

**Laws & Rules, Governmental Services Committee  
Regular Meeting Minutes**

**DATE & TIME:** September 14, 2020 – 6:00 PM  
**LOCATION:** Powered by Zoom Meeting by Dialing (646) 558-8656  
Meeting ID: 954 6755 1724  
**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Deputy Chair Roberts  
**LEGISLATIVE STAFF:** Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk  
**PRESENT:** Legislators Gavaris & Heppner  
**ABSENT:** Legislators Bartels & Ronk  
**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes

**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Legislator Petit, Clerk of the Legislature Fabella, Legislative Counsel Ragucci & Minority Counsel Pascale, Deputy County Executives Milgrim & Rider

Deputy Chair Roberts called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

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**Motion No. 1:** Moved to **APPROVE Minutes & Transcript of the August 17, 2020 meeting**

**Motion By:** Legislator Heppner  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Gavaris

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gavaris, Heppner & Roberts  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 3  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Minutes APPROVED**

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Resolutions for the September 15, 2020 Session of the Legislature

**Resolution No. 266:** Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 11 Of 2020, A Local Law Requiring Naloxone Stations Next To Every Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) Unit At A Public Location, To Be Held On Tuesday, October 20, 2020 At 7:05 PM

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution sets a Public Hearing on Tuesday, October 20, 2020 at 7:05 PM to allow the public to offer comments on Proposed Local Law No. 11 of 2020.

**Motion No. 2:** **Resolution No. 266 MOVED FOR DISCUSSION**  
**Motion By:** Legislator Heppner  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Gavaris

**Discussion:** See attached transcript

**Motion No. 3:** **Motion to POSTPONE Resolution No. 266**  
**Motion By:** Legislator Heppner

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Gavaris  
**Discussion:** See attached transcript  
**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gavaris, Heppner & Roberts  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 3  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolution POSTPONED**

**Further Discussion:** See attached transcript

## **RESOLUTION WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR**

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**Resolution No. 300:** Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 12 Of 2020, A Local Law Amending Local Law No. 4 of 2018, A Local Law Establishing An Ulster County Human Rights Law, To Be Held On Tuesday, October 20, 2020 At 7:00 PM

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution sets a Public Hearing on Tuesday, October 20, 2020 at 7:00 PM to allow the public to offer comments on Proposed Local Law No. 12 of 2020.

**Motion No. 4:** **Resolution No. 300 MOVED FOR DISCUSSION**  
**Motion By:** Legislator Heppner  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Gavaris

**Discussion:** See attached transcript

**Motion No. 5:** **Motion to POSTPONE Resolution No. 300**  
**Motion By:** Legislator Heppner  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Gavaris

**Discussion:** See attached transcript

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gavaris, Heppner & Roberts  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 3  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolution POSTPONED**

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**Resolution No. 321:** Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 8 Of 2020, A Local Law Amending The Ulster County Charter, (Local Law No. 2 Of 2006), And Amending The Administrative Code For the County Of Ulster, (Local Law No. 10 Of 2008), To Clarify Budget Modification After Adoption

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution adopts Proposed Local Law No. 8 of 2020.

**Motion No. 6:** **Resolution No. 321 MOVED FOR DISCUSSION**  
**Motion By:** Legislator Heppner  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Gavaris

**Discussion:** See attached transcript  
**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gavaris, Heppner & Roberts  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 3  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolution ADOPTED**

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**Resolution No. 322:** Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 10 Of 2020, A Local Law Amending Local Law No. 10 of 2015, A Local Law Amending Local Law No. 10 Of 2008 (A Local Law Adopting An Administrative Code For The County Of Ulster, State Of New York), Pertaining To Change Orders And/Or Amendments To Contracts Equal To Or Exceeding \$50,000.00

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution adopts Proposed Local Law No. 10 of 2020.

**Motion No. 7:** **Resolution No. 322 MOVED FOR DISCUSSION**  
**Motion By:** Legislator Heppner  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Gavaris

**Discussion:** See attached transcript  
**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gavaris, Heppner & Roberts  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 3  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolution ADOPTED**

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On behalf of Committee Chairwoman Bartels, Deputy Chair Roberts reminded the members to review the Rules of the Legislature in advance of a forthcoming Special Meeting to discuss changes. He advised the members that representatives of Departments under the Committees purview would be asked to attend the October meeting to review their proposed 2021 budget. He added that the Board of Elections will be asked to also update the members challenges they are facing in regard to COVID-19, anticipated Presidential Election turnout, and increase in absentee ballots, etc.

See attached transcript

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### **Adjournment**

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Heppner  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Gavaris

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 3  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**TIME:** 6:12 PM

**Respectfully submitted: Deputy Clerk Mahler & Confidential Secretary Lichtenstein (transcript)**  
**Minutes Approved: October 19, 2020**

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Deputy Chair Roberts called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

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**Deputy Chair Roberts:** Call the meeting to order. Can I get a motion to approve the minutes from August 17?

**Legislator Heppner:** So moved.

**Deputy Chair Roberts:** Do I have to second that?

**Deputy Clerk Mahler:** Legislator Gavaris rose his hand.

**Deputy Chair Roberts:** Okay, do we need to take the resolutions out of order, or can we go in order?

**Deputy Clerk Mahler:** You can go an order, but did I hear a vote to adopt the minutes?

**Deputy Chair Roberts:** No, you didn't. Can I get a vote to adopt the minutes? Thank you, Jay. All in favor?

**Committee Members:** Aye.

**Deputy Clerk Mahler:** Thank you.

**Deputy Chair Roberts:** Resolution Number 266. Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 11 Of 2020, A Local Law Requiring Naloxone Stations Next To Every Automatic Defibrillator Equipment (AED) Unit At A Public Location, To Be Held On Tuesday, October 20.

Can I get a motion to move forward on this?

**Legislator Heppner:** I'll move it.

**Legislator Gavaris:** Second

**Deputy Chair Roberts:** Okay, second by John. First by Jonathan Heppner.

Discussion. Do we have anything to add on this? Jonathan.

**Legislator Heppner:** Yeah. My understanding was that there's been discussion with majority with Legislative Counsel Ragucci and with counsel, with Nick. And they sent... we just got a redline version. But my understanding is that I believe Chair Bartels spoke with Legislator Petit and it was okay with her, if we postponed to make sure that those, you know, issues and concerns that counsel had were, you know, definitely set, and for people to review them.

**Deputy Chair Roberts:** Is that a motion to postpone or any further discussion?

**Legislator Heppner:** Yeah, Unless ... because I know Minority Leader Ronk had some concerns too. So, unless you've heard differently from him, I will make a motion to postpone.

**Deputy Chair Roberts:** Can I get a second John?

**Legislator Gavaris:** Second.

**Deputy Chair Roberts:** Motion to approve postponement. All in favor?

**Committee Members:** Aye.

**Deputy Chair Roberts:** Aye. Postponement passes.

**Deputy Clerk Mahler:** Just so you all are aware, I'm about to let Laura in.

**Deputy Chair Roberts:** Fine. Legislator Petit, are you there? Legislator Petit, can you hear me?

**Legislator Petit:** I can hear you now.

**Deputy Chair Roberts:** Thank you. We just talked about your resolution 266. We discussed it briefly and we made a motion to postpone. Postponement passed. Do you have anything to add?

**Legislator Petit:** I... Well, I mean, I think at this point, I know that they made changes in order to clarify. I discussed this with Legislator Bartels earlier today. We should probably just pull it. I mean the program is already effectively started with Pat Ryan's, you know, outreach and acquisition of funding. So, I don't know if we keep needing to rehash this. This will be the fourth month we carried it over. I guess we can discuss that further in our caucus tonight. But...

**Legislator Heppner:** Yeah, I mean I look at it likr, you know, it's really what you'd would like to do.

**Legislator Petit:** Yeah, I mean, the program has been implemented.

**Legislator Heppner:** I mean, that's my position is, you know, really what you, as a sponsor, want. But with the sentiment, I'm not against codification by any means. But as a sponsor, you know, I'm, you know, I'll support whatever you would like do.

**Legislator Petit:** I mean, I did talk to the other two sponsors, and we really don't want to drag it out any further. You know, we, we've, I mean, there's still going to be changes. I'm not sure if it's going to be passed even next month. And the program is effective as of now. So, even if you go out of the sixth floor and look in the AED at case, there's a Narcan kit in there already. So, yeah. So, I... it would probably be just as easy to pull it. We'll get together and come up with something else. I'd like to look at some more proactive, you know, drug prevention at this point. So, what would be the procedure then to pull it?

**Legislator Heppner:** I believe you need to inform the Clerk.

**Deputy Clerk Mahler:** We have the Clerk on the line, Laura.

**Clerk Fabella:** I'm here. So, all you have to say, Legislator Petit, is that you withdraw it, and it's done.

**Legislator Petit:** Okay, so I withdraw it.

**Deputy Chair Roberts:** Easy enough. Thank you, Legislator Petit.

**Legislator Petit:** Okay. Thank you. Thank you for considering it and everybody's hard work.

**Legislator Heppner:** Thank you, Legislator Petit.

**Deputy Chair Roberts:** Thank you.

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Can I get a motion, please?

**Legislator Heppner:** Motion. I'll move.

**Deputy Chair Roberts:** Second?

**Legislator Gavaris:** Second.

**Deputy Chair Roberts:** Fair enough.

**Legislator Heppner:** Actually, Deputy Executive Rider can go.

**Deputy Executive Rider:** Hey, so, I know we had a meeting, Jonathan, you were at that meeting, correct?

**Legislator Heppner:** Yes.

**Deputy Executive Rider:** And then with counsel. I haven't seen the recommended changes go back and forth. So, my request is that we postpone this for a month. I don't know if you were going to speak to that. But...

**Legislator Heppner:** Yeah, yeah. I was going to... you said exactly what I was going to say. So, I'll move to postpone.

**Legislator Gavaris:** Second.

**Deputy Chair Roberts:** All in favor of the postponement?

**Committee Members:** Aye.

**Deputy Chair Roberts:** Thank you. Moving forward again. Resolution number 321: Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 8 Of 2020. Amending The Ulster County Charter, Amending The Administrative Code For the County Of Ulster To Clarify Budget Modification After Adoption.

**Legislator Heppner:** I'll move it.

**Legislator Gavaris:** Second.

**Deputy Chair Roberts:** Discussion? Deputy Executive Rider.

**Deputy Executive Rider:** Yeah. So, my only point on this legislation is that this is something that over, I think the last five years, has been used maybe once. The mailing for Family Court comes to mind. It was a prior administration. It's not something that the Budget Director/Finance Commissioner, uses on a regular basis. But the flexibility to be able to do that in times, especially like right now when we're in a pandemic, I think is vital. And so, limiting our ability to have funds used inter-departmental, which this does, I just would caution. I would hate to get into a situation where our only, you know, option for funds is payroll and it takes us over a month to come back for requests. So, that's my two cents.

**Deputy Chair Roberts:** Any further discussion? All in favor?

**Committee Members:** Aye.

**Deputy Chair Roberts:** Resolution passes.

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**Legislator Heppner:** I'll move it.

**Legislator Gavaris:** Second.

**Deputy Chair Roberts:** Discussion please. No discussion. All in favor?

**Committee Members:** Aye.

**Deputy Chair Roberts:** Thank you all. I have a couple of notes here from Chairwoman Bartels. She'd like me to mention this, that a copy of the rules were provided via OneDrive for review. Jay will send them again via email. And she wants to have a special meeting the week of September 28. If there's any questions, problems, contact either Jay or the Chairwoman.

Department heads will be invited to our October committee meeting to review the budget. And the scope of the departments that we review that should be pretty quick.

And the Board of Elections will be here to give an update on changes to the 2021 election: COVID-19, Presidential Election, and stuff like that.

A discussion on any of these items? Motion to adjourn, please.

**Legislator Heppner:** So moved.

**Legislator Gavaris:** Second.

**Deputy Chair Roberts:** All in favor of adjournment

Thank you all. Appreciate it.

**Counselor Ragucci:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman.