

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

**DATE & TIME:** February 15, 2017 – 5:15 PM  
**LOCATION:** KL Binder Library, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, County Office Building  
**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Legislator Belfiglio  
**LEGISLATIVE STAFF:** Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk  
**PRESENT:** Legislators Lopez, R. Parete and Rodriguez  
**ABSENT:** Legislators Donaldson, Loughran, Roberts  
**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes

**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Legislators Allen & Bartels, Legislative Counsel Pascale, Ulster County Attorney Marie Bing, Tom Kadgen – League of Women Voters

Legislator Belfiglio called the meeting to order at 5:17 PM.

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**Motion No. 1:** **Moved to Approve the Minutes of the December 19, 2016 meeting**

**Motion By:** Legislator Rodriguez

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator R. Parete

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Belfiglio, Lopez, R. Parete and Rodriguez

**Voting Against:** None

**Votes in Favor:** 4

**Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** **Minutes APPROVED**

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Resolutions for the February 15, 2017 Session of the Legislature

Chairman Roberts advised the members that he would be taking Resolution No. 11 out of order. Legislator Rodriguez asked that Resolution Nos. 411 and 412 of 2016 also be considered with Resolution No. 11 as they encompass the same subject.

**Resolution No. 11:** Requesting The New York State Legislature Introduce Home Rule Legislation Amending General Municipal Law Section 239, To Establish That The Jurisdiction Of The Ulster County Commission On Human Rights, In Relation To Matters Within The County Of Ulster, Be Concurrent With The Jurisdiction Of The New York State Commission On Human Rights

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution requests the NYS Legislature introduce Home Rule Legislation to establish that the Ulster county Human Rights Commission's jurisdiction shall be concurrent with that of the NYS Commission of Human Rights.

**Resolution No. 411 of 2016:** Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 15 of 2016 (A Local Law Amending The Ulster County Charter Section C-101A And The Ulster County Administrative Code Section A 30-2A, To Amend The Powers And Duties Of The Ulster County Human Rights Commission) To Be Held On Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 6:00 PM

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution sets a public hearing for Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 6:00 PM to allow the public to offer comments on Proposed Local Law Number 15 of 2016.

**Resolution No. 412 of 2016:** Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 16 of 2016 (A Local Law Establishing A Comprehensive Ulster County Human Rights Law) To Be Held On Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 6:05 PM

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution sets a public hearing for Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 6:05 PM to allow the public to offer comments on Proposed Local Law Number 16 of 2016.

**Motion No. 2:** Moved to **BLOCK Resolution Nos. 411 of 2016, 412 of 2016 & 11**

**Motion By:** Legislator Rodriguez

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Lopez

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators R. Parete and Rodriguez

**Voting Against:** Legislators Belfiglio and Lopez

**Votes in Favor:** 2

**Votes Against:** 2

**Disposition:** **Motion to block is DEFEATED**

**Discussion:**

Regarding Resolution No. 11, Legislator Belfiglio stated that Legislative Counsel reviewed the Resolution and felt that it was incomplete as an amendment to the Executive Law Section 295 would also be required. He read from an email he received from Legislative Counsel. Legislator Rodriguez disagreed. Legislator Bartels asked for additional explanation. Counselor Pascale further explained his opinion for the need to amend the Resolution to request that the state amend Executive Law Section 295. Legislator Bartels asked if the language for the amendment was drafted. Counselor Pascale responded that he could draft something.

Legislator Rodriguez asked if the members were prepared to vote on the Resolution with the amended language inserted on the floor.

**Motion No. 3:** Moved to **ADOPT Resolution No. 11**

**Motion By:** Legislator Rodriguez

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Lopez

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Belfiglio, Lopez and Rodriguez

**Voting Against:** Legislator R. Parete

**Votes in Favor:** 3

**Votes Against:** 1

**Disposition:** **Resolution is DEFEATED**

**Motion No. 4:** Moved to **BLOCK Resolution Nos. 411 of 2016, & 412 of 2016**  
**Motion By:** Legislator Rodriguez  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Lopez

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Belfiglio, Lopez, R. Parete and Rodriguez  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 4  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Motion to block is ADOPTED**

**Discussion:**

Legislator Belfiglio commented that because Resolution No. 11 did not move forward he felt moving adopting Resolutions setting public hearings on the Local Laws would be premature. Legislator Rodriguez reminded the committee that the two caucuses are not in agreement on the necessity of state authority to adopt the local laws.

**Motion No. 5:** Moved to **ADOPT Resolution Nos. 411 of 2016 & 412 of 2016**  
**Motion By:** Legislator Rodriguez  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Lopez

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators R. Parete and Rodriguez  
**Voting Against:** Legislators Belfiglio and Lopez R. Parete  
**Votes in Favor:** 2  
**Votes Against:** 2  
**Disposition:** **Resolutions are DEFEATED**

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**Resolution No. 448 of 2016:** Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 18 of 2016 (A Local Law Prohibiting Discrimination On The Basis Of Gender Identity At Places Of Public Accommodation, Resort Or Amusement) To Be Held On Tuesday, March 7, 2017 At 6:10 PM

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution sets a public hearing for Tuesday, March 7, 2017 At 6:10 PM to allow the public to offer comments on Proposed Local Law Number 18 of 2016.

**Motion No. 6:** Moved for **DISCUSSION**  
**Motion By:** Legislator Belfiglio  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Lopez

**Discussion:**

Legislator Rodriguez informed the members that the sponsor requested postponement of the Resolution.

**Motion No. 7:** Moved to **POSTPONE Resolution No. 448**  
**Motion By:** Legislator Rodriguez  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator R. Parete

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Belfiglio, Lopez, R. Parete and Rodriguez

**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 4  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolution POSTPONED**

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**Resolution No. 488 of 2016:** Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 20 Of 2016 (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 Modify The Term Of The Chairman Of The Legislature) To Be Held On Tuesday, March 7, 2017 At 6:20 PM

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution sets a public hearing for Tuesday, March 7, 2017 At 6:20 PM to allow the public to offer comments on Proposed Local Law Number 20 of 2016.

**Discussion:**

Legislator Allen, sponsor of the Resolution asked the committee to postpone the Resolution in order to give the full legislative body an opportunity to vote on it.

**Motion No. 8:** **Moved to POSTPONE Resolution No. 488**  
**Motion By:** Legislator Belfiglio  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Rodriguez

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Belfiglio, Lopez, R. Parete and Rodriguez  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 4  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolution POSTPONED**

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**Resolution No. 490 of 2016:** Amending The Rules Of Order To Ensure Standing Committee Assignments Correspond With The Term Of The Legislature

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution amends to Rules of Order to make Standing Committee assignments correspond with the term of the Legislature.

**Discussion:** None

**Motion No. 9:** **Moved to POSTPONE Resolution No. 490 of 2016**  
**Motion By:** Legislator Rodriguez  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Belfiglio

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Belfiglio, Lopez, R. Parete and Rodriguez  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 4  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolution POSTPONED**

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**Resolution No. 14:** Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 21 Of 2016, (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 Modify The Term Of The Clerk Of The Legislature)

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution adopts Proposed Local Law No. 21 of 2016.

**Discussion:** None

**Motion No. 10:** **Moved to ADOPT Resolution No. 14**

**Motion By:** Legislator Rodriguez

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator R. Parete

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Belfiglio, Lopez, R. Parete and Rodriguez

**Voting Against:** None

**Votes in Favor:** 4

**Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** **Resolution ADOPTED**

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**Resolution No. 32:** Amending The Rules Of Order To Prohibit Memorializing Resolutions

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution amends the Rules of Order to prohibit Memorializing Resolutions.

**Discussion:**

Sponsor of the Resolution, Legislator R. Parete, advised the members that he would be withdrawing the Resolution. He said that he would reintroduce the legislation when more members of the committee were present in order to have a full discussion.

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### Adjournment

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Rodriguez

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator R. Parete

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 4

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**TIME:** 5: 35 PM

**Respectfully submitted: Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk**

**Minutes Approved: March 13, 2017**