

# ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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## AGENDA

### PUBLIC HEARINGS & REGULAR MEETING

**TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2025**

**7:00 PM**

Legislative Chambers, 6<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> PUBLIC HEARING BY CLERK:** As Required Under Article 25AAA Of The Agriculture And Markets Law, On The Ulster County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Draft Plan

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED:**

**7:10 PM – CALL OF THE 2<sup>nd</sup> PUBLIC HEARING BY CLERK:** On Proposed Local Law No. 1 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), In Relation To Legislator Qualifications

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED:**

**BIRTHDAYS:**

Legislator Jeff Collins	March 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Legislator Thomas Corcoran	March 15 <sup>th</sup>
Legislative Minority Counsel Nick Pascale	March 27 <sup>th</sup>
Legislator Richard Walls	March 28 <sup>th</sup>
Legislator Greg McCollough	March 31 <sup>st</sup>

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

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM:**

Ulster County Legislative Chair, Peter Criswell

Appointment Letter - Ulster County Human Rights Commission – S. Leigh Thompson Shealy

Ulster County Clerk of the Legislature, Victoria Fabella

FOIL Acknowledgement & Response – Chelsea Bossenbroek

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM (continued):**

Majority Leader Uchitelle	Appointment Letter – Transit Rider & Intermodal Advisory Committee – Legislator Gregory McCollough
Minority Leader Roberts	Appointment Letter – Transit Rider & Intermodal Advisory Committee – Legislator Joseph Maloney
Republican Caucus	Letter to County Executive Requesting Update on Salary Study and Collective Bargaining Negotiations
Legislative News	Press Release – Ulster County Legislature Accepting Applications to be included in Agricultural District – Spanish Translation Available Press Release – Criswell Calls for Unity & Collaboration Amidst Uncertainties – Spanish Translation Available
American Postal Workers Union, President Ed Horvers	APWU Rally – March 20, 2025 from 11:30 AM – 5:30 PM – 90 Cornell St., Kingston
Catskill Mountain Railroad, President Ernie Hunt	CMRR Email to the Legislature
Chelsea Bossenbrook	Foil Request – UC Department of Health – Public health orders related to COVID-19 & orders for paid sick leave relating to COVID-19
Concern Citizens (1)	Emails – Opposed to reappointment of Tyrone Wilson to UC Human rights Commission
Concern Citizens (2)	Email/Letter – Opposed to the Landfill on Milk Road - Wawarsing
Concern Citizens (2)	Email – Ashokan Rail Trail: Undesignated Section – Supports Trail
Concern Citizens (4)	Emails – Supporting Catskill Mountain Railroad
Concern Citizens (1)	Emails – Opposed to the extension of the Catskill Mountain Railroad & Trails

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM (continued):**

Cornell University, Melissa Foley

Hudson 7

Hudson Valley Regional Council, Carla Castillo

NYS Dept of Agricultural & Markets (4)

O'Connor Davies

Town of Marlborough

Ulster County Budget Department

Ulster County Community Action

Ulster County Comptroller's Office

Ulster County Chamber of Commerce

NYS LTAP Center – Cornell Local Roads  
Program Pamphlets

Agenda – March 12, 2025 & Minutes –  
January 8, 2025

HVRC Presentation & Board Slides –  
Brownfield Opportunity Area Program &  
Smart Growth Community Program Slide

Emails – NYSERDA – NY-Sun NOI  
Submission – ELP Marlborough Solar in  
the Town of Marlborough

Annual Comprehensive Financial Reports  
– Including Report to those Charged with  
Governance

Town Board Res. No. 52 in Support of  
Ulster County Resolution No. 102

Budgetary Transfers Report - January  
2025

2024 Budget Adjustments

Executive Director Douglas Blancero –  
Correspondence Regarding Community  
Action's Contract With The County

Press Release – Ulster County  
Comptroller Health Insurance Updated  
Audit Finds Employees Overpaid

Press Release - Ulster County Experience  
a Fourth Year of Record-Breaking Sales  
Tax Revenue

Press Release – 2024 Ulster County  
Public Pay Dashboard

Ribbon Cutting – Sound of Life Radio  
Network – Wednesday, March 5, 2025 @  
10:00 AM – 507 Hurley Avenue, Hurley

Ribbon Cutting – HUDSY Studio –  
Friday, March 21, 2025 @ 11:00 AM –  
721 Broadway, Suite 122, Kingston –  
Revised to Studio B

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM (continued):**

Ulster County Department of General Services

Ulster County Department of General Services

Ulster County Office for the Aging

Ulster County Planning Department

Ulster County Personnel Department

Ulster County Prevention Council, Jennifer Ryan

Ulster County Transportation Council

Ulster County Veterans Services

Non-Commodity Solicitations:

RFP-UC25-013 – Ulster County One-Stop Operator

RFP-UC25-022 – Trauma Specialist Case Manager

RFP-UC25-021 – External Financial Audit Services

January 2025 Executed Contracts List

Purchasing Monthly Activity Report  
January 2025

February 2025 Executed Contracts List

Reporting Wages – Connect America

Agricultural and Farmland Protection  
Plan – Minutes – November 12, 2024 &  
January 6, 2025

Agenda – March 5<sup>th</sup> & Minutes for  
February 5<sup>th</sup> – Including UCPB Financial  
Report

Civil Service Exams/Job Announcements  
(35)

Ulster County Substance Prevention  
Board Agenda & Minutes – February 14,  
2025

Agenda – March 3<sup>rd</sup> – UC Traffic Safety  
Board Meeting

Law Enforcement Training - Wednesday,  
April 2, 2025 from 1:00 PM – 3:30 PM @  
Dutchess County Department of  
Emergency Response

Hope for the Heroes Gala – March 21<sup>st</sup>

Veterans Reintegration Gala - May 24<sup>th</sup>

Orange County Chamber's Choice  
Awards – March 29<sup>th</sup>

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM (continued):**

Ulster County Veterans Services

Ulster County Vietnam War Veterans  
Memorial Highway – March 29th

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS:**

Press Release – UC Executive Jen Metzger Announces New Role for County in Addressing Critical Gaps in EMS Coverage

Press Release – UC Executive Jen Metzger Applauds Resolution Honoring Former County Clerk Nina Postupack with Dedication

Press Release – County Comptroller Report on County Health Insurance Plan Confirms that County Plan Outperformed NYSHIP, Offered More Benefit Options for Employees and Resulted in Taxpayer Savings Compared to State Plan

Press Release – UC Executive Jen Metzger Delivers 2025 State of the County Address, Highlighting Progress on Housing, Mental Health & Investments in Local Economy, Climate and Community Resilience

Press Release – UC Executive Jen Metzger Announces 2025 Ulster County Poet Laureate

Press Release – UC Executive Jen Metzger Announces 2025 Funding Opportunity for Housing Projects Supporting Affordability

Press Release – Public Invited to Help Shape Behavioral Health Services in Ulster County

Press Release – Amid Global Increase in Cases, Ulster County Department of

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS (continued):**

Health Urges Residents to Get Vaccinated  
Against Measles

Press Release – Dedicated Therapy Dog  
Support Program Announced for Ulster  
County Emergency 911 Operators

Press Release – Wawarsing Town Board  
Approves County Executive Metzger's  
Proposal for Ellenville Warming Center  
Partnership

Press Release – County Executive  
Metzger Announces That Ulster County  
Surpassed 2025 'Green Fleet' Target

Press Release – Ulster County Executive  
Jen Metzger Appoints Janet Nunez as Site  
Program Manager For Trudy Farber  
Center in Ellenville

Appointment Letter – Ulster County  
Human Rights Commission – Christine  
Dinsmore

Appointment Letter – STOP DWI  
Advisory Board – John Allen Blue

Appointment Letter – Ulster County  
Office For The Aging – Janet Durand

Appointment Letter – Ulster County  
Community Services Board – Maureen  
Sheehan, Dr. Maya Hambright and Emma  
Hambright

Letter - Response to Republican Caucus  
Letter Requesting Update on Salary Study  
and Collective Bargaining Negotiations

**ANNUAL REPORTS:**

Ulster County Board of Elections 2024 Annual Report  
Ulster County Board of Ethics 2024 Annual Report  
Ulster County Clerk 2024 Annual Report  
Ulster County District Attorney's 2024 Annual Reports  
Ulster County Executive Departments 2024 Annual Reports  
Ulster County Green Fleet 2024 Annual Report  
Ulster County Real Property Data 2024 Annual Report  
Reserve Reports for GOC, Decarbonization, and Tax Stabilization 2024 Annual Report  
Ulster County Schedule of 2023 NY Department of Transportation Assistance Expended

**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

**DATE:**

February 4, 2025  
  
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February 6, 2025  
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February 5, 2025  
February 13, 2025  
February 10, 2025  
February 13, 2025

**MEMORIALIZING LETTERS:**

Letter to Congressmen Hon. Josh Riley & Hon. Patrick K. Ryan regarding Social Security Offices In  
Ulster County  
  
Letter to NYS DOCCS Commissioner Martuscello regarding staffing and conditions in correctional  
facilities

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:**



Chair Criswell is granting Privilege of the Floor to People USA CEO, Steve Miccio, and COO, Kimberly Wing. People USA is a peer-run organization led and staffed by individuals with lived experience, providing compassionate, person-centered support services for those in crisis. Steve and Kimberly will present on the Ulster County Crisis Stabilization Center (CSC) in Kingston. A 24/7 community crisis response hub, the CSC provides a place where people of all ages can connect immediately with an integrated team of counselors, peer specialists, and behavioral health professionals. Children or adults experiencing emotional distress, psychiatric symptoms, substance use challenges, or other life stressors can receive onsite care and support.

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**SPEAKERS**

**Honorable Kevin Roberts - Minority Leader Address**

**Honorable Abe Uchitelle - Majority Leader Address**

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**PUBLIC COMMENT** (on Resolutions currently before the Legislature):

**RESOLUTION NOS: 553 of 2024, 83, 84, 86 - 90, 92 – 99, 103 –124; 54 - WITHDRAWN  
470 of 2024, 731 of 2024, 52, 80 – 82, 85 & 102 - POSTPONED;  
709 of 2024, 33, 91, 100, & 101 – DEFEATED IN COMMITTEE**

	<b>Consent</b>
<b>553 of 2024</b>	<b>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</b>

<b>84</b>	<b>Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Intermunicipal Agreement With The Village Of New Paltz, As An Ulster County Grant Recipient, For Installation Of Solar Panels At The Village Of New Paltz Water Treatment Plant – Department Of Finance, Division Of Recovery And Resilience</b>
<b>86</b>	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$360,150.00 Entered Into By The County – United Way Of Ulster County Inc. – Office Of Employment And Training</b>
<b>87</b>	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$125,000.00 Entered Into By The County – United Way Of Ulster County Inc. – Office Of Employment And Training</b>
<b>88</b>	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$650,000.00 Entered Into By The County – United Way Of Ulster County Inc. – Office Of Employment And Training</b>
<b>90</b>	<b>Setting A Public Hearing As Required Under Article 25AA Of Agricultural Markets Law, On the Eight Year Review Of Agricultural District No. 3 And Providing Direct Notice To Affected Municipalities, To Be Held On April 15, 2025 At 7:05 PM, Or As Soon Thereafter As The Public Can Be Heard – Department Of Planning</b>
<b>92</b>	<b>Appropriating Funding To Support And Strengthen The Local Food System And Foster Sustainability</b>
<b>93</b>	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$650,000.00 Entered Into By The County – RUPCO, Inc. – Department Of Planning</b>
<b>96</b>	<b>Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Contract With The New York State Department Of Health To Enter Into A Data Use Agreement – Department Of Health</b>
<b>97</b>	<b>Amending The 2025 Ulster County Budget To Fund A Deputy Medical Examiner (Medicolegal Investigation) Position - Amending The 2025 Ulster County Position Listing – Department Of Health</b>

<b>98</b>	<b>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</b>
<b>99</b>	<b>Amending The 2025 Ulster County Budget To Accept Additional Funding From The New York State Office Of Mental Health - Department Of Mental Health</b>
<b>103</b>	<b>Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Agreement With The Department Of Justice For Asset Forfeiture - Ulster County Sheriff</b>
<b>104</b>	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$5,586.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – New York Communications Company, Inc. – Ulster County Sheriff</b>
<b>105</b>	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$52,760.00 Entered Into By The County – Cordata Healthcare Innovations, Inc. – Ulster County Sheriff</b>
<b>106</b>	<b>Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute Two Agreements With The New York State Division Of Criminal Justice Services For \$100,000 Of State Aid To Fund An Anti-Violence Initiative In Connection To The District Attorney’s One Life Only Program - Amending The 2025 Ulster County Budget – District Attorney</b>
<b>107</b>	<b>Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into A Lease Extension Agreement With O&amp;W Station, LLC, For The Family &amp; Child Advocacy Center - Department Of Public Works (Buildings And Grounds)</b>
<b>108</b>	<b>Amending Capital Project No. 661 Bridge Superstructure Repairs – Amending The 2025 Ulster County Operating Budget - Amending The 2025 Capital Fund Budget - Department Of Public Works (Highways And Bridges)</b>
<b>109</b>	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$1,649,000.00 Entered Into By The County – HVB Construction, Inc. – Department Of Public Works</b>

<b>110</b>	<b>Appointing Chair Peter J. Criswell As The Ulster County Legislature's Member To Serve On The County Jury Board</b>
<b>111</b>	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – All States Construction, Inc. D/B/A Gorman Construction – Department Of Public Works</b>
<b>112</b>	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – All States Construction, Inc. D/B/A Gorman Construction – Department Of Public Works</b>
<b>113</b>	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – All States Construction, Inc. D/B/A Gorman Construction – Department Of Public Works</b>
<b>114</b>	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – All States Construction, Inc. D/B/A Gorman Construction – Department Of Public Works</b>
<b>115</b>	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Highway Rehabilitation Corp. – Department Of Public Works</b>
<b>116</b>	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Peckham Road Corp. – Department Of Public Works</b>
<b>117</b>	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$592,000.00 Entered Into By The County – J&amp;J Sass Electric, Inc. – Department Of Public Works</b>
<b>118</b>	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$736,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Vamco Sheet Metal, Inc. – Department Of Public Works</b>
<b>120</b>	<b>Authorizing The Conveyance Of County-Owned Property To The Former Owner – Department Of Finance</b>

<b>121</b>	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$29,689.19, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. – Department Of Information Services</b>
<b>122</b>	<b>Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 2 Of 2025, A Local Law Amending The Code Of The County Of Ulster, Chapter 232 Living Wage, Definitions, In Relation To Youth Employment Programs, To Be Held On Tuesday, April 15, 2025 At 7:10 PM</b>
<b>123</b>	<b>Authorizing Director Of Budget To Make Certain Transfers Of Funds – Department Of Budget</b>
	<b>Non- Consent</b>
<b>83</b>	<b>Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Amendment To The Service Agreement With The Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency</b>
<b>89</b>	<b>Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into A Lease Agreement With iPark 87 Commercial LLC. For The Ulster County Office Of Employment &amp; Training - Department Of Public Works (Buildings And Grounds)</b>
<b>94</b>	<b>Authorizing Execution And Submission Of A Grant Application To New York State Department Of Transportation To Apply, Accept And Administer The Zero-Emissions Transit Transition (ZETT) Program For Transit Electrification - Ulster County Area Transit (UCAT)</b>
<b>95</b>	<b>Appointing Members To The Transit Riders’ And Intermodal Advisory Committee</b>
<b>119</b>	<b>Adopting The Ulster County Parental Leave Program</b>
<b>124</b>	<b>Establishing A Policy Requiring Vendor Reporting As A Component Of Executing Certain Contract Extensions On Behalf Of Ulster County For Professional Services</b>

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED IN MEMORY OF:**

Kevin Rohrbach, Milton  
June Jennison, Milton  
Mary Connor, Marlboro  
Angelo Secreto, Highland  
Karlton D. Bowers, Marbletown  
Herbert F. Morehouse, Sr., Hurley  
Dennis Helm, Connelly

Eugene Slater, Marlboro  
Frank Pascariello, Milton  
Anthony Aurigemma, Marlboro  
William Gaffney, Ulster  
Lois J. Petramale, Ulster  
Frances Ficco, Lake Katrine

**CLOSING WORDS** – Chair Criswell will call upon Legislator Gina Hansut, District 10, to offer closing words.

**NEXT MEETING:**

The next Regular Meeting of the Ulster County Legislature will be held on Tuesday, April 15, 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, March 19, 2025.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:**