

**Legislative Programs, Education and Community Services Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes**

DATE & TIME: August 3, 2021 – 5:15pm
LOCATION: Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, C.O.B.
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chair James Delaune
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Nettie Tomshaw
PRESENT: Legislators Tom Corcoran, Peter Criswell, John Parete
ABSENT: Legislator Mary Wawro
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Dr. Roberts, President SUNY Ulster; Jamie Capuano, VP of Administrative Services SUNY Ulster; Marc Rider, Deputy County Executive; Susan Koppenhaver, Director Office For The Aging

Chairman Delaune called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM

Motion No 1: Motion to Approve Minutes of the July 6, 2021 Meeting
Motion By: Legislator Corcoran
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Criswell

Discussion: None
Voting in Favor: Legislators Deluane, Corcoran, Criswell, Parete
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Minutes Approved

SUNY Ulster Update: President Dr. Alan Roberts and VP of Administrative Services Jamie Capuano provided their monthly update, enrollment, CARES funding, waiver federal funding timeline, mask requirement due to delta variant – proof of vaccination vs. testing, mandate requirement for all onsite students once vaccine is FDA approved. Legislator Criswell inquired and spoke to the proposed pilot program partnered with Ellenville Regional Hospital. Committee discussion ensued.

Resolutions for August 17, 2021 Session:

Resolution No. 352 – Amending The 2021 Ulster County Budget To Include Additional Funding From The New York State Office For The Aging - Office For The Aging

Resolution Summary: This resolution amends the 2021 UC Budget to include additional funding to allocate Federal stimulus funding provided through the American Rescue Plan in the amount of \$142K to be used for any eligible services to assist UC senior citizens; and once the Major Disaster Declaration is lifted, the allowable services under the corresponding parts of the Older Americans Act Title III funding. Funding may be used from 4/1/21 – 9/30/24.

Motion No. 2: Motion to Discuss & Adopt Resolution No. 352

Motion By: Legislator Criswell

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Corcoran

Discussion: Director Koppenhaver provided a recap of the program working along with RCAL and Habitat for Humanity, noting the overall goal is to keep seniors at home by assisting with deep cleaning services, ramp and or lift chair accessibility to their home entrance, safety, pantry bags and meals. Habitat for Humanity will supply the labor for porch repair, etc.

Voting in Favor: Legislators Delaune, Corcoran, Criswell, Parete

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 4

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED

Resolution No. 353 – Amending the 2021 Ulster County Budget To Accept Increased Funding From New York State Office Of Children And Family Services – Youth Bureau

Resolution Summary: This resolution amends the 2021 UC Budget to accept additional funding from the NYS Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) for the Safe Summer Youth Program. The increased funds will be used for youth violence prevention. \$25K State funding.

Motion No. 3: Motion to Discuss Resolution No. 353

Motion By: Legislator Criswell

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Corcoran

Discussion: Marc Rider provided an overview noting on the contract to accept funding. This is part of the Governor’s statewide initiative against gun violence. Additional funding has been designated for activities in the City of Kingston to keep teenagers off the street. Ulster County Youth Bureau will contract with Tay Fisher to offer a basketball league at night program.

Motion No. 4: Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 353

Motion By: Legislator Corcoran

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Criswell

Voting in Favor: Legislators Delaune, Corcoran, Criswell, Parete
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED

New / Old Business

None

Chairman Delaune asked if there was any old business, and hearing none;

Adjournment

Motion By: Legislator Criswell
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Corcoran
No. of Votes in Favor: 4
No. of Votes Against: None

TIME: 5: 33 PM

Respectfully submitted: Nettie Tomshaw, Legislative Staff

Minutes Approved: August 31, 2021
