taxable Rent

**Resolution Summary** – This Resolution adopts Proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2024, A Local Law Amending Article III Hotel And Motel Room Occupancy Tax Of The Code Of The County Of Ulster In Relation To Determination Of Taxable Rent

**Motion No. 2:** **Motion to Postpone Resolution No. 168**  
**Motion Made By:** Legislator Corcoran  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Walls  
  
**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Corcoran, Hewitt, Sperry, Stewart & Walls  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 5  
**Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** **Resolution Postponed**

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**Resolution No. 279** – Approving The 2024-2025 Ulster County Community College Budget – SUNY Ulster

**Resolution Summary** – This Resolution approves the Ulster County Community College Budget for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2024 and ending August 31, 2025, providing for a contribution by Ulster County in the amount of \$7,107,889.000.

**Motion No. 3:** **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 279**  
**Motion Made By:** Legislator Corcoran  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Walls

**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Corcoran, Hewitt, Sperry, Stewart & Walls  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 5  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolution Adopted**

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**Resolution No. 280** – Amending Capital Project No. 541 SUNY Ulster – Facilities Equipment - Amending The 2024 Capital Fund Budget – SUNY Ulster

**Resolution Summary** – This Resolution amends Capital Project No. 541 SUNY Ulster Facilities Equipment in the amount of \$250,000.00, making the project total \$1,143,000.00, for the replacement of equipment and vehicles to ensure that campus maintenance staff have adequate equipment to maintain the roads, sidewalks, grounds, and parking lots.

**Motion No. 4:** **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 280**  
**Motion Made By:** Legislator Corcoran  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Hewitt

**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Corcoran, Hewitt, Sperry, Stewart & Walls  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 5  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolution Adopted**

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**Resolution No. 282** – Amending Capital Project No. 546 SUNY Ulster – Technology Upgrade - Amending The 2024-2029 Capital Project Fund – SUNY Ulster

**Resolution Summary** – This Resolution amends Capital Project No. 546 SUNY Ulster - Technology Upgrades in the amount of \$200,000.00, making the project total \$500,000.00, to upgrades technology equipment.

**Motion No. 5:** **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 282**  
**Motion Made By:** Legislator Hewitt  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Corcoran

**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Corcoran, Hewitt, Sperry, Stewart & Walls  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 5

**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolution Adopted**

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**Resolution No. 284** – Amending Capital Project No. 624 SUNY Ulster – Children’s Center Renovations - Amending The 2024 Capital Fund Budget - SUNY Ulster

**Resolution Summary** – This Resolution amends Capital Project No. 624 SUNY Ulster Children's Center Renovation in the amount of \$1,200,000.00, making the project total \$1,270,000.00, to proceed with the construction renovation services for the exterior envelope at the Children's Center.

**Motion No. 6:** **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 284**  
**Motion Made By:** Legislator Corcoran  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Stewart

**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Corcoran, Hewitt, Sperry, Stewart & Walls  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 5  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolution Adopted**

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**Resolution No. 286** – Establishing Capital Project No. 701 SUNY Ulster – Minor Critical Maintenance - Amending The 2024-2029 Capital Project Fund – SUNY Ulster

**Resolution Summary** – This Resolution establishes Capital Project No. 701 - SUNY Ulster Minor Critical Maintenances in the amount of \$500,000.00 for handling minor critical maintenance.

**Motion No. 7:** **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 286**  
**Motion Made By:** Legislator Corcoran  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Hewitt

**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Corcoran, Hewitt, Sperry, Stewart & Walls  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 5  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolution Adopted**

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**Resolution No. 288** – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$39,500.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Alfandre Architecture, P.C. – Department of Economic Development

**Resolution Summary** – This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment in the amount of \$39,500.00 with Alfandre Architecture, P.C. to extend the term of agreement and expand scope of services to include consulting services, including review of plans, drawings and specifications during fit up of approximately 20,000 sq. ft. of leased space at iPark 87 for the term 1/1/24 – 11/30/24

**Motion No. 8:** **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 288**  
**Motion Made By:** Legislator Corcoran  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Walls

**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Corcoran, Hewitt, Sperry, Stewart & Walls  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 5  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolution Adopted**

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**Forthcoming Resolutions:** None

### **New Business:**

Legislator Stewart asked for an update on a meeting that was requested by the Agricultural Society and Chair Criswell regarding the Fair Grounds lease. Chair Sperry responded that she would follow up with Chair Criswell.

Chair Sperry reminded the members that the Ulster County Fair would be held in August. UC CCE Executive Director Forstrom invited the members to tour the animal barns and visit the 4-H projects. She added that formal invitations would be sent in the coming months. Chair Sperry added that for the second year there would be a sensory safe space at the Fair. She added that it was in keeping with the ThinkDIFFERENTLY initiative adopted by the Legislature in October 2023.

Legislator Stewart asked UC SWCD Executive Director Wedemeyer if he had any discussions with the Executive branch regarding housing and administrator for the Lower Esopus Stream Management Plan (LESMP), adding that he had secured \$25,000 in the previous term for an administrator for watershed groups, but it was unspent. Executive Director Wedemeyer advised the members that he had discussions with Planning Director Doyle regarding onboarding a second technician, but there is limited space at the office. He agreed that having someone to coordinate with all of the watersheds would be helpful, commenting that while the NY City watershed has a lot of support, the rest of the county does not. Legislator Stewart commented that he would support budgeting for someone to implement the LESMP. Executive Director Forstrom explained complications and challenges working with the NYC DEP, adding that CCE has resources and knowledgeable people in the Ashokan watershed stream management program who would be open to participating in a train the trainer or other programs. The members discussed other possible partnerships and avenues to work towards assistance in administering the LESMP. Chair Sperry suggested using the training CCE provided to municipalities on flood mitigation plans as a template.

**Old Business:** None

### **Adjournment**

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Hewitt  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Stewart  
**Votes in Favor:** 5  
**Votes Against:** 0

**TIME:** 6:47 PM

**Respectfully Submitted:** Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk  
**Adopted:** July 2, 2024

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