

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

DATE & TIME: December 19, 2017 – 5:00 PM
LOCATION: UC Legislature Chairman’s Office, 6th Floor, C.O.B.
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chairman Mary Wawro
RECORDER: Nettie Tomshaw, Legislative Staff
PRESENT: Legislators Donaldson, Delaune, Schwartz Berky
ABSENT: Legislator Lopez
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Dr. Alan Roberts, President SUNY Ulster Community College

- Chairman Mary Wawro called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM.
- Chairman Wawro welcomed everyone and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion No. 1: Moved to Approve the Minutes of the November 1, 2017, meeting

Motion By: Legislator David Donaldson

Motion Seconded By: Legislator James Delaune

Voting In Favor: Legislators Wawro, Donaldson, Delaune, Schwartz Berky

Voting Against: 0

Votes in Favor: 4

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Minutes approved

Resolutions for the December 19, 2017, Session of the Legislature

Resolution No. 456 – Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 10 Of 2017, A Local Law Amending Local Law No. 7 Of 2008 (A Local Law To Provide For An Exemption From Real Property Taxes For Real Property Owned By Veterans Who Rendered Military Service To The United States During The “Cold War”)

Resolution Summary: This resolution adopts PLL No. 10 of 2017 amending LL No. 7 of 2008 to grant to honorably discharged veterans, the maximum allowable “Cold War” property tax exemption of 15% of the assessed value, not to exceed \$45K, and for honorably discharged veterans who suffered a service oriented disability, an additional exemption equal to the product of the assessed value multiplied by ½ of the compensation rating of the veteran as determined by Veterans Affairs, not to exceed \$150K and to remain in effect indefinitely or until revoked by Local Law or authorizing State legislation requires a modification.

Motion No. 2 **Moved to discuss and adopt Resolution No. 456**

Motion By: Legislator David Donaldson

Motion Seconded By: Legislator James Delaune

Discussion:

Legislator Donaldson provided an overview of the proposed local law whereas this exemption shall remain in effect indefinitely or until such time as it is revoked by Local Law or authorizing State legislation requires a modification. Previous compliance required renewal every 10 years.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Wawro, Donaldson, Delaune, Schwartz Berky

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 4

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution adopted

Resolution No. 458 - Confirming Appointment Of A Member To The Ulster County Youth Board

Resolution Summary: This resolution appoints Jullian Griffin to the Youth Board. Term 1/1/2018 – 12/31/2020.

Motion No. 3 **Moved to adopt Resolution No. 458**

Motion By: Legislator David Donaldson

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Jennifer Schwartz Berky

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Wawro, Donaldson, Delaune, Schwartz Berky

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 4

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution adopted

New Business

Dr. Roberts praised Natasha Tagliaferro's superior work ethic during her time employed by the college. Although saddened with the news of her leaving, he expressed Natasha is welcome back anytime. Dr. Roberts recapped 2017 as a successfully-financially sound year. Enrollment has been up and will continue with a +5% enrollment for spring 2018, as well as graduation rates are up. The college plans to hire a full time person just to handle capital projects - \$15 million funding is available, noting buildings are in much need of renovation.

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

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Jennifer Schwartz Berky

Motion Seconded By: Legislator James Delaune

No. of Votes in Favor: 4

No. of Votes Against: 0

TIME: 5:15 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Nettie Tomshaw, Legislative Staff

Minutes Approved: February 8, 2018