

# ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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## MEETING NOTES

DECEMBER 19, 2024

### SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE SESSION: 2025 ULSTER COUNTY ADOPTED BUDGET AMENDMENT RECONSIDERATION

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6:00 PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIR: 6:06 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

MOMENT OF SILENT MEDITATION:

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FIRE EVACUATION PLAN

PLEASE NOTE THAT IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS REQUESTED THAT LEGISLATORS AND ALL OTHERS MOVE AT LEAST ONE BLOCK AWAY FROM THE COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING IN ORDER NOT TO IMPEDE THE FIREFIGHTERS IN THEIR DUTIES

### CELL PHONES

Please silence cell phones for the duration of the Public Hearings and Special Session.

## MICROPHONES

Please be reminded to use your microphones when speaking so that you are recorded for the official record.

**ROLL CALL:** Present: 9 Absent: 14 (Legislators Clinton, Collins, Corcoran, Donaldson, Gavaris, Hansut, Harmon, Kovacs, Lopez, McCollough, Sperry, Stewart, Uchitelle, Walls)

Clerk Fabella announced that a quorum of the Legislature was not present.

Chair Criswell advised the members that in the absence of quorum the meeting could not be considered an official meeting of the Ulster County Legislature. He opened the floor for public comment in an unofficial capacity.

## COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS:

Veto Message: Line-Item Veto of Operating Amendment 31

## **PUBLIC COMMENT (on County Executive line-item veto of Amendment 31 of the Adopted 2025 Budget):**

The following 6 individuals addressed the members:

1. Tayné Wood, Kingston: supported veto override and raise for DPW workers
2. Efren Williams, Kingston: supported veto override and raise for DPW workers
3. Chad McPeck: supported veto override and raise for DPW workers
4. Cheryl Schneider, Rosendale: supported unions and collective bargaining process
5. Dan Dachenhausen: supported veto override and raise for DPW workers

**RECONSIDERATION OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S OBJECTION TO 2025 ULSTER COUNTY ADOPTED BUDGET AMENDMENT**

Chair Criswell announced that in the absence of quorum no business was being considered.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (on subjects *not* currently before the Legislature):**

The following individual addressed the members:

1. Tayné Wood, Kingston: highlighted time spent discussing recycling vs. addressing cost of living
2. Cheryl Schneider, Rosendale: opposed the closed party system in NY and electoral college

**MEETING ADJOURNED:**

Chair Criswell declared the meeting closed at 7:07 PM

**NEXT MEETING:**

The Organizational Meeting of the Ulster County Legislature will be held on **Tuesday, January 14, 2025 at 6:30 PM** in the Legislative Chambers, Sixth Floor, Ulster County Office Building, 244 Fair Street, Kingston, New York.