

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

**DATE & TIME:** July 1, 2025 – 4:00 PM  
**LOCATION(S):** Legislative Chambers, 6<sup>th</sup> 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, Litts, Nolan (arrived at 4:30 PM), Stewart, and Walls  
**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None  
**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes

**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Legislator Collins; Legislative Counsel Chris Ragucci; Deputy County Executive Amanda LaValle – UC Executive’s Office; Executive Director Marc Rider – UC Resource Recovery Agency; Director Dennis Doyle – UC Department of Planning; Director Kevin Lynch – Economic Development; Steven Ellman – Kingston Wire; Alicia Craig – Member of the public; Ann Peters – Member of the public

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Chair Hewitt called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM.

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<b>Motion No. 1:</b>	<b>Motion to Approve the Minutes of the June 3, 2025 Meeting</b>
<b>Motion Made By:</b>	Legislator Greene
<b>Motion Seconded By:</b>	Legislator Donaldson
<b>Voting in Favor:</b>	Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Hewitt, Litts, Nolan, Stewart, and Walls
<b>Voting Against:</b>	None
<b>Votes in Favor:</b>	7
<b>Votes Against:</b>	0
<b>Disposition:</b>	<b>Minutes Approved</b>

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**Presentation**

- Kevin Raper, H2NY: Hydrogen power feasibility study

**Reports**

- **UCRRA** – Director Marc Rider – Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) & Construction & Demolition Debris (C&D) updates; Increase in tipping fees; ReP0WER Project; Reuse Coordinator Position: RFP for Hub-and-Spokes System; Leachate update.

- **Renewable Energy Implementation** – Legislator Greene – Position for collaborating with municipalities on advancing renewable energy initiatives.
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Resolutions for the July 15, 2025 Session of the Legislature:

**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, August 19, 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, August 19, 2025 at 7:00 PM.

<b>Motion No. 2:</b>	<b>Motion to Postpone Resolution No. 470 of 2024</b>
<b>Motion Made By:</b>	Legislator Hewitt
<b>Motion Seconded By:</b>	Legislator Nolan

<b>Voting in Favor:</b>	Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Hewitt, Litts, Nolan, Stewart, and Walls
<b>Voting Against:</b>	None
<b>Votes in Favor:</b>	7
<b>Votes Against:</b>	0
<b>Disposition:</b>	<b>Resolution Postponed</b>

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**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, August 19, 2025 At 7:05 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, August 19, 2025 At 7:05 PM.

<b>Disposition:</b>	<b>No Action Taken</b>
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**Resolution No. 209** – Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Service Agreement With The Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency – Department Of The Environment

**Resolution Summary** – This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to sign an agreement with the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency expiring on May 31, 2030.

<b>Motion No. 3:</b>	<b>Motion to Postpone Resolution No. 209</b>
<b>Motion Made By:</b>	Legislator Nolan
<b>Motion Seconded By:</b>	Legislator Stewart

<b>Voting in Favor:</b>	Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Hewitt, Litts, Nolan, Stewart, and Walls
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<b>Voting Against:</b>	None
<b>Votes in Favor:</b>	7
<b>Votes Against:</b>	0
<b>Disposition:</b>	<b>Resolution Postponed</b>

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**Resolution No. 273** – Opposing The Establishment Of A County-Wide Landfill Anywhere Within The Geographical Boundaries Of Ulster County, And Urging The Exploration Of Alternative Locations And Waste Management Solutions

**Resolution Summary** – This Resolution memorializes the Legislature's opposition to the siting of a landfill anywhere within the geographical boundaries of the County of Ulster and calls for the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency to explore alternative locations and waste management solutions that prioritize environmental protection, community well-being, environmental justice, and sustainability.

<b>Motion No. 4:</b>	<b>Motion to Approve Resolution No. 273</b>
<b>Motion Made By:</b>	Legislator Walls
<b>Motion Seconded By:</b>	Legislator Nolan

<b>Voting in Favor:</b>	Legislators Litts, and Walls
<b>Voting Against:</b>	Legislators Donaldson Greene, Hewitt, Nolan, and Stewart
<b>Votes in Favor:</b>	2
<b>Votes Against:</b>	5
<b>Disposition:</b>	<b>Resolution Defeated</b>

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**Resolution No. 320** – Amending The 2025 Ulster County Budget To Transfer Funds Within The Department Of The Environment To Establish A Staff Position Supporting Watershed Management Implementation

**Resolution Summary** – This Resolution amends the 2025 Operating Budget for the Department of Environment to create a new full-time position entitled "Watershed Coordinator" which will focus on the implementation and coordination of watershed management plans across the County for an annual salary of \$70,979.00.

<b>Motion No. 5:</b>	<b>Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 320</b>
<b>Motion Made By:</b>	Legislator Hewitt
<b>Motion Seconded By:</b>	Legislator Nolan

<b>Voting in Favor:</b>	Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Hewitt, Litts, Nolan, Stewart, and Walls
<b>Voting Against:</b>	None
<b>Votes in Favor:</b>	7
<b>Votes Against:</b>	0
<b>Disposition:</b>	<b>Resolution Adopted</b>

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**Resolution No. 321** – Establishing Capital Project No. 736 Site Ready Services For 2025 Electric Vehicle Charging Stations – Amending The 2025 - 2030 Capital Improvement Program - Amending The 2025 Capital Fund Budget - Department Of Public Works (Buildings & Grounds)

**Resolution Summary** – This Resolution establishes Capital Project No. 736 - EV Charging Stations in the amount of \$1,485,000.00 for the installation of forty-two Level 2 electric vehicle chargers, and two Level 3 electric vehicle (fast chargers), which can charge an EV battery from empty to full in about an hour or less at various locations.

**Motion No. 6:** **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 321**  
**Motion Made By:** Legislator Nolan  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Stewart

**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Hewitt, Litts, Nolan, Stewart, and Walls  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 7  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolution Adopted**

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**Resolution No. 323** – Authorizing The Planning Department To Submit An Application To The New York Environmental Facilities Corporation (NYSEFC) Via The NYSEFC Customer Portal – Department Of Planning

**Resolution Summary** - This Resolution authorizes the Director of Planning to submit an online application through the NYSEFC Customer Portal for the New York Environmental Facilities Corporation Green Resiliency Grant Program for funding up to the grant's maximum award amount of \$10,000,000.00 which has a minimum project cost of \$1,000,000.00.

**Motion No. 7:** **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 323**  
**Motion Made By:** Legislator Nolan  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Donaldson

**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Hewitt, Litts, Nolan, Stewart, and Walls  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 7  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolution Adopted**

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**Resolution No. 324** – Authorizing The Department Of Budget To Submit Various Grant Applications Via The New York State Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) – Department Of Budget

**Resolution Summary** - This Resolution authorizes the Director of Budget to submit online applications through the New York State Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) for the included grant programs for each respective grant category's maximum award amounts, and authorizes the Director of Budget, or designee, an official or employee, to act on the County's behalf in submittal of an application through the CFA for \$2,000,000.00 to be used for the proposed food waste reduction project per the specific requirements of the Climate Smart Communities Grant Program.

**Motion No. 8:** **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 324**  
**Motion Made By:** Legislator Nolan  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Donaldson

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

<b>Voting Against:</b>	None
<b>Votes in Favor:</b>	7
<b>Votes Against:</b>	0
<b>Disposition:</b>	<b>Resolution Adopted</b>

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**Resolution No. 353** – Appointing Members To The Recycling Oversight Committee

**Resolution Summary** - This Resolution appoints the following members to the Ulster County Recycling Oversight Committee for terms effective immediately and expiring as indicated upon the recommendation of the Energy, Environment, and Sustainability Committee: Legislator Manna Jo Greene appointed as the Energy, Environment, and Sustainability Committee representative (December 31, 2025); Mayor Steve Noble appointed as the City of Kingston representative (July 15, 2028); Jonathan Kaplan appointed as the Commercial Waste Hauling Industry representative (July 15, 2028); TBD appointed as the Municipal Recycling Coordinators representative; Sunali Shant Sikand appointed as the Commercial or Institutional Sector representative (July 15, 2028); TBD appointed as the Multi Family Dwelling Interest representative; Poppy Cannon-Reese, Vincent Joseph Mow, and Claudia Joseph appointed as Members At-Large (July 15, 2028); and, upon recommendation from the Town Supervisor's Association, appoints Erin Enouen (Town of Rochester Supervisor) to serve as the Town Supervisor's Association representative (July 15, 2028).

<b>Motion No. 9:</b>	<b>Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 353</b>
<b>Motion Made By:</b>	Legislator Nolan
<b>Motion Seconded By:</b>	Legislator Litts

<b>Voting in Favor:</b>	Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Hewitt, Litts, Nolan, Stewart, and Walls
<b>Voting Against:</b>	None
<b>Votes in Favor:</b>	7
<b>Votes Against:</b>	0
<b>Disposition:</b>	<b>Resolution Adopted</b>

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**Adjournment**

<b>Motion Made By:</b>	Legislator Litts
<b>Motion Seconded By:</b>	Legislator Stewart
<b>Votes in Favor:</b>	7
<b>Votes Against:</b>	0

<b>TIME:</b>	5:54 PM
<b>Respectfully Submitted:</b>	Lizvett Noriega, Legislative Administrative Assistant
<b>Approved:</b>	August 5, 2025

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