

**Energy, Environment and Sustainability Committee
Special Meeting Minutes**

DATE & TIME: December 19, 2022 – 4:30 PM
LOCATION: Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chair Manna Jo Greene
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Chelsea Villalba, Legislative Employee
PRESENT: Deputy Chair Gina Hansut, Legislators Phil Erner, Joseph Maloney, and Eric Stewart (arrived 4:48 PM), and Legislative Chair Tracey A. Bartels
ABSENT: None
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Nicholas Hvozda – Department of the Environment; David Gordon, Esq. – Legislative Counsel

Chair Greene called the meeting to order at 4:32.

Resolution for the December 19, 2022 Session of the Legislature

Resolution No. 546 — Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Agreement With The Hudson River Drinking Water Intermunicipal Council (The “Hudson 7”) To Include Ulster County As A Member And To Provide Financial Assistance For The Hiring Of A Full Time “Protection Coordinator” – Department Of The Environment

Resolution Summary: This resolution authorizes the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature to execute an agreement with the Hudson 7 and Dutchess County to include Ulster County as a voting member of the Hudson 7 and to provide financial assistance for the purpose of hiring a “Protection Coordinator.” Financial Impact: \$25,000.00/year from 2022-2024.

Motion No. 1: **Moved Resolution No. 546 for DISCUSSION**

Motion By: Legislator Hansut
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Erner

Discussion: Chair Greene read changes to the resolution. Legislator Maloney shared concern about Executive privileges to appoint an individual in this position, suggesting more Legislative oversight. Chair Bartels acknowledged Legislator Maloney’s concerns. Hearing no further discussion, Chair Greene called the question.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Erner, Greene, Hansut, Stewart, and Bartels
Voting Against: Legislator Maloney
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 1
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 618 — Confirming Appointment To The Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency

Resolution Summary: This resolution confirms the appointment of an individual as a member of the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency by the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature.

Motion No. 2: **Moved Resolution No. 618 for DISCUSSION**

Motion By: Legislator Hansut
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Erner

Discussion: Hearing no further discussion, Chair Greene called the question.

Motion No. 3: **Motion to AMEND Resolution No. 618 with the name “Donna Egan”**

Motion Made By: Legislator Erner
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Hansut

Discussion: Hearing no further discussion, Chair Greene called the question on the adoption of the resolution as amended.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Erner, Greene, Hansut, Maloney, Stewart, and Bartels
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED AS AMENDED**

Resolution No. 619 — Confirming Appointment To The Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency

Resolution Summary: This resolution confirms the appointment of an individual as a member of the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency by the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature.

Motion No. 4: **Moved Resolution No. 619 for DISCUSSION**

Motion By: Legislator Hansut
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Erner

Discussion: Hearing no further discussion, Chair Greene called the question.

Motion No. 5: **Motion to AMEND Resolution No. 619 with the name “Andrew Ghiorse”**

Motion Made By: Legislator Erner
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Hansut

Discussion: Hearing no further discussion, Chair Greene called the question on the adoption of the resolution as amended.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Erner, Greene, Hansut, Maloney, Stewart, and Bartels
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED AS AMENDED AS PRESENTED**

Chair Greene expressed an intention to meet in January to cover agenda topics that were postponed.

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Erner
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Stewart
No. of Votes in Favor: 6
No. of Votes Against: 0

TIME: 4:52 PM

Respectfully submitted: Clerk Villalba
Approved: February 2, 2022