

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

DATE & TIME: October 10, 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, Kitchen (arrived at 4:35 PM), Levine, & Uchitelle
MEMBERS ABSENT: None
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislators Collins and Roberts; Legislative Counsel Ragucci and Minority Counsel Pascale; Planning Director Dennis Doyle – Planning Department; Planning Board Chair Mike Baden; Insurance Officer Brian MacGregor – Insurance Department; Comptroller Gallagher; Deputy County Executives Contreras and Capuano – UC Executive’s Office

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Chair Kovacs called the meeting to order at 4:01 PM. He asked those present to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and to remain standing for a moment of silence recognizing the passing of former Ulster County Clerk Nina Postupack and honoring her service.

Motion No. 1: **Motion to Approve the Minutes of the September 12, 2024 Regular Meeting**
Motion Made By: Legislator Hansut
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: **Minutes Approved**

Resolutions for the October 15, 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 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. 447 – Requiring Advanced Diversity, Equity And Inclusion Training For All Ulster County Elected Official

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.

Motion No. 3: **Motion to Amend Resolution No. 447 As Presented**
Motion Made By: Legislator Uchitelle
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: **Amendments Adopted As Presented**

Motion No. 4: **Motion to Further Amend Resolution No. 447 As Follows**

Title: ~~Requiring~~ **Providing** Advanced Diversity, Equity And Inclusion Training ~~For~~ **To** All Ulster County Elected Officials

RESOLVED, the advanced DEI training shall be ~~offered~~ **scheduled** for and in cooperation with the Ulster County Executive, the members of the Ulster County Legislature, the Ulster County District Attorney, the Ulster County Sheriff, the Ulster County Clerk, and the Ulster County Comptroller, within sixty (60) days of adoption of this Resolution; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that upon election to the office of Ulster County Executive, Ulster County Legislator, Ulster County District Attorney, Ulster County Sheriff, Ulster County Clerk, and Ulster County Comptroller, the advanced DEI training must be ~~completed~~ **offered** within sixty (60) days of being sworn into office; and, be it further

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: **Amendments Adopted**

Motion No. 5: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 447 As Amended**
Motion Made By: Legislator Uchitelle
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Harmon

Voting in Favor: Legislators Criswell, Harmon, Levine & Uchitelle
Voting Against: Legislators Gavaris, Hansut, Kitchen & Kovacs
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 4
Disposition: **Resolution Defeated**

Resolution No. 544 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$649,943.00 Entered Into By The County – NCACOMP, Inc. – Department Of Insurance

Resolution Summary – This resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment in the amount of \$649,943.00 to extend the term of agreement for claim and administrative services in connection with the County Department of Insurance self-insurance program for 1/1/25 – 12/31/26.

Motion No. 6: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 544**
Motion Made By: Legislator Gavaris
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Hansut

Voting in Favor: Legislators Criswell, Gavaris, Hansut, Harmon, Kitchen, Kovacs, Levine & Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 8
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution Adopted**

Resolution No. 553 – Adopting 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

Resolution Summary – This Resolution adopts 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.

Motion No. 7: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 553**
Motion Made By: Legislator Gavaris
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Levine

After discussion Legislators Gavaris and Levine withdrew their motions

Motion No. 8: **Motion to Postpone Resolution No. 553**
Motion Made By: Legislator Gavaris
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Levine

Voting in Favor: Legislators Criswell, Gavaris, Hansut, Harmon, Kovacs & Levine
Voting Against: Legislator Uchitelle

Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 1
Disposition: **Resolution Postponed**

Resolution No. 554 – Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 11 Of 2024, A Local Law Amending The Ulster County Charter, (Local Law No. 2 Of 2006), And Amending The Administrative Code For The County Of Ulster, (Local Law No. 10 Of 2008), To Modify Various Provisions Relating To Certain Departments And Duties, To Be Held On Tuesday, November 19, 2024 At 7:10 PM

Resolution Summary – This Resolution sets a public hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 11 Of 2024, A Local Law Amending The Ulster County Charter, (Local Law No. 2 Of 2006), And Amending The Administrative Code For The County Of Ulster, (Local Law No. 10 Of 2008), To Modify Various Provisions Relating To Certain Departments And Duties, to be held on Tuesday, November 19, 2024 At 7:10 PM.

Motion No. 9: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 554**
Motion Made By: Legislator Levine
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Uchitelle

Voting in Favor: Legislators Criswell, Gavaris, Hansut, Harmon, Kitchen, Kovacs, Levine & Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 8
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution Adopted**

Resolution No. 555 – Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 12 Of 2024, A Local Law Amending Article II Of The Administrative Code For The County Of Ulster (Local Law No. 10 Of 2008) In Relation To Certain Employment Restrictions, To Be Held On Tuesday, November 19, 2024 At 7:15 PM

Resolution Summary – This Resolution sets a public hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 12 Of 2024, A Local Law Amending Article II Of The Administrative Code For The County Of Ulster (Local Law No. 10 Of 2008) In Relation To Certain Employment Restrictions, to be held on Tuesday, November 19, 2024 at 7:15 PM.

Motion No. 10: **Motion to Postpone Resolution No. 555**
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: **Resolution Postponed**

Resolution No. 556 – Amending The Rules Of Order As They Relate To Decorum At Legislative Session And Legislative Committee Meetings

Resolution Summary – This Resolution amend Rule 10 Monthly and Special Meetings, Notice; Rules of Order Section (G) Decorum to update the Rules of Order to foster a more constructive, positive, and collaborative environment.

Motion No. 11: **Motion to Postpone Resolution No. 556**
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 Postponed**

LATE Resolution No. 557 – Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The Department Of Housing And Urban Development (HUD) To Accept Grant Funds From The Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) – Department Of Planning

Resolution Summary – This Resolution authorizes the Chair to execute and agreement with the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the purpose of accepting a grant in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 to assist in funding improvements that include construction of this traffic signal and improvements to pump station near Marius Street that is part of the water supply system of the City of Kingston that feeds the County owned water supply system on Golden Hill.

Motion No. 12: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 557**
Motion Made By: Legislator Gavaris
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Kitchen

Voting in Favor: Legislators Criswell, Gavaris, Hansut, Harmon, Kitchen, Kovacs, Levine & Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 8
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution Adopted**

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 October 1st*]

New Business

- October 8, 2024 Decision and Order - “Even Year Election Law”

Old Business None

Upcoming Meetings

- Special Meeting on Wednesday, October 30th at 4:00 PM – 2025 Budget Discussion
- Regular Meeting on Thursday, November 14th at 4:00 PM at the Mescal Hornbeck Community Center, 56 Rock City Road, Woodstock, NY

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Gavaris
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Harmon
Voting in Favor: Legislators Criswell, Gavaris, Hansut, Harmon, Kitchen, Kovacs, Levine & Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 8
Votes Against: 0

TIME: 4:56 PM
Respectfully Submitted: Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk
Approved: November 14, 2024

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