

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

**DATE & TIME:** September 12, 2024 – 4:00 PM  
**LOCATION(S):** KL Binder Library, 6<sup>th</sup> 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 Gavaris, Hansut, Harmon, Kitchen (arrived at 4:15 PM), Levine, & Uchitelle  
**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None  
**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes

**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Legislators Nolan and Roberts; Legislative Counsel Ragucci and Minority Counsel Pascale; Deputy County Executive Capuano – UC Executive’s Office

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Chair Kovacs called the meeting to order at 4:01 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 August 15, 2024 Regular Meeting**  
**Motion Made By:** Legislator Levine  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Hansut

**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Gavaris, Hansut, Harmon, Kovacs, Levine & Uchitelle  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 6  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Minutes Approved**

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Resolutions for the September 17, 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 Levine  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Uchitelle

**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Gavaris, Hansut, Harmon, Kovacs, Levine & Uchitelle  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 6

**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolution Postponed**

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**Resolution No. 496** – Adopting 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

**Resolution Summary** – This Resolution adopts 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.

**Motion No. 3:** **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 496**  
**Motion Made By:** Legislator Levine  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Uchitelle

**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Hansut, Harmon, Kovacs, Levine & Uchitelle  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Abstention:** Legislator Gavaris  
**Votes in Favor:** 5  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolution Adopted**

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**Resolution No. 447** – 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 requires that advanced DEI training developed and coordinated by the Ulster County Diversity Officer be scheduled for an in cooperation with the County Executive, the members of the Legislature, the District Attorney, the Sheriff, the County Clerk, and the Comptroller within 60 days of adoption of this Resolution, and requires the Diversity Officer to file notification with the Clerk of the Legislature once training has been scheduled.

**Disposition:** **No Action Taken**

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### **Forthcoming Resolution**

**Resolution No. 470** – 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 Polypropylene Plastic, To Be Held On Tuesday, October 15, 2024 At 7:00 PM [*Postponed in Energy, Environment & Sustainability Committee on September 3rd*]

**New Business** None

**Old Business** None

Chair Kovacs advised the members that he attended a retirement dinner for United States Southern District of New York Bankruptcy Judge Cecilia Morris, and advised the members that a congratulatory proclamation from the Ulster County Executive was presented. He commented on the importance of the courts Poughkeepsie location to Ulster County residents and businesses.

## **Adjournment**

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

**TIME:** 4:28 PM  
**Respectfully Submitted:** Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk  
**Approved:** October 10, 2024

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