

# Audit Committee

## Regular Meeting Minutes

**DATE & TIME:** September 13, 2022 – 4:30 PM  
**LOCATION:** KL Binder Library, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, County Office Building,  
244 Fair Street, Kingston, NY  
**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Tracey A. Bartels, Chair  
**LEGISLATIVE STAFF:** Amber Feaster  
**PRESENT:** Legislators Kenneth J. Ronk, Jr., John Gavaris, Craig Lopez and Eve  
Walter; Comptroller March Gallagher; Deputy County Executive  
Marc Rider on behalf of County Executive Johanna Contreras  
**ABSENT:** None  
**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes  
**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Legislator Joseph Maloney; Director of Purchasing Ed Jordan, and  
Department of Purchasing Peter Esposito; Deputy County Executive  
Christopher Kelly

- Chair Bartels called the meeting to order at 4:52 PM and Deputy Clerk Feaster called the roll.

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### Motion No. 1: To approve the Minutes and Transcripts of the September 8, 2022 Regular Meeting

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Ronk  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Gavaris  
**Discussion:** None  
**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Bartels, Ronk, Gavaris, Lopez, and Walter  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 5  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Approved

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### Motion No. 2: To enter into executive session at 4:53 PM for the purpose of discussing the External Audit of the Annual Financial Statements Request for Proposals.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Ronk  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Gavaris  
**Discussion:** None  
**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Bartels, Ronk, Gavaris, Lopez, and Walter  
**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 5  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Approved

**Motion No. 3: To exit out of executive session at 4:55 PM.**

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Ronk  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Walter

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Bartels, Ronk, Gavaris, Lopez, and Walter  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 5  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Approved

Chair Bartels noted that no action was taken during executive session.

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**Motion No. 4: To award the RFP for External Audit of the Annual Financial Statements Services to PFK O'Connor Davies**

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Ronk  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Walter

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Bartels, Ronk, Gavaris, Lopez, and Walter  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 5  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Approved

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**New Business:** The next upcoming meeting of the Audit Committee will be scheduled upon confirmation from the current external auditors.

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**Old Business:**

**Compensation Salary Study as required by the Ulster County Fair Pay and Salary Equity Policy established in Resolution No. 26 of 2022**

**Discussion:** Deputy County Executive Marc Rider informed Committee members that the in-house management, non-union compensation study is forthcoming. Comptroller Gallagher agreed to request copies of the Compensation studies completed by select other NY Counties, as well as their requests for quotes and/or proposals. Legislator Maloney noted the potential impairment to

independence that exists within a compensation study completed by the County Executive branch.

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Chair Bartels asked the members if there was any other business, and hearing none;

**Motion to Adjourn**

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| <b>Motion Made By:</b>         | Legislator Ronk    |
| <b>Motion Seconded By:</b>     | Legislator Gavaris |
| <b>No. of Votes in Favor:</b>  | 5                  |
| <b>No. of Votes Against:</b>   | 0                  |
| <b>Time:</b>                   | 5:02 PM            |
| <b>Respectfully submitted:</b> | Amber Feaster      |
| <b>Minutes Approved:</b>       | September 27, 2022 |