

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

DATE & TIME: February 9, 2022; 3:30 PM
LOCATION: Powered by Zoom Meeting by Dialing (646) 558-8656,
Meeting ID: 810 5915 1360
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chairwoman Manna Jo Greene
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Fawn A. Tantillo
PRESENT: Legislators Gina Hansut, Phil Erner, Joseph Maloney. Eric Stewart
ABSENT: None
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislative Chair Tracey Bartels; Legislator Laura Petit; Hank Gross

Chairwoman Greene called the meeting to order at approximately 3:32 PM,

Motion No. 1: **Motion to ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION for the purpose of conducting interviews for the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency Board of Directors**

Motion Made By: Legislator Maloney
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Stewart

Discussion: (See transcript)

Voting in Favor: Legislators Greene, Hansut, Erner, Maloney, and Stewart
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 5
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Motion APPROVED.**

The Committee entered executive session at approximately 3:35 and conducted interviews with

- Margot Becker
- Dr. JoAnne Myers
- Shannon Harris
- James Gordon
- Donna Egan

At approximately 5:38:

Motion No. 2: **Motion to CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion Made By: Legislator Maloney
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Stewart

Discussion: (See transcript)

Voting in Favor: Legislators Greene, Hansut, Erner, Maloney, and Stewart
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 5

No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Motion APPROVED.**

Resolution No. 10: Confirming The Appointments To The Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency

Resolution Summary: This resolution would two members to be determined to the UCRRA Board.

Motion No. 3: **Moved Resolution No. 10 FOR DISCUSSION**
Motion Made By: Legislator Erner
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Stewart

Discussion: See Transcript

Motion No. 3: **Motion to AMEND Resolution No. 10 by replacing “TBD” with “James Gordon, New Paltz, NY” and replacing “TBD” with “Margot Becker, Cottekill, NY”**

Motion Made By: Legislator Erner
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maloney

Discussion: See Transcript

Voting in Favor: Legislators Greene, Hansut, Erner, Maloney, and Stewart
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 5
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED AS AMENDED**

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

Motion to Adjourn
Motion Made By: Legislator Maloney
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Hansut
No. of Votes in Favor: 5
No. of Votes Against: 0
Time: 5:54 PM

Respectfully submitted by: Fawn Tantillo
Minutes Approved: March 3, 2022

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Chair Manna Jo Greene

Okay, got it. Um, I would like to call the special meeting of Energy Environment and Sustainability Committee to order on February 9, 2022. And I would like to, I guess we should take the roll.

Fawn Tantillo

Right now we have Chair, Chair Greene.

Chair Manna Jo Greene

Present.

Fawn Tantillo

Deputy Chair Hansut.

Legislator Gina Hansut

Present.

Fawn Tantillo

Legislator Erner.

Legislator Phil Erner

Present.

Fawn Tantillo

Legislator Stewart.

Legislator Chris Stewart

Present.

Fawn Tantillo

And Legislator Maloney is not with us yet. And I speak of angels and here they come.

Chair Manna Jo Greene

So I'm...

Fawn Tantillo

And, and Legislator Maloney. We're taking roll

Chair Manna Jo Greene

He's muted when you can.

Legislator Joseph Maloney

There we go. Here.

Fawn Tantillo

And he's here. So, you have a full committee, Madam Chair.

Chair Manna Jo Greene

Wow, wonderful on such short notice, I really appreciate it. So, with that, I would entertain a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of going, having holding interviews, which is related to personnel matters. For the UCRRA Board of Director vacancies that we are asking to make a recommendation to fill, do I hear such a motion?

Legislator Joseph Maloney

I'll make the motion.

Chair Manna Jo Greene

And do I hear a second?

Legislator Chris Hewitt

Second?

Chair Manna Jo Greene

Great motion I think was by Legislator Stewart, seconded by legislator Maloney was that?

Legislator Chris Hewitt

It was just reversed, but...

Chair Manna Jo Greene

Oh, okay. I'll try to pay better attention with boxes and so, so forth. All in favor.

Committee Members

Aye, yes.

Chair Manna Jo Greene

Um, so are we in Executive Session yet or not?

Fawn Tantillo

Here, one moment... I see a caller at 845-695-2923. Is that? Can you tell me?

Hank Gross

Hank Gross. Mid-Hudson News.

Fawn Tantillo

Oh, all right, Hank, we're about to go into Executive Session. So I'm going to have to put you in the waiting room. If you'd like to stay until the end of the meeting. I can let you back in but our...

Hank Gross

Okay.

Chair Manna Jo Greene

I just, I would like to let you know we're doing continuous interviews, and we'll probably stay into executive session to close to 5:30.

Hank Gross

Oh, all right, then I'll pass then.

Chair Manna Jo Greene

Okay. And you know, later on, if you want to call back in around 5:30 or so. We may come out of Executive Session. I don't know whether we'll have an answer at that point. But I didn't want you to sit around for two hours knowing that.

Hank Gross

All right. May I ask what, what the position is that you're interviewing for?

Chair Manna Jo Greene

There are two positions on the RRA board that are up for either appointment or reappointment.

Hank Gross

Okay, super. Thanks very much.

Chair Manna Jo Greene

You're very welcome. Okay, given that we are now in ...did we vote to go into and go into? Yes,

Fawn Tantillo

yes. Right now you're in executive session and I'm going to pause the recording.

Executive Session

Fawn Tantillo

Although if you'd like to make a motion....

Legislator Joseph Maloney

A motion to leave executive session or to begin non-executive session?

Fawn Tantillo

Yes.

Legislator Joseph Maloney

Okay. Motion to exit Executive Session.

Chair Manna Jo Greene

Okay, I think I heard Legislator Stewart second and I saw Legislator Hansut's either way. Um, let's see. Is there consensus? Does everyone agree to leave executive session and go into regular session, please signify by raising your hand or saying, aye.

Committee Members

Aye.

Chair Manna Jo Greene

Thank you. Okay, so we are now back in regular session. And we had five interviews I believe, and yes and, and should have been able to come to consensus and I would like to entertain a motion to fill in the blanks on that say TBA right now. On resolution number 10.

Fawn Tantillo

Well, first you need to move to discuss resolution 10.

Chair Manna Jo Greene

Okay. Do I hear a motion to discuss resolution 10?

Legislator Phil Erner

So moved.

Legislator Chris Hewitt

Second.

Chair Manna Jo Greene

Legislator Stewart. Fawn. I'll let you get that. My ears are not that good. Okay, great. All right. Is there any discussion on resolution number 10, appointing members of the UCRRA board? Here, I'm You need a motion to amend it to add the names. Right, exactly. So, we, we need to amend resolution number 10. To fill in the names where, where TBA are, TBD is indicated. And I would like to ask if there's a motion to do so.

Legislator Phil Erner

So moved.

Chair Manna Jo Greene

We need to specify the names.

Fawn Tantillo

Just tell me what the names are.

Legislator Phil Erner

Yes, I move that we amend the, the resolution to insert the names of Margot Becker and James Gordon.

Legislator Joseph Maloney

Second.

Chair Manna Jo Greene

Okay. Thank you. The motion has been made and seconded. Any further discussion? I would like to call the question and ask if everyone is in favor of inserting the names of Margot Becker and James Gordon into to fill in the blanks in resolution number 10, the appointments to the RRA board. All in favor, please raise your hand and you can say "aye".

Committee Members

Aye, aye

Chair Manna Jo Greene

Is anyone opposed? Motion carries. And I would entertain a motion to adjourn.

Legislator Laura Petit

We had a resolution for the ROC, Manna.

Fawn Tantillo

I'm sorry, it's not on our agenda. We can't talk about it tonight.

Legislator Laura Petit

It's not on the agenda so we can't discuss it? Okay. All right.

Fawn Tantillo

You can amend it at session night on the floor.

Legislator Laura Petit

Those TBD's. We can amend it that night on the floor.

Fawn Tantillo

Yes, I already asked about it to be sure.

Legislator Laura Petit

Thank you.

Legislator Joseph Maloney

Great motion to adjourn.

Chair Manna Jo Greene

All right.

Legislator Gina Hansut

Second.

Chair Manna Jo Greene

That was Legislator Maloney. Seconded by Legislator Hansut. All in favor?

Committee Members

Aye. Aye.

Chair Manna Jo Greene

Anybody opposed? Meeting is adjourned at 5:54 Right on time for Thanks. Thanks, everyone. Good night.