

**Energy & Environment Committee  
Meeting Minutes**

**DATE & TIME:** February 24, 2021; 6:00 PM  
**LOCATION:** Powered by Zoom Meeting by Dialing (646) 558-8656,  
Meeting ID:  
**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Chairwoman Manna Jo Greene  
**LEGISLATIVE STAFF:** Fawn A. Tantillo, Laurie Lichtenstein  
**PRESENT:** Legislators Al Bruno, Peter Criswell, Laura Petit and Mary  
Wawro  
**ABSENT:** None  
**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes  
  
**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Legislator Tracey Bartels; Applicants Frank Fauble, Tom  
Kacandes. Fred Wadnola, Mike Boms, Jeff Luoma, Donna Egan

Chairwoman Greene called the meeting to order at approximately 6:03 pm

The committee discussed questions for the candidates and who would ask each question.

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**Motion No. 1:** To go into Executive Session to Conduct Interviews and  
discuss Candidates  
**Motion Made By:** Legislator Criswell  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Bruno  
  
**Discussion:** None  
  
**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Greene, Bruno, Criswell, Petit and Wawro  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 5  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Entered Executive Session 6:18

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In executive session the following individuals were interviewed for an open seat on the Board of the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency:

- 6:15 - Frank Fauble
- 6:30 - Tom Kacandes
- 6:45 - Fred Wadnola
- 7:00 - Mike Boms
- 7:15 - Jeff Luoma
- 7:30 – Donna Egan

**Motion No. 1:** **To come out of Executive Session**

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Bruno  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Wawro

**Discussion:** None

**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Greene, Bruno, Criswell, Petit and Wawro  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 5  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Executive Session ended at 8:28**

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Chairwoman Greene asked if there was any other business, hearing none;

**Motion to Adjourn**  
**Motion Made By:** Legislator Bruno  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Criswell  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 5  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Time:** 8:30 PM

**Respectfully submitted by:** Fawn Tantillo  
**Minutes Approved:** March 1, 2021

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Chairwoman Greene

I would like to call this Special February 24th meeting of the Energy & Environment Committee to order. To save some time tonight we will forgo the pyrheliometries and get right to work. Okay, so, um, Do folks have the questions that Fawn sent around?

Fawn Tantillo

I don't think Tracy has them. Let me see if I can send them to her. I don't know.

Chairwoman Greene

Maybe Fawn can screenshare the questions?

Fawn Tantillo

That will take

That may take me a minute because I didn't do it on this computer. So I have to, I can't

Legislator Mary Wawro

Can you send it to my "Mary\_Wawro Email?"

Fawn Tantillo

Sure.

Legislator Mary Wawro

Because I can print from that, but I can't print from my iPad.

Legislator Al Bruno  
Hi, Tracy,

Legislator Peter Cristwell  
Manna Jo, I had I had a quick question.

Legislator Al Bruno  
Oh, she's back in that wonderful kitchen.

Chairwoman Greene  
Go ahead.

Legislator Peter Criswell  
Um, I'd like to add one question that I asked if it's alright with you and with the committee. So I wrote this down. What does the future of solid waste management look like to you?

Chairwoman Greene  
That's great. And I think that actually goes very closely with one one of the questions.

Which is the  
question.

Legislator Peter Criswell  
Yeah, I, because I went, what I think I'd like to hear is, is the more broad, like, I got, I read that question. But I think I want a broader answer, like, what does this look like to you in 20 years, you know, because I'm personally looking for somebody who's a visionary, you know, and somebody who's really thinking, seven generations. We're talking long term here. So that's, that's the question that I want to ask personally.

Chairwoman Greene  
Is everyone okay, if we change that? And let Peter asked that question.

Legislator Al Bruno  
Im, Good

Chairwoman Greene  
I would like to take responsibility for just welcoming the person and then asking the first question. And then, so that leaves several other questions. And if we can decide who's going to ask, what, I'm gonna go back through the emails and try to find them here. But I was looking perhaps

Legislator Al Bruno

So, Manna, each, each one of the resumes, if we'll read them, I mean, they all have specific areas that their expertise in I mean, what, from what I've read on them? And are we going to be able to ask them any questions about their resume, specifically what they sent it? Because our resumes that one guy is very, very familiar with solar energy, but not a whole lot of other stuff. According to his resume. one guy's mentioned biomass, which is really kind of integral to what we're doing, I guess, are possible. Um, I just think that we, there's some we should have some leeway in that.

Chairwoman Greene

Absolutely. Um, Laura, go ahead.

Legislator Laura Petit

Thank you. Um, I'd like to add on to the questions, maybe instead of asking them, what the comprehensive solid waste management plan needs me to them, because the next one down is have they looked at the 10 year plan? Could we ask them how they would define zero waste?

Chairwoman Greene

Um, again, I think those two could be combined. And thenwith that caveat, you know, that addition and and let that be your question. That feels very appropriate to me.

Okay, just as Peters....

Legislator Laura Petit

You know, it kind of is incineration, reducing it and somebody else may actually have more of the candidate vision.

Chairwoman Greene

Okay. Yep. And then, Al, do you. Let's see. Do you want to ask with the initial question, you know, why do you want to? Yeah,

Legislator Al Bruno

I'm okay with that.

Chairwoman Greene

But I think maybe an add what skills do you bring is that

Legislator Al Bruno

I tell you what, to be honest with you. Like I said, based on their resumes, each person has a distinctly different resume as far as their skill set and what it would bring to the RA.

Fawn Tantillo

Um, just want to note you don't have a resume from Frank and you don't have one from Donna. Only there.

Legislator Al Bruno

Correct. I don't have a resume for Frank as a woman we have from Frank is pretty much limited. Nothing there. Did he provide one?

Fawn Tantillo

He may have in the past. I could not locate one we asked him for you know, he

Legislator Al Bruno

So, so, his questions we have to pay particular attention to because there's no resume to follow it up. But Donna's resume, well, it's not a resume, it's a letter, which pretty well explains everything she's got in there. And, and I gotta be honest, we I know we have people coming in. But I'm still a little, I have my misgivings about Donna only because of the date that she sent it in. Although her experience is great, I think it's wonderful. And she'd be a great asset. I don't know that we can.

Can we entertain that since we've, you know, there's deadlines that people have to meet? Is it fair to everybody else? I don't know.

Chairwoman Greene

Well, I, I think we should discuss that in the 15 minutes after I completely agree with you. I think that she should have made the timeline and she should have submitted a resume. But let's discuss that.

Legislator Al Bruno

She does have a great letter now

Chairwoman Greene

would be a real asset to the recycling Oversight Committee. So I think, I think we're gonna come to solutions and consensus.

Legislator Al Bruno

That's fine. Just one of the I wanted to mention that. I have no problem asking that first, or that second question. That's

Chairwoman Greene

Fawn, Have you been able to open the share screen share yet? for the for the questions?

Fawn Tantillo

No, I'm sorry. And Frank is in the waiting room.

Legislator Peter Criswell

Can you quickly again, what's the order? Like? How are we going? 1, 2, 3, 4?

Chairwoman Greene

Yeah, but I have no, the questions are not in the email that I have. I have to find them as well.

Legislator Al Bruno

So I have Frank at 615. Tom at...

Chairwoman Greene

No not, no, no, not that. Hang on. Let me see if I can read out the questions. That's what we have to resolve the order is, is in the

Legislator Al Bruno

The order I have is "tell us a little bit about yourself" as one. "Why do you want to serve on a UCR? a board that in what would you bring to it?" Yes and bring a relative experience. And then the third one goes into "1986 kind of legislator obtain authorization from the legislature for creation of the resource recovery agency and public benefit corporation which has formed the purpose of developing financing and implementing comprehensive countywide Solid Waste Management Program. What does the term comprehensive countywide Solid Waste Management mean to you?" That's...

Chairwoman Greene

You're gonna ask the first one. And anything you have any questions you have about the resume, resume or expertise. Laura will ask that question and she'll add in. So mix those two and add in a question about zero waste. Ah, Peter, I don't have them in front of me. But

Legislator Peter Criswell

Can I put them in the chat? Or will everybody who's interviewing see the chat then?

Chairwoman Greene

Yeah, they can see the questions and everybody who's interviewing? Yeah, they will see the chat.

Legislator Criswell

Okay, so I'm not gonna put it in there.

Chairwoman Greene

You can put the question to the chat, but we can't talk to each other in the chat.

Legislator Peter Criswell

No, but I'm saying if you want to see the questions, I have them and uploaded them and can put them in the chat for you right now.

Chairwoman Greene

Yes, please. In the chat, you can send it to one individual person. You don't have to send it to everyone. Well, that's already.

Okay. Great. Thank you. So the first question is going to be Al and...

Legislator Al Bruno

The first one is you "Tell us a little bit about yourself." Right.

Chairwoman Greene

Yeah, welcome and tell us and then Al will do a "Why do you want to serve on the board?". And Laura will do the next question. And in and the following one, that's sort of all one topic. Can you scroll down please phone?

Fawn Tantillo

I am I There you go.

Chairwoman Greene

Okay. And then can you make day time? Well,

Legislator Peter Criswell

The next question, next question would be mine then, Manna Jo.

Chairwoman Greene

Oh, right.

Legislator Peter Criswell

Because it's right here. It's talking about the future of solid waste management.

Chairwoman Greene

Okay. All right.

Legislator Peter Criswell

And then it goes into just technical stuff. Can you make the meetings blah, blah, blah.

Legislator Al Bruno

So the last question we're just says recycling oversight. What does that mean? That's not a question.



Fawn Tantillo

That was just from the first list...

Chairwoman Greene

Alright, let's, let's do it that way, because and then Mary, can you ask that can you make then for the recycling oversight? That's where we should ask about your vision of zero waste. And is that all the questions, Fawn? I can't

Fawn Tantillo

Yeah, That all of them.

Chairwoman Greene

Yeah. Okay, what so?

Fawn Tantillo

I'm going to have to stop sharing the screen though to get Frank in here.

Chairwoman Greene

Yes. Okay.

Legislator Mary Wawro

What does Manna want me to ask?

Fawn Tantillo

The very last question, can you make the meeting?

Legislator Peter Criswell

Questions? All right. Questions are in the chat. If you go to the chat, all the questions are listed there. Okay.

Fawn Tantillo

Can I let Frank in now? Oh, you have to go into Executive Session.

Chairwoman Greene

Okay. Do I hear a motion for Executive Session for the purpose of interviewing candidates?

Legislator Peter Criswell

So moved.

Legislator Al Bruno

Second.

Fawn Tantillo

All right. I'm going to stop the recording.

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Executive Session

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Fawn Tantillo

All right, we're recording so now someone can make a motion.

Legislator Al Bruno

I like to make a motion we go come out of executive session. Okay.

Chairwoman Greene

All right. Made by legislator, Bruno seconded by Legislator Petite. All in favor?

Committee Members

Aye. Aye.

Chairwoman Greene

Aye. Anyone opposed? Motion carries. And I would like to ask for a motion to adjourn.

Legislator Al Bruno

I'll make that motion.

Chairwoman Greene

Motion to adjourn made by legislator Bruno seconded by legislator Criswell. All in favor, please signify, okay. Anybody opposed? All right, motion carries and we will be adjourning this special Energy and Environment Committee meeting at 8:30pm. Thank you. All right. Good night, everybody.