

**Legislative Programs, Education and Community Services Committee  
Regular Meeting Minutes**

**DATE & TIME:** October 3, 2018 – 6:45 PM  
**LOCATION:** Howard St. John Business Seminar Room, Clinton Hall, SUNY Ulster  
**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Chairman David Donaldson  
**RECORDER:** Danielle Wayman, Program Assistant, SUNY Ulster  
**PRESENT:** Legislators Haynes, Collins, Delaune, Wawro, and Woltman  
**ABSENT:** Legislator Eckert  
**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes

**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Linda Marston-Reid- Executive Director, Arts Mid-Hudson, Jared Buono- Executive Director, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County, Donna Ramlow- Executive Director, Dispute Resolution Center (DRC), Nancy Kanan- Finance/Contract Coordinator, Dispute Resolution Center

Chairman Donaldson called the meeting to order at 6:51PM.

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**Motion No. 1:** **Moved to Approve the Minutes of the September 10, 2018, meeting**

**Motion By:** Legislator Wawro  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Haynes

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Donaldson, Haynes, Collins, Delaune, Wawro, and Woltman

**Voting Against:** 0  
**Votes in Favor:** 6  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Minutes approved

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Chairman Donaldson reported that Dr. Roberts, President, SUNY Ulster had a prior engagement and was unable to attend the meeting. Chairman Donaldson read a brief statement prepared by Dr. Roberts.

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**Resolutions for the October 16, 2018, Session of the Legislature**

**Resolution No. 380** – Confirming Appointment Of Member To The Ulster County Community College Board of Trustees

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution confirms the appointment of Deborah Briggs to the Ulster County Community College Board of Trustees.

**Motion No. 2** **Moved to adopt Resolution No. 380**

**Motion By:** Legislator Collins  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Donaldson

**Discussion:**

None.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Donaldson, Haynes, Collins, Delaune, Wawro, and Woltman  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 6  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Resolution adopted

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Chairman Donaldson asked Linda Marston-Reid, Arts Mid-Hudson to address the committee. Executive Director Linda Marston-Reid began by introducing herself to the committee. Executive Director Marston-Reid gave a brief overview of the events that Arts Mid-Hudson had held this year. Executive Director Marston-Reid shared that next year Arts Mid-Hudson will be leasing office space (289 square feet) in mid-town Kingston (Cornell Creative Art Center). Chairman Donaldson asked for the breakdown of the request. Executive Director Marston-Reid explained the breakdown, stating that 75% is for capacity building, and the balance would be used for rent in the new building, a part-time person to staff the building, and to pay for admin.

Chairman Donaldson asked Jared Buono, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County to address the committee. Executive Director Buono began by giving a brief overview of his four program areas (Agriculture, 4H- Youth Development, Environment, and Healthy Communities. Executive Director Buono stated that Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County is requesting an additional \$66,000.00. Executive Director Buono stated that \$33,000.00 would be used to address the opioid epidemic. The money would be used to hire a part-time educator to conduct outreach and education. The other \$33,000.00 would be used to hire a part-time watershed educator. Executive Director Buono stated that the educator would assist in standardizing how the communities run campaigns. Executive Director Buono gave some examples of water issues that happened over the summer and added that the Governor has committed \$60,000,000.00 to combat algae blooms. Executive Director Buono stated that he is certain he could leverage money with the additional appropriations. Legislator Haynes briefly discussed a state level opioid taskforce. Executive Director Buono stated that prevention is key, and he is looking into rural outreach and education (farms and farmworkers). Chairman Donaldson stated that he believed the County Executive set money aside for something like this last year.

Chairman Donaldson asked the Dispute Resolution Center to address the committee. Before they began, Chairman Donaldson asked what happened to CASA. Executive Director Donna Ramlow stated that the Dispute Resolution Center took them over in June. Chairman Donaldson asked what would change. Executive Director Ramlow stated that they will have support. Chairman Donaldson asked Executive Director Ramlow to give an overview of the other services offered by the Dispute Resolution Center. Executive Director Ramlow stated that the Center offers: conflict resolution, mediation, parenting classes, and supervised visitation.

Executive Director Ramlow shared that CASA moved to Aaron Court. Executive Director Ramlow stated that Ulster has a strong program, but the staff changed constantly. Executive Director Ramlow added that the program will run the same way, but it will be stronger. The Dispute Resolution Center will now assist CASA with billing, budgets, contracts, marketing, etc. Chairman Donaldson asked if the funds would still strictly go to CASA. Executive Director Ramlow confirmed the funds would only be used for CASA, and added that CASA has its own budget. Legislator Delaune added that CASA moving under the Dispute Resolution Center is just a consolidation of services.

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Chairman Donaldson asked the committee to discuss the requests, in order to come to a consensus on what the committee would support.

The first request discussed was the UPAC/Bardavon request. The committee unanimously agreed to support a \$6,000.00 increase for the electric costs.

The next request discussed was Arts Mid-Hudson. After some discussion, the committee unanimously agreed to support an increase of \$7,000.00.

The Dispute Resolution Center requested the same amount as the year before (\$38,950.00). The committee unanimously agreed to support this request.

The last request discussed was Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County. After some discussion, the committee unanimously agreed to support the \$33,000.00 for the watershed educator, but the committee would reserve judgement on the opioid outreach and education at this time. The committee stated that they would need more information and specifics from Executive Director Buono before they could make a decision on the opioid outreach.

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Old Business- None

New Business

Legislator Wawro briefly discussed the Senior Dinner taking place on October 18, 2018.

Chairman Donaldson asked if there was any other business, and hearing none;

### **Adjournment**

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Delaune

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Wawro

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 6

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**TIME:** 7:55 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Danielle Wayman, Program Assistant, SUNY Ulster

**Minutes Approved: November 12, 2018**