

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

DATE & TIME: August 15, 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 & Uchitelle
MEMBERS ABSENT: Legislator Kitchen
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislator Collins; Minority Counsel Pascale; Comptroller Gallagher – UC Comptroller’s Office; Deputy County Executive Capuano – UC Executive’s Office

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Deputy Chair Levine 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 July 11, 2024 Regular Meeting**
Motion Made By: Legislator Gavaris
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Levine

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 August 20, 2024 Session of the Legislature:

Resolution No. 358 – Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 5 Of 2024, A Local Law Amending Section A27-2(B) Of The Administrative Code For The County Of Ulster (Local Law No. 10 Of 2008), To Ensure Proper Staffing Levels At The Ulster County Board Of Elections

Resolution Summary – This Resolution adopts Proposed Local Law No. 5 of 2024, A Local Law Amending Section A27-2(B) Of The Administrative Code For The County Of Ulster (Local Law No. 10 Of 2008), To Ensure Proper Staffing Levels At The Ulster County Board Of Elections to add a reporting requirement regarding minimum staffing levels for the next ensuing fiscal year.

Motion No. 2: **Motion to Postpone Resolution No. 358**
Motion Made By: Legislator Gavaris
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Hansut

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. 418 – Adopting 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

Resolution Summary – This Resolution adopts 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

Motion No. 3: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 418**
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: **Resolution Adopted**

Resolution No. 443 – Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 9 Of 2024, A Local Law Providing Real Property Tax Exemption Of The County Portion Of The Real Property Taxation And Special Ad Valorem Levies For The Creation Of New Accessory Dwelling Units In Accordance New York State Real Property Tax Law Article 4 Title 2 Private Property Section 421-P*2, To Be Held On Tuesday, September 17, 2024 At 7:00 PM

Resolution Summary – This Resolution sets a Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 9 Of 2024, A Local Law Providing Real Property Tax Exemption Of The County Portion Of The Real Property Taxation And Special Ad Valorem Levies For The Creation Of New Accessory Dwelling Units In Accordance New York State Real Property Tax Law Article 4 Title 2 Private Property Section 421-P*2, for Tuesday, September 17, 2024 at 7:00 PM.

Motion No. 4: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 443**
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**

Resolution No. 445 – Confirming Appointment Of Member To The Ulster County Board Of Ethics

Resolution Summary – This Resolution confirms the appointment of Taane Pegg to the Ulster County Board of Ethics for a term effective immediately through August 31, 2027.

Motion No. 5: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 445**
Motion Made By: Legislator Levine
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 Adopted**

Resolution No. 446 – Establishing A Policy To Require Legislative Approval Of All Grant Applications With County Matching Funds Prior To Their Submission

Resolution Summary – This Resolution adopts a Policy requiring that Legislative approval be obtained prior to the submission of any Grants proposal or application involving required matching County funds and requiring that a full copy of the Grants application along with ay forms, guidance, back up, or related materials be filed with the Clerk of the Legislature along with the Resolution seeking Legislative approval of the Grant.

Motion No. 6: **Moved to Adopt Amendments As Presented**
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: **Amendments Adopted**

Motion No. 7: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 446 As Amended**
Motion Made By: Legislator Gavaris
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Hansut

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

Forthcoming Resolution None

New Business

Chair Kovacs recognized Comptroller Gallagher who updated the members on her recent audit of the Ulster County Corporate Compliance Plan and recommendations proposed.

Old Business:

Chair Kovacs advised the members that Resolution No. 359 was withdrawn by Sponsor Harmon. He added that she would be introducing a law with more comprehensive changes to the Human Rights law in the near future.

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: 4:11 PM
Respectfully Submitted: Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk
Approved: September 12, 2024

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