

ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARINGS & REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, JULY 15, 2025

7:00 PM

Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, 244 Fair Street, Kingston, NY
Also available via Livestream: <https://www.youtube.com/@UlsterCountyLegislature>

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY THE CHAIR:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG AND MOMENT OF SILENT MEDITATION:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRE EVACUATION PLAN

PLEASE NOTE THAT IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS REQUESTED THAT LEGISLATORS AND ALL OTHERS MOVE AT LEAST ONE BLOCK AWAY FROM THE COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING IN ORDER NOT TO IMPEDE THE FIREFIGHTERS IN THEIR DUTIES

CELL PHONES

Please silence cell phones for the duration of the Public Hearings and Legislative Session.

MICROPHONES

Please be reminded when speaking to use your microphones so that you are recorded for the official record.

ROLL CALL:

Present:

Absent:

7:00 PM – CALL OF THE 1st PUBLIC HEARING BY CLERK: On Proposed Local Law No. 7 Of 2025, A Local Law Amending Section C-42(A) Of The Ulster County Charter And Section A5-3(A) Of The Administrative Code For The County Of Ulster To Reflect Recent Changes In State Public Health Law Regarding The Composition Requirements For Local Boards Of Health

PUBLIC COMMENT:

PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED:

7:05 PM – CALL OF THE 2nd PUBLIC HEARING BY CLERK: On Proposed Local Law No. 8 Of 2025, 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 Amend Charter Article XXXIV Periodic Compensation Review Committee §C-110 And Administrative Code Article XXXIV Periodic Compensation Review Committee §A34-3

PUBLIC COMMENT:

PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED:

7:10 PM – CALL OF THE 3rd PUBLIC HEARING BY CLERK: On Proposed Local Law No. 3 Of 2025, A Local Law To Ensure the Safety of Vulnerable Road Users in Ulster County

PUBLIC COMMENT:

PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED:

7:15 PM – CALL OF THE 4th PUBLIC HEARING BY CLERK: On Proposed Local Law No. 6 Of 2025, A Local Law Amending The Ulster County Charter, (Local Law No. 2 Of 2006), Amending The Administrative Code For The County Of Ulster, (Local Law No. 10 Of 2008), And Amending The Code Of The County Of Ulster, To Modify Various Sections In Relation To Provisions Governing Budget And Finance

PUBLIC COMMENT:

PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED:

BIRTHDAYS:

Legislator Chris Hewitt July 4th

MOTION TO DISPENSE WITH THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

COMMUNICATIONS FROM:

Ulster County Clerk of the Legislature, Victoria Fabella

Legislative News

Anonymous

Catskill Watershed Corporation

Concern Citizens (13)

Concern Citizens (1)

Alisha Clark

Austin Tore

Hudson 7

Huguenot Street

FOIL Response – Austin Tore

FOIL Response – Alisha Clark

FOIL Response – Kyria DeGrow

Ulster County Legislature Bans the Inhumane Use of Glue Traps for Rodent Control in County Buildings (also Spanish Translation Available)

Letter – Regarding Wages

Notice of Preliminary Decisions – July 2, 2025

Opposed to Resolution No. 342

Email – In Favor Of Rail With Trail

FOIL Request – Requesting Copies of All Insurance Policies, Indemnification agreements, or Related Documents that Provide Coverage for Judge Anthony McGinty in His Capacity as a Supreme Court Judge in Ulster County

FOIL Request –Address Records for Short-Term Rental (STR) Properties 2024-2025

Agenda – July 9, 2025 & Minutes – June 11, 2025

Historic Huguenot Street Receives Twila Snead Commitment to Excellence Award

COMMUNICATIONS FROM (continued):

Jillian Fried, Hurley

Email –Concerns Regarding Proposed BESS Facility at 430 Hurley Ave, Hurley, NY

Kyria DeGrow, Mackinac Center for Public Policy

FOIL Request – Information pertaining to county employee union membership and dues

NYS Department of Transportation

Press Release – Stewart Airport Deserves a Fighting Chance

Ulster County Budget Department

BA2024-00007102 – GASB Closing Entry Per Finance

Ulster County Chamber of Commerce

Ribbon Cutting – Ulster Vintage Baseball Association Kingston Guards – Sunday, June 29, 2025 @ 12:00 PM – Kingston Plaza – Herzog's Baseball Field, Kingston

Ribbon Cutting – Apple Greens Golf Course 30 Year Anniversary – Friday, June 27, 2025 @ 10:00 AM – 161 South Street, Highland

Ulster County Comptroller

Media Advisory – Ulster County Comptroller March Gallagher's Statement On the Enacted Federal Budget

Ulster County Department of General Services

Non-Commodity Solicitations:

RFP-UC25-143C - Vertical Platform Lift Installation

RFB-UC25-144C – RTU Replacement at Ulster County Law Enforcement Center

RFQ-UC25-020 – Undesignated U&D Corridor Development Feasibility Study

RFQ-UC25-019 – Zero Waste Implementation Plan

RFB-UC25-049 – Bus Transportation Services For SUNY Ulster

SOQ-UC25-052 – Affordable Housing Development For 51 Center St., Ellenville

COMMUNICATIONS FROM (continued):

Ulster County Department of General Services

RFB-UC25-048 – Elevator Inspection Services

May 2025 Executed Contracts List

Ulster County Department of Health

Announcement “We are Public Health” Campaign – Friday, July 25th @ 6:00 PM at CronArt Gallery, New Paltz

Ulster County Personnel Department (18)

Civil Service Exams/Job Announcements

Ulster County Planning Department

Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board Minutes – February and May 2025

Agenda for July 2nd & June 4th Minutes

Ulster County Prevention Council

Ulster County Substance Abuse Prevention Board Agenda & Minutes – June 13, 2025 also SAP Board School Year Update

Ulster County Department of Tourism

UC Top July Events

Ulster County Veterans Services

July 19th – Christmas in July at Cantine Field @ 7:00 PM – The Ulster County Toys for Tots

July 19th – Men of Bronze screening at Purple Hearth Hall of Honor, New Windsor

July 19th - 5th Annual “Let’s Ride to Support our Veterans” @ 9:00 AM– The Inn at Leeds – Main Street, Leeds NY

July 25th & August 29th – Kingston Elks #550 Lodge Monthly Wing Night to Support Veterans @ 5:00 PM – 143 Hurley Ave, Kingston

July 28th – 42nd Infantry Division “Rainbow” Association West Point Golf Outing, Continental Breakfast From 9:00 am-10:15 AM

Renegades Veterans Appreciation Game - August 9th – Gates Open at 2:30 PM - Opening Ceremony at 4:00 PM and First Pitch at 5:05 PM

COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS:

Media Advisory – UCAT Expands Summer Service to Ulster County Pool in New Paltz Beginning June 25th

Media Advisory – Ulster County Human Rights Commission Launches Inaugural Community Recognition Award

Press Release – Sarah Kramer-Harrison to Serve as County’s First Director of Arts, Culture, and Open Spaces

Press Release - Ulster County Announces Funding Opportunity and Informational Webinar for Projects Supporting the Lower Esopus Creek

Press Release – Statements from Everett Erichsen, Emergency Services Director, and County Executive Jen Metzger, Regarding Incident at Ulster County Pool

Press Release – Shandaken Resident Gigi Loizzo Appointed to Olympic Regional Development Authority Board

Press Release – Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger Announces Return of ‘Safe Start to Summer’ Road Safety Campaign

Press Release – Ulster County Secure \$1,000,000 State funding for New Paltz

Water/Sewer Infrastructure to Support New Housing

Press Release – Ulster County Advances Affordable Housing Initiative at Elizbeth Manor Property in Kingston

ANNUAL REPORT:

Ulster County Sheriff - 2024

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Economic Development, Planning, Education,
Employment, Arts & Agriculture
Energy, Environment & Sustainability
Health, Human Services & Human Rights
Housing & Transportation
Law Enforcement and Public Safety
Laws and Rules, Government Services
Public Works, Capital Projects
Ways and Means

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MEMORIALIZING LETTERS:

To Congress Riley & Ryan Regarding Elimination of LGBTQ Suicide Prevention Services
To NYS DEC & DEH Seeking Statewide Comprehensive PFAS Regulations

PUBLIC COMMENT (on Resolutions currently before the Legislature):

**RESOLUTION NOS: 320 – 341, 343 – 368; 470 of 2024, 209, 225, 245, 275, & 342 - POSTPONED;
178 – NO ACTION TAKEN; 273 – PETITION TO DISCHARGE
EXECUTED FOR AUGUST; 52 – PETITION TO DISCHARGE PENDING**

	Consent
320	Amending The 2025 Ulster County Budget To Transfer Funds Within The Department Of The Environment To Establish A Staff Position Supporting Watershed Management Implementation And Authorizing Submission Of A Grant Application To Reduce County Costs
321	Establishing Capital Project No. 736 Site Ready Services For 2025 Electric Vehicle Charging Stations – Amending The 2025 - 2030 Capital Improvement Program - Amending The 2025 Capital Fund Budget - Department Of Public Works (Buildings & Grounds)

323	Authorizing The Planning Department To Submit An Application To The New York Environmental Facilities Corporation (NYSEFC) Via The NYSEFC Customer Portal – Department Of Planning
324	Authorizing The Department Of Budget To Submit Various Grant Applications Via The New York State Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) – Department Of Budget
326	Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$71,080.80 Entered Into By The County – Sedara, LLC – Department Of Information Services
327	Adopting The Inclusion Of Additional Lands In Agricultural Districts Within Ulster County As Recommended By The Ulster County Agricultural And Farmland Protection Board – Department Of Planning
328	Setting A Public Hearing To Satisfy The Public Participation Requirements Of the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) - Department Of Economic Development
329	Amending Capital Project No. 541 SUNY Ulster Facilities Equipment – Amending The 2025 Capital Fund Budget – SUNY Ulster
331	Amending Capital Project No. 542 HVAC Upgrades Campuswide - Amending The 2025 Capital Fund Budget – SUNY Ulster
333	Amending Capital Project No. 546 SUNY Ulster Technology Upgrade – Amending The 2025 Capital Fund Budget – SUNY Ulster
335	Amending Capital Project No. 701 SUNY Ulster Minor Critical Maintenance - Amending The 2025 Capital Project Fund – SUNY Ulster
337	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$235,916.66 Entered Into By The County – Family Of Woodstock Inc. – Youth Bureau
340	Establishing Capital Project No. 737 For UCAT < 30' Rolling Stock Purchase 2025 - Amending The Capital Fund Budget – Ulster County Area Transit (UCAT)

343	Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$19,500.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Jewish Family Services Of Ulster County Inc. – Office For The Aging
344	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$90,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Children’s Home Of Wyoming Conference – Department Of Social Services
345	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$90,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Children’s Home Of Wyoming Conference – Department Of Social Services
346	Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$70,359.00 Entered Into By The County – United Way Of Ulster County Inc. – Department Of Social Services
347	Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Contract With The New York State Office Of Addiction Services And Supports – Department Of Mental Health
348	Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$2,662.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Family Of Woodstock Inc. – Department Of Mental Health
349	Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$7,650.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Rehabilitation Support Services, Inc. – Department Of Mental Health
350	Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$488.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Mental Health Association In Ulster County, Inc. – Department Of Mental Health
351	Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$7,619.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Family Services, Inc. – Department Of Mental Health

352	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Lexington Center For Recovery, Inc. – Department Of Mental Health
353	Appointing Members To The Recycling Oversight Committee
354	Appointing Members To The Ulster County Fire Advisory Board
355	Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Contract With The New York State Division Of Criminal Justice Services – Department Of Probation
357	Authorizing the Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The Onteora Central School District To Provide Two (2) Deputy Sheriffs As School Resource Officers – Ulster County Sheriff
358	Authorizing the Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The Rondout Valley Central School District To Provide Two (2) Deputy Sheriffs As School Resource Officers – Ulster County Sheriff
359	Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The New York State Division Of Criminal Justice Services For Participation In The Crimes Against Revenue Program (CARP) – Ulster County District Attorney
360	Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Amend An Agreement With The New York State Unified Court System – Department Of Public Works (Buildings And Grounds)
361	Amending The 2025 Ulster County Budget- CHIPS / PAVE NY/ EWR / POP Funding Adjustment – Department Of Public Works (Highways And Bridges)
362	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$151,720.00 Entered Into By The County – Access Anvil Corp. D/B/A Overhead Door Company Of The Hudson River Valley – Department Of Public Works
363	Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$139,500.00 Entered Into By The County – Jorrey Excavating, Inc. – Department Of Public Works

364	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Tectonic Engineering Consultants, Geologists & Land Surveyors, D.P.C. – Department Of Public Works
365	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$82,751.00 Entered Into By The County – FST Technical Service, LLC – Department Of Public Works
366	Authorizing The Ulster County Commissioner Of Finance To Accept Redemption Offers Relative To Payment Of Real Property Taxes In The 2023 In Rem Foreclosure Proceeding
367	Authorizing The County Of Ulster Pursuant To Section Four Of The Sales Tax Agreement With The City Of Kingston To Increase The Allocation Of Sales Tax Distributed To The Towns – Department Of Finance
368	Authorizing Director Of Budget To Make Certain Transfers Of Funds – Department Of Budget
	Non- Consent
322 BOND	Authorizing The Purchase And Installation Of Electric Vehicle Charging Stations, For The Department Of Public Works Of The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost of 1,485,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$1,485,000.00 Serial Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof
325	Amending The Policy Adopted Pursuant To Resolution No. 78 Of 2024, Requiring Nonprofit Vendors To Comply With Applicable Financial Reporting And Tax Filing Regulations, In Relation to Effective Date
330 BOND	Authorizing The Purchase Of Facilities Equipment At The Ulster County Community College Campus At SUNY Ulster, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$50,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$50,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof

332 BOND	332 BOND Authorizing Campuswide Heating, Ventilating, And Air Conditioning Improvements At The Ulster County Community College Campus At SUNY Ulster, In And For The County Of Ulster, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$1,000,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof
334 BOND	Authorizing Technology Upgrades At The Ulster County Community College Campus At SUNY Ulster, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$290,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$290,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof
336 BOND	Authorizing Minor Critical Improvements To Facilities At The Ulster County Community College Campus At SUNY Ulster, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$500,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$500,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof
338	Authorizing The Required Steps For The Transfer Of Real Property Owned By Ulster County And Located At 21 Elizabeth Street City Of Kingston, NY (SBL 56.124-1-12) To The Ulster County Housing Development Corporation – Department Of Planning
339	Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 5 Of 2025, A Local Law Amending Local Law No. 7 Of 2025, 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
341 BOND	Authorizing Purchase Of Four (4) 30' Cutaway Buses, For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$529,388.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$529,388.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof
356	Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The Kingston City School District To Provide One (1) Deputy Sheriff As School Resource Officer – Ulster County Sheriff

PUBLIC COMMENT (on subjects *not* currently before the Legislature):

MEETING ADJOURNED IN MEMORY OF:

Roy Hochberg, Glenford (Former Legislator)
Merethe Eide Mazzola, Marlboro
Bruna Vari, Marlboro
Elene Yvonne Powder-Schoeps, Olive
Joseph Keefe, Woodstock
Richard F. Gorash, Highland
Stanley Yukoweic, Wallkill
Arthur Althiser, Kingston
Frank J. Tomaseski, Kingston
Darlene F. Plavchak, Highland
Christine Marie Bassanese, Highland

Arnold Buley, Woodstock
Carl Appler, Milton
Richard Gorash, Milton
Arnold Jones, Jr., Stone Ridge
Vivian Burke, Claryville
Thomas J. V. Cole, Jr., Kingston
Daniel Erle, Kingston
Mackenzie Richard Hornbeck, Charleston, SC
Joyce VanAmburgh, Marlboro
Joseph A. Iorlano, Highland
Stewart Glen, Gardiner

CLOSING WORDS – Chair Criswell will call upon Legislator Chris Hewitt, District 21, to offer closing words.

NEXT MEETING:

The next Regular Meeting of the Ulster County Legislature will be held on Tuesday, August 19, 2025 at 7:00 PM in the Legislative Chambers, Sixth Floor, Ulster County Office Building, 244 Fair Street, Kingston, New York.

Resolution deadline is Wednesday, July 23, 2025.

MEETING ADJOURNED: