

ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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MINUTES

MAY 19, 2020

REGULAR MEETING

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Public Comment via Call in Studio. Dial: 205-Ulster-0 (205-857-8370)

7:00 PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN: 7:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG AND MOMENT OF SILENT MEDITATION:

Led by Chairman David B. Donaldson.

ROLL CALL: Present: 22 Absent: 1 (Legislator Craig Lopez)

Note: Legislator Lopez rejoined the meeting at 7:11 PM

BIRTHDAYS:

Legislator Abe Uchitelle, May 6th

Legislator Heidi Haynes, May 23rd

Legislator Manna Jo Greene, May 26th

MOTION TO DISPENSE WITH THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Legislator Litts motioned, seconded by Minority Leader Ronk to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. All in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM:

UC Legislative Chairman David B. Donaldson

Legislators Donaldson, Petit, Bruno, Uchitelle, Roberts

UC Concerned Private Business Owners
UC Dept. of Public Works, Sr. Eng. Edward Pine
UC Electrical Licensing Board, Chair Jeanne Walsh
HV Building & Constr. Trades Council, Pres. Diorio
Danskammer Campaign Mgr. Jess Mullen Scenic Hudson
UC Clerk's Office, Accountant Ray Kowatch
County News
Town of Hurley
Ms. Jennifer Rising, Highland
Catskill Watershed Corporation
Concerned Citizens, Businesses and Agencies
UC Attorney, Clinton Johnson
UC Comptroller, March Gallagher

ARISE Oswego, NY
UC Personnel Department
UCRRA
The Nature Conservancy, Gabriel Chapin
Walter Earl

Benjamin Center Agreement Notification
Press Release, UC Employee Voluntary
Separation Program
Community Action Committee, Inc. BOD
Appointments, Legislator Petit, Ethel Knox,
Donald Hacket, James Noble, Sylvia
Donaldson Effective Immediately, Expires
12/31/2021
(20) UCIDA Leadership Concerns
Town of Rochester Bridge Rehab
Elect. License Progress, Update
(2) Letters In Support of Danskammer
Invitation, May 6th Webinar
Semi-Annual Mortgage Report
Vol.52, No. 8 & 9
Resolution # 2020-66 U&D Railway
FOIL Request and Response
Notice of Preliminary Decisions
(32) Funding, Support Arts & Agencies
County Litigation April 2020
Press Release, 2019 4th Quarter Report
Press Release, Fiscal Stress Level
NYSAC Resolution Support A.6215/S.5459
2020 Retirement Incentive County Letter
10 Year Local Solid Waste Mgmt. Plan
Brochure
The Birds and Bees Protection Act

COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS:

Executive Order Nos. 11, 12, 13,14 -2020
State of Emergency Declaration 5/12/20
State of Emergency Declaration 5/15/20
Press Release, Turned The Corner COVID
Press Release, HV Reopening Work Group,
Testing At Third Nursing Home Facility
Press Release, HV Reopening Workgroup
Press Release, COVID- 19 Town Hall Mtg
Press Release, Region to Remain on Pause

COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS (continued):

Press Release, Public Health Notice
Press Release, Housing Needs

ANNUAL REPORTS:

Department of Finance
UC Attorney, Clinton Johnson
Office of the Comptroller

DATE:

2019 Annual Financial Report
Cyber-Bullying Annual Report Letter
2019 Fiscal Stress Assessment, May 2020

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Economic Development, Tourism, Housing,
Planning & Transit
Energy & Environment
Law Enforcement and Public Safety
Laws and Rules, Governmental Services
Public Health and Social Services
Public Works and Capital Projects
Ways and Means & Public Works Joint Mtg.
Ways and Means

DATE:

April 14, 2020
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March 11, 2020
April 21, 2020
April 28, 2020

PUBLIC COMMENT: There were no speakers signed up for public comment.

**RESOLUTION NOS: 100, 173 – 193; 7, 94, 96, 97 & 129 – 143 & 191 POSTPONED;
8 & 9 – NO ACTION TAKEN; 168 – DEFEATED**

Resolution No. 7- Adopting The Ulster County Code Of Conduct
POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE

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Resolution No. 8- Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 1 Of 2020, A Local Law Requiring That Property Owners Of ~~Multi-Family Dwellings~~ Residential Rental Properties Located In Ulster County With Six Or More Units Have An Office In Ulster County, To Be Held On Tuesday, May 12, 2020 At 6:00 PM

NO ACTION TAKEN

Resolution No. 9- Establishing A Special Committee To Define Ulster County Housing Needs

NO ACTION TAKEN

Resolution No. 94- Opposing A New Power Plant Facility At The Former Danskammer Energy Site In Newburgh (Orange County) New York

POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 96- Supporting New York State Senate Bill S7280 And New York State Assembly Bill A09107, Supporting The "Emergency First Responders Privacy And Protection Act"

POSTPONED TO NEXT REGULAR SESSION

Resolution No. 97- Urging The Governor And Members Of The New York State Legislature to Reevaluate Bail And Discovery Reform Measures Included in the SFY 2020 Budget

POSTPONED TO NEXT REGULAR SESSION

Resolution No. 129- Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Agreement With Awareness, Inc. For The 2020 Appropriation - Legislature

POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 130- Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The Walker Valley Chemical Engine No. 1 For The 2020 Appropriation – Legislature

POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 131- Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Agreement With The Ulster County Soil And Water Conservation District For The 2020 Appropriation - Legislature

POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 132- Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Agreement With Resource Center For Accessible Living, Inc. For The 2020 Appropriation - Legislature

POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 133- Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Agreement With The D&H Canal Historical Society For The 2020 Appropriation - Legislature

POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 134- Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Agreement With The Hudson River Maritime Museum For The 2020 Appropriation - Legislature
POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 135- Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Agreement With People's Place For The 2020 Appropriation - Legislature
POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 136- Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Agreement With Ulster County Community Action Committee, Inc. For The 2020 Appropriation - Legislature
POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 137- Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With Arts Mid-Hudson, Inc. For The 2020 Appropriation – Legislature
POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 138- Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With Cornell Cooperative Extension Association Of Ulster County For 2020 Appropriations- Legislature
POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 139-2020 Appropriation For The Ulster County Libraries Program
POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 140- Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Agreement With Imagine Better, Inc. D/B/A Don't Be A Monster For The 2020 Appropriation - Legislature
POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 141- Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With Family Of Woodstock, Inc., For The Supervised Visitation Program For The 2020 Appropriation – Legislature
POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 142- Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With Dispute Resolution Center, Inc. For The 2020 Appropriation – Legislature
POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 143- Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With Ulster Performing Arts Center For The 2020 Appropriation – Legislature
POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 168- Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 4 Of 2020, A Local Law Establishing Certain Consumer Protection Practices In Ulster County And Penalties For Violating Same, To Be Held On Tuesday, May 12, 2020 At 6:15 PM
DEFEATED IN COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 191- Establishing A Policy For Funding Non-County Organizations – Ulster County Legislature
POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Majority Leader Heppner, seconded by Minority Leader Ronk, to move Resolution No. 193 out of the Non-Consent Agenda and into the Consent Agenda. All in favor.

Consent

- 100 Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 2 Of 2020, A Local Law Establishing Construction Apprenticeship Training Requirements For Certain Construction Contracts In Excess Of \$350,000, And Repealing Local Law Number 2 Of 2015, To Be Held On Tuesday, June 9, 2020 At 6:05 PM**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 173 Confirming Appointment Of Sajaa Ahmed As The Director Of The Department Of Transportation For The County Of Ulster**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 175 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – H&H Environmental Construction And Consulting – Department Of Public Works**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 176 Amending The 2020 Ulster County Budget To Accept Increased Funding From The New York State Office Of Addiction Services And Supports For Minimum Wage And Workforce Cost Of Living Adjustments – Department Of Mental Health**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 178 Establishing A Process For The Development Of A Housing Action Plan For The County And Authorizing The Chair In Collaboration With The County Executive To Create An Advisory Committee On Housing To Assist In Its Development - Department Of Planning**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 180 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Easement Agreement With The City Of Kingston For The Ulster County Midtown Linear Park (PIN 8761.82) In The City Of Kingston – Department Of Planning**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 181 Authorizing Additional Funding For Capital Project No. 528 – Veteran’s Cemetery To Meet The Environmental And Permitting Requirements – Veteran Services Agency**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 183 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Inter-municipal Agreement With Various Municipalities For The Operation Of U.C.E.R.T (Ulster County Emergency Response Team) – Ulster County Sheriff**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 184 Requesting The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature Apply For A Department Of Homeland Security Grant For The Port Security Grant Program-FEMA – Sheriff’s Office**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 185 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Claim For Payment And Any Additional Documents Necessary To Secure Payment From New York State For The Appropriation Of County Property – New York State Acquisition Maps Nos. 37 And 38 – Department Of Public Works**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 186 Authorizing The Conveyance Of County-Owned Properties To The Original Owners – Department Of Finance**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 187 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Intermunicipal Agreement For The Sharing Of Information Relating To Short-Term Rental Properties With The Town Of Ulster – Department Of Finance**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 188 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Intermunicipal Agreement For The Sharing Of Information Relating To Short-Term Rental Properties With The Town Of Kingston – Department Of Finance**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 189 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Intermunicipal Agreement For The Sharing Of Information Relating To Short-Term Rental Properties With The Town Of Wawarsing – Department Of Finance**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 190 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Intermunicipal Agreement For The Sharing Of Information Relating To Short-Term Rental Properties With The Town Of Plattekill – Department Of Finance**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 192 Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 6 Of 2020, A Local Law Amending Various Provisions Of Local Law No. 1 Of 2020, A Local Law Amending The Code Of The County Of Ulster To Include Mandatory Food Scraps Composting By Large Generators, To Be Held On Tuesday, June 9, 2020 At 6:10 PM**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 193 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Agreement Under The HAVA Cares COVID-19 Grant With The NYS Board Of Elections – Ulster County Board Of Elections**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

Non-Consent

96 Supporting New York State Senate Bill S7280 And New York State Assembly Bill A09107, Supporting The "Emergency First Responders Privacy And Protection Act"

Legislator Ronk motioned, seconded by Legislator Litts, to Postpone the Resolution until the Next Regular Session of the Ulster County Legislature.

MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

POSTPONED TO NEXT REGULAR SESSION OF THE ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

97 Urging The Governor And Members Of The New York State Legislature to Reevaluate Bail And Discovery Reform Measures Included in the SFY 2020 Budget

Legislator Ronk motioned, seconded by Legislator Litts, to Postpone the Resolution until the Next Regular Session of the Ulster County Legislature.

MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

POSTPONED TO NEXT REGULAR SESSION OF THE ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

174 Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – The Offset House, Inc. D/B/A Catamount Color – Department Of Tourism

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 20 NOES: 3
(Noes: Legislators Archer, Greene, and Uchitelle)

177 Appointing And Reappointing Members To The Ulster County Industrial Development Agency Board of Directors

Legislator Ronk motioned, seconded by Legislator Fabiano, to amend the Resolution by striking the name of Dr. Diane Eynon and replacing it with the name Hayes Clement, and striking the name of Orlando Reece and replacing it with the name Paul Andreassen.

MOTION DEFEATED BY THE FOLLOWING LONG ROLL VOTE:

AYES: 10 NOES: 13
(Ayes: Legislators Bruno, Corcoran, Fabiano, Haynes, Litts, Lopez, Maio, Roberts, Ronk, and Wawro)

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 14 NOES: 9
(Noes: Legislators Bruno, Corcoran, Fabiano, Haynes, Litts, Lopez, Roberts, Ronk, and Wawro)

179 Creating Housing Opportunities Throughout The County By Requesting The City Of Kingston Land Bank ("KCLB") Expand Its Jurisdiction Outside Of The City Of Kingston And Promoting The Use Of County Owned Lands For Workforce Housing – Ulster County Planning Department

Legislator Uchitelle motioned, seconded by Legislator Bartels, to amend the Resolution by striking some existing language and inserting new language in the first RESOLVED as indicated above.

MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

ADOPTED AS AMENDED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

182 BOND Authorizing The Issuance Of An Additional \$18,400.00 Bonds Of The County Of Ulster, New York, To Pay Part Of The Cost Of Improvements At The Veterans Cemetery, In And For Said County

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING LONG ROLL VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

191 Establishing A Policy For Funding Non-County Organizations – Ulster County Legislature

Postponed in Committee

Late Resolution

193 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Agreement Under The HAVA Cares COVID-19 Grant With The NYS Board Of Elections – Ulster County Board Of Elections

Moved to Consent

MEETING ADJOURNED IN MEMORY OF: Read by Legislator Manna Jo Greene.

Hon. Joan A. Every, Rosendale, NY
Anthony Molinaro, Yonkers, NY
Joseph F. Czaplicki, Jr., New Paltz, NY
Carl Edwards, Myrtle Beach, SC
Thomas A. Comfort, Modena, NY
Paul D. Worthington, Kingston, NY
Margaret Miggins, Lake Katrine, NY
Donald F. Krom, Cottekill, NY
Dorothy E. Sonnenberg, Lake Katrine, NY
John V. Esposito, Marlboro, NY
Helen E. Hally, Saugerties, NY
Catherine L. Schoonmaker, Accord, NY
Alma M. Rhodes, Wallkill, NY
Anthony R. Sgroi, Hurley, NY
Thomas Engelhardt, Las Vegas, NV

Clarence J. Hardick, Jr., Wallkill, NY
Rhoda Schatzel, Ruby, NY
Melville A. Allen Jr., Ulster Park, NY
George H. Yerry, Jr., Lake Katrine, NY
Ruth A. Temple, Sawkill, NY
Ronald J. Santosky, Accord, NY
Anna I. Mellin, Town of Kingston, NY
Diego Morra, Lake Katrine, NY
Helen J. Rodelli, Milton, NY
Mary Stupple, Kingston, NY
John Bongiorno, New Paltz, NY
George D. Watts, Gardiner, NY
Violet Finger, Saugerties, NY
Winifred A. VanRoy, Saugerties, NY

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Motion by Legislator Litts, seconded by Legislator Bruno to adjourn Legislative Session.
All in favor.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:07 PM

NEXT MEETING:

The next Regular Meeting of the Ulster County Legislature will be held on Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at 7:00 PM.

Resolution deadline is Friday, May 22, 2020 at 12 Noon.

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7:00 PM

Donaldson: I call the meeting to order. I'd like for you all to stand for the Pledge to the flag. Please remain standing for a moment in silence.

Legislative Body: I pledge allegiance to my Flag and the Republic for which it stands, one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Chairman: Please be seated.

Litts: Jay, all I can see is Dean.

Chairman: Roll call. Okay.

Fabella: Archer.

Archer: Here.

Fabella: Bartels.

Bartels: Here.

Fabella: Bruno

Bruno: Here.

Fabella: Cahill.

Cahill: Here.

Fabella: Corcoran.

Corcoran: Here.

Fabella: Criswell.

Criswell: Here.

Fabella: Delaune.

Delaune: Here.

Fabella: Donaldson.

Donaldson: Here.

Fabella: Fabiano.

Fabiano: Here.

Fabella: Gavaris.

Gavaris: Present.

Fabella: Greene.

Greene: Here.

Fabella: Haynes.

Haynes: Here.

Fabella: Heppner.

Heppner: Here.

Fabella: Litts.

Litts: Here.

Fabella: Lopez.

Fabella: Maio.

Maio: Here.

Fabella: Parete.

Parete: Here.

Fabella: Petit.

Petit: Here.

Fabella: Roberts.

Roberts: Here.

Fabella: Ronk.

Ronk: Present.

Fabella: Uchitelle.

Uchitelle: Here.

Fabella: Walter.

Walter: Here.

Fabella: And Wawro.

Wawro: Here.

Fabella: Twenty-two present and one absent.

Litts: Craig, Craig was here.

Yeah, he was.

Fabella: I don't see him anymore.

Donaldson: I'd like to announce the birthdays tonight. We have Abe Uchitelle.

Unidentified speaker: Happy Birthday, Abe!

Donaldson: May 6.

Unidentified speaker: Happy Birthday!

Donaldson: Heidi Haynes.

Legislative Body: [Applause and group birthday wishes and cheers].

Haynes: Thank you.

Donaldson: And Manna Jo Greene.

Legislative Body: [Applause and group birthday wishes and cheers].

Donaldson: Very nice. Okay. I will entertain a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes.

Donaldson: Made by Litts and seconded by Ronk.

Donaldson: All those in in favor?

Legislative Body: Aye. Aye.

Donaldson: None opposed.

Donaldson: Let's move on. There are communications on file, from anywhere from myself to Walter. So, take a look at them if you wish. And they're on file and along with the community, the County Executive's communications are also on file.

Donaldson: Now we'd have... we're ready for public comment, correct.

Fabella: We are. And I'm looking at the Call-in Studio. And I have confirmation from Fawn that we have no speakers.

Donaldson: Yeah, no speakers?

Fabella: Nope.

Donaldson: Alrighty then, we have no speakers. And we'll go into the resolutions. We have a Consent Agenda. I know the Consent Agenda....

Heppner: Chairman Donaldson, if I may, I'd like to propose move moving Resolution 193 from Non-Consent to Consent.

Ronk: Standby.

Donaldson: Do we have a second? Ken?

Ronk: Standby.

Ronk: Yeah, we could do that.

Donaldson: All right. Resolution 193 moved into Consent on the Consent Agenda.

Heppner: We are a Short Yes.

Ronk: We are a Short Yes.

Fabella: Resolutions are adopted. Twenty-two to zero.

Donaldson: The Non-Consent Agenda?

Fabella: Resolution 96 Supporting New York State Senate Bill S7280 And New York State Assembly Bill A09107, Supporting The "Emergency First Responders Privacy And Protection Act"

Donaldson: Legislator Ronk.

Ronk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. At this time, I would like to make a motion that we postpone Resolutions 96 and 97 until next month's meeting.

Ronk: I'll second that.

Litts: Seconded by Legislator Litts.

Donaldson: Legislator Heppner.

Heppner: Yeah. I second that.

Donaldson: It was already seconded by Legislator Litts, on the...

Heppner: So sorry, we're a short yes on postponement.

Ronk: On postponement, we're also a short yes.

Fabella: Resolutions are postponed twenty-two to zero.

Donaldson: Resolution 97.

Fabella: 97 was part of that motion.

Ronk: It was indeed.

Fabella: So, now we are at 174.

Donaldson: Oh, it was?

Fabella: Yeah, it was.

Donaldson: 96 and 97, sorry.

Fabella: 174 Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – The Offset House, Inc. D/B/A Catamount Color – Department Of Tourism

Donaldson: Alrighty, on the resolution.

Heppner: On the resolution, we are a short yes, with the following Noes: Legislators Archer, Uchitelle, Greene.

Ronk: On the resolution, we're a short yes.

Fabella: The Resolution is adopted nineteen to three.

Fabella: Resolution 177 Appointing And Reappointing Members To The Ulster County Industrial Development Agency Board of Directors

Donaldson: On the resolution.

Donaldson: Legislator Ronk.

Ronk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. You know, we've had a lot of discussion in our Caucus on this resolution. At this time, I would like to make a motion to amend the resolution to strike the name of Dr. Diane Enyon. And to replace it with Hayes Clement, and to strike the name of Orlando Reese, and replace it with Paul Andreassen.

Donaldson: Second?

Litts: I'll second.

Donaldson: All right. On the amendment. Ronk.

Ronk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, you know, in discussion with the members of our Caucus who are on the Economic Development Committee, you know, they, you know, in their discussion with the rest of us, we feel that this better reflects the scores that the candidates were given by members of the Economic Development Committee. And that's why we're putting it forward.

Donaldson: Anyone else?

Donaldson: Legislator Cahill. You have to take yourself off mute.

Cahill: Thank you, very much. So, I just want to discuss real briefly about the process that we went through with this. We held, as you all know, multiple days of interviews. Our Caucus presented eight additional candidates, plus the seven that were seated. We had, I believe, every single member of our Caucus sat in on at least some of those interviews. And we felt that, you know, we've done a good job during the interview process, everybody was heard. We had unanimous votes on everything during the Committee, including the seven names that we put on this resolution tonight. Which were done, you know, in the spirit of compromise and consensus to the folks that were there.

Cahill: We none of us got all of our selections. None of us got, I think, our first two or three. I mean, I know, personally, I didn't get my first two choices, they aren't on that list. And in the spirit of compromise, you know, I felt like it was more important to for the Committee to agree to put forth a unified list of names, which we did. And then, you know, hopefully, that the Caucuses, and then of course, the Legislature as a whole, respect, respected the Committee work that we did, and the Committee system overall, right?

Cahill: I mean, I really think you know, the idea that we had a full slate unanimous decisions coming out of that Committee speaks a lot to the work that we did there. The folks there were in agreement with what we did when we did it. Right. And I mean, I all I can say is that, you know, I would hate to see, you know, the work that this Committee has done, you know, taken out at the knees here, at the last minute.

Cahill: We worked very, very hard. And we did our due diligence. We interviewed these folks and anybody that was sitting in, and anybody that listened, they know that we were fair. We reached out as much as we possibly could to get people to participate. I sent over two dozen emails. I spent, on the day before our last meeting, I spent an hour and a half on the phone with Legislator Litts. On the day after, I spent another half an hour on the phone with Legislator Litts. I tried my very, very best to get everybody involved. And by the way, we had, I felt, great success with the way we did that. And with that, I'll just... going to stop now. Thank you.

Donaldson: Legislator Litts.

Litts: Any appointments we make, whether it's in our private businesses or Legislature, we should always appoint the best qualified people, which will ensure the best possibility for success of the Board. I interviewed two people yesterday from my job for my company, and I do it basically the same way. We have ratings that were given. I take notes during the interview, I review the resumes and I put forth the people that I thought were best qualified to sit on the IDA Board.

Litts: Unfortunately, our last set of interviews were on Saturday. We turned our numbers in. We got them back on Monday and then Fawn reached out to all of us to try to get a date that we could come together to come up with our seven best candidates. Which should be based on their merits and their experience and their ability to serve on the IDA. I told them, I will set aside time for Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday, but I cannot meet on Thursday I'm out of town for work. Um, and they made it on Thursday.

Litts: Legislator Cahill said, you know, it was unanimous. It was unanimous because I was not included. And, you know, here and there that doesn't make it difference.

Litts: But we as a Legislature, we should be appointing the best possible people to the IDA. One of the seven people put up tonight on Resolution 177. And I wrote it in my notes is right here. I don't know if you can read it five times. This particular person five times, and answering three of the question said, started out their answer, by I have no idea what the IDA board does. And then when it answer the question. Two those four questions, didn't answer the substance of the question, went on about some experience, or whatever, that was not really germane to the question. And on my sheet, got some lower marks. That person has an extremely impressive resume. I would put her up for the

Chairman of the Board of Education, but she's certainly well qualified for that. But to sit on the IDA, I think there are other people that we interviewed that are more qualified.

Litts: One of which, who's not in the seven, in the Resolution, but that particular individual has a very impressive resume in the building inspection realm, to the point where the individual actually teaches building inspection for the Department of State. The man is highly qualified to sit on the IDA board. So, that being said, I think the process... we went through the process, I don't think it fared well, because we're not putting forth the best seven candidates out of who we interviewed. I think we can do better.

Litts: I think the people that we put forth should be the best qualified people to sit on the board. I know there were some comments made that were fed back to me because I was not part of the meeting. And it was about a particular couple of people's ethnicity, or gender, or background. And I'll be honest with you. A white, a Protestant person doesn't qualify to be on an IDA Board because there's no such qualifications on the board. So, we should not be picking board members based upon their ethnicity, or their gender, or their race, or their persuasion. It should be based on the best qualified people to fit the position for which they're being appointed for.

Litts: I have other things to say, but I think I'll let some other people give their comments and if anybody wants to hear more, I read the law several times. I went through it the pertinent portion of the law that speaks to the qualifications for an appointment on the IDA is in the first whereas in the resolution. And it talks about, you know, maybe some diversification, but that diversification is on the representatives from local government, or school boards, or organized labor, or businesses. It's professional diversification, not human attributes. I will turn the floor over to anybody else who wants to speak.

Donaldson: Alrighty. Anyone else? I mean, I, before I call on you Ken, I'd like to ask anyone else that hasn't spoken yet. I mean, I do not...

Fabiano: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I would like to speak, Legislator Fabiano from Saugerties.

Donaldson: Go ahead.

Fabiano: Okay, a couple of things bothering me here. Number one, I think there should be more of a balance of a geographical perspective when being employed to this board, appointed to this board. Now, I know who Legislator Litts is referring to. A resident of Saugerties. A highly, highly qualified to be on that board.

Fabiano: Now, I know there was one name that was in this mix for tonight, who's only been a resident of Ulster County for two years. There's two other residents. Two other names as being brought

tonight, who live in the same Township of Rochester, which I have no problem, they live in Rochester. They live where they live.

Fabiano: And thirdly, I spoke with a certain Legislator tonight who told me that they were looking for more diversity by bringing more women to this Committee, this IDA Board. Now I don't have a problem with women serving on any board. I happen to like women. The bottom line is that we should not base somebody's gender on sitting on a board to try to balance it out.

Fabiano: So, my concern is that if we pass these names tonight, the Town of Saugerties, the largest town in Ulster County, who had a representative on that Board currently, who was highly qualified, probably more qualified than anybody that's on that board. Going to be tossed to the curb and not be appointed.

Fabiano: So, you're going to have the largest Township in Ulster County without any representation on this IDA Board, I am appalled by that. I think it's ridiculous. Now, if the if the gentlemen was not qualified or his credentials were kind of skirmish, split, I would understand it. But we should try to start taking in, an even a geographical look, where more of the parts of Ulster County is going to be represented on this on this IDA Board, not that you have two people living in the same Township. So, I will be voting no tonight on this Resolution for that reason, and that reason only. Thank you.

Donaldson: Legislator Walters.

Walters: Thank you. I feel it's really important to say, after hearing the more recent comments, that I think it's... I was absolutely thrilled that this group did consider gender and racial diversity. I think it is absolutely paramount. I think that to suggest that that isn't important is really saddening and disappointing. I think that it's especially in the IDA, but for any Committee, but this this is a particular example where recognizing the importance of diverse voices and that women and people of color really can contribute something that white men alone cannot. And it just I feel like it's important for me to say that I find those comments very disappointing.

Donaldson: Anyone else that has not spoken yet? I tried to look at my screen. I have to go to two screens, so I just want to make sure. All right then, Legislator Ronk.

Bruno: Mr. Chairman.

Donaldson: Where are you? Who is that?

Bruno: Al.

Donaldson: Sorry. Al.

Heppner: Legislator Ronk was trying to talk, but he was on mute.

Donaldson: Legislator Bruno.

Bruno: Yeah, I'd like to echo pretty much what Dean had said, and Legislator Fabiano. Picking somebody based on gender or sex. In an IDA, in this particular case, the IDA's reputation in the past, has not been stellar. And the community at large, throughout the County, has had an issue with that. And I think at this juncture, we need to be more focused on qualifications, and put the right people in the right positions, at the right time. Not specifically because of political, or whatever gender, or whatever race they happen to be, in. And I'm sorry, but I have to agree completely with Mr. Fabiano. I think the person that he's talking about from Saugerties, which is the second largest town or population in the County of Ulster is more than qualified. And to have him excluded, not to mention qualified, but he is also experienced on the IDA. And I have to agree completely with Legislator Fabiano.

Donaldson: I'm ready anyone else that has not spoken yet? I'm trying to run through my screen here. I do not see anybody else's name up. So, I'll call on Legislator Ronk.

Ronk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. And I was trying to speak when I was on mute. I will say that I, I'm not going to beat a dead horse because it's not important when anybody speaks. But I technically haven't spoken on the amendment yet. I just I made the motion to amend, but that's neither here nor there. I'm happy to be able to have the opportunity to speak now.

Ronk: You know, one of the things that I would have preferred rather than try to amend this on the floor, you know, respecting Legislator Cahill's his point of view on what came out of the Committee. He used the word unanimous several times. And I think that there's a couple of different kinds of unanimity. There's unanimity of the assembled and unanimity of the Committee. And there was definitely not unanimity of the Committee on this Resolution because our, our most seasoned Legislator on that Committee, Legislator Litts, you know, who is also the Deputy Chairman of the Committee was denied the ability to participate in that meeting. You know, and I feel like his expertise, and his, you know, diligence on this process was squandered a little bit by his not being able to participate in the deliberations of the Committee.

Ronk: I would have much preferred, as I've spoken to many members of the Democratic Caucus about, my Caucus was willing to refer this back to Committee so Legislator Litts would be able to be part of the process. But, you know, I had, you know, received word from enough folks that there was no appetite in the Democratic Caucus to send this back to Committee to allow Legislator Litts to participate. Which brings us to where we are right now, which is the motion to amend the Resolution to, as the three Legislators that are on the Economic Development Committee from our Caucus feel, along with our, the rest of our Caucus, better represents the scores that the folks received from Legislators on the Committee.

Ronk: You know, I would much prefer a more deliberative process on the seven members, which would you know, which would entail this going back to Committee. I'm really disappointed that, you know, more efforts were not made to make Legislator Litts able to participate in the deliberations. Quite frankly, you know, I have had an issue with this process the entire time because it felt rushed to me. And I think that when you have the vote on the Thursday before the meeting on a Tuesday, you know, and you, I'm not going to say deliberately, but you know, leave the head of the minority on the committee out of the process. I think that that just makes you question the whole process. So, for that reason, I, and I believe my Caucus members will be Yes on the amendment that's before us.

Litts: I just have to say, I agree wholeheartedly with Legislator Walter. We should have a diversified... in everything we do. My last assignment, out of the 108 inspectors I, on the job, 78% were either women, or minorities, or African American, I believe in that. But I will tell you, they had their job, and they had their position because they were the best and the brightest. And when I tell you the best and the brightest, they were phenomenal. And you can look at our accomplishment down there and know that to be true. But the workforce down there, even though it was highly diversified, was there only because they were highly qualified. We should not lose sight that we should have diversification. But we should also have the best and the brightest on the Committee, on the Board.

Donaldson: Legislator Cahill.

Cahill: Yes, thank you. I just want to clear up a couple of things here. First of all, we tried very, very hard to rearrange schedules so Legislator Litts could attend the meeting. He proposed Friday. Deputy Clerk Tantillo and I spent a good part of Thursday trying to organize a meeting that we could get the majority of the Legislators there. And we were even willing to do it with one less person there if we could get Legislator Litts. there.

Cahill: But every combination of hours where people could be there, didn't, it made it worse, there would be two missing or three missing, right? And I couldn't do it on that Saturday. Anyway, there was other people that couldn't do it on that Saturday. So, I'm just trying to say that we absolutely did try very, very hard to include Legislator Litts. And by the way, Legislator Litts did call in, but his phone was disconnected during that meeting. So, we did try. And Deputy Clerk Mahler tried to get back in touch with him several times during the meeting. So, it's not like we shut him out. We tried to bring Legislator Litts in. And it was difficult. I'll agree. And it was unfortunate that he was out of town that day, and we tried everything we could to make sure that he was there. And that's why I spoke to him for an hour and a half the night before the meeting, and I spoke to him his first opportunity I got the day after the meeting. And that's why I've sent out over two dozen emails to this Committee. And I've made over I counted today, I made over 14 phone calls to members of the Committee over the period of this this deliberation, right? The one other thing that I want to say is that at no time and this is not a knock on anyone, but I just want to make it clear. At no time was there anything about religion, or

race brought up during these deliberations. The only thing that we talked about was diversity. There was never a mention of religion during these deliberations. Thank you.

Donaldson: Alrighty, I don't see anyone else that would like to speak on the motion to amend

Unidentified speaker: I'll second.

Donaldson: The motion was made and seconded. On the on the motion, Legislator Heppner.

Litts: Chairman, can I ask for a long roll?

Donaldson: If you wish. Long roll.

Fabella: Archer.

Archer: No.

Fabella: Bartels.

Bartels: No.

Fabella: Bruno.

Bruno: On the amendment. Yes.

Fabella: Cahill.

Cahill: No.

Fabella: Corcoran.

Corcoran: Yes.

Fabella: Criswell.

Criswell: No.

Fabella: Delaune.

Delaune: No.

Fabella: Donaldson.

Donaldson: On the amendment. The Committee system worked on this. They did their deliberations. They spent 40 hours on this, and the discussions went through. And everybody, they attempted to make sure that anybody that wanted to be involved could be involved. A number of people I know, a number of people on from both sides, particularly more members from the Democratic Caucus than the Republican Caucus, did attend many of the meetings, I know a couple attended all of them, and did not vote, just listened in, and didn't participate in the conversation. But it was done in a way, and in fact, at the end of that, everybody on that Committee, that was there, at that point, was elated that we came to a compromise and that we all compromised. That we all gave up... I did not get the two people that I wanted the most on that Committee. And in fact, at one point, I think you're putting one of their names up, but I will not support that. Because you know, the Committee did speak, and they did a lot of work on this. And so, as a result, my vote would be a No.

Fabella: Fabiano.

Fabiano: Yes.

Fabella: Gavaris.

Gavaris: No.

Fabella: Greene. Manna Jo, can you hear me?

Unidentified speaker: She's muted.

Litts: Move on.

Donaldson: Move on and go back to her.

Fabella: Haynes.

Haynes: Yes.

Fabella: Heppner.

Heppner: No.

Fabella: Litts.

Litts: Well, I'm very disappointed and disheartened that this Legislature, which for the life of me, I can't figure out why, was not want to appoint the most qualified people to the IDA. And Chairman Donaldson spoke about compromise. And Chairman Cahill talked about compromise. But those compromises were political. And you know, when we're appointing people to an Agency Board, it should be the best qualified people who knows what they're talking about and can deal with the applicants. And know whether applicants are given them a snow job, or whether it's a good project. But unfortunately, we're going to appoint by politics and not by the best qualified individuals to sit on that board to do the right thing for the constituents of Ulster County. I am a Yes on the amendment because I believe those seven people to be the best qualified people to sit on the IDA Board to do the best possible job for this County. But unfortunately, it looks like we're going to have some political appointments, who, by their own admission, have no idea with the IDA Board does, appoint them because it's a political move. I am very disappointed, dismayed, and really not happy that our Legislature is carrying on in this fashion. I am Yes on the amendment because they're most qualified people to sit on the board. And that has absolutely nothing to do with race, creed, gender, or anything else. It's based on qualifications.

Fabella: Lopez.

Lopez: Yes.

Fabella: Maio?

Maio: Yes.

Fabella: Parete.

Parete: Well, I have no dog in this fight. The Committee spoke, and from what I'm hearing it was there was unanimous, less Legislator Litts. So, I'm a No.

Fabella: Petit.

Petit: I am unfortunately, a No.

Fabella: Roberts.

Roberts: Yes.

Fabella: Ronk.

Ronk: I'm going to be a Yes on the amendment. I share some of Legislator Litts' disappointment. You know, and to hear Chairman Donaldson and others talk about, you know, the integrity of the

Committee process. And I don't include Legislator Cahill in this because he wasn't on the legislature when this happened. But many Legislators who were here voting No on this amendment tonight, you know, and Legislator Donaldson, Chairman Donaldson used, you know, the Committee process as a, you know, as a reasoning, we have to, you know, trust the Committee process and, and trust the compromise that happens in Committee. It seems to me that he's got a bit of a short memory. Because it was just two years ago, right about this time, maybe a month or so earlier, that the Economic Development Committee, that was led by the late Jim Maloney, came out with their appointments. I believe that was seven individual Resolutions, as Legislator Litts had requested that happen here as well, which wasn't adhered to or abided by. And the Democratic Caucus in the Legislature seized on the fact that one member, who was then in our Caucus, you know, seized on his disdain for the current IDA Board, or the appointments that were going on then, and changed several of the appointments that had come out of Committee. So, to say that, you know, that this is sort of out of the ordinary or unusual, you know, to reconsider, you know, appointments after they've come out of Committee is just is just false. And Legislator Donaldson went along with it the last time. So, I just, you know, again, I have a lot of disappointment. I think that there should have been seven individual resolutions. The only place that that can be divided is in Committee, which was another reason why I wanted to send it back to Committee, but c'est la vie. So, I am a Yes on the amendment.

Fabella: Uchitelle.

Uchitelle: Well, I did expect that we would have some drama tonight. And I did expect that we would discuss the process and the Committee, the will of the Committee, and that was expected. I was not expecting some of the conversation that we had tonight, which quite frankly, is quite disheartening to hear the value of diverse voices, perspectives, backgrounds, to be questioned, I'm a No on the amendment. And I am disappointed tonight.

Fabella: Walter.

Walter: So, I put forth to people. One was actually a male and one was a female, neither of them made the final cut. I feel like they were extremely, highly... They'd be excellent candidates, I think they would have done a terrific job. But that's what happens in this kind of situation. My guess is that a lot of people feel like there aren't a lot of great candidates. Volunteerism is very challenging. So, I would imagine anyone who put themselves forward, just to that in itself, some a very good candidate for this. But I trust the process. And I saw the votes. I was sad the boats didn't go the way I would want it to. But the process was the process. And I'm going to trust it. And so even if I didn't get what I wanted, I'm going to go with a No on the amendment.

Donaldson: Could you go back and grab Manna Jo's vote.

Fabella: I was going to, at the end. I have one more. Wawro.

Wawro: Yes.

Donaldson: Oh, geez. I'm sorry, Mary.

Wawro: Thanks, Dave.

Fabella: Mary said Yes. So, Greene.

Greene: I'm going to be a No. But I do want to just give my respect to Paul Andreassen. I have very high regard for him. But I want to support the Committee's decision. Were you able to hear me?

Heppner: Yes.

Greene: Thank you.

Fabella: The motion to amend is defeated ten to thirteen.

Donaldson: On the resolution. Legislator Ronk.

Ronk: Thanks. I just I feel necessary after, you know, several, you know, after several people have brought it up. I don't think that any of our Legislators were intending to say that they don't think that we should have an IDA Board that is not diverse in, you know, gender and race, at all. Or that they shouldn't be considerations, at all. I believe that what the Legislators were saying is that in a Board like the IDA, having qualifications that would be diverse enough on the IDA Board, because you don't want seven bankers, or seven construction guys, or seven business owners. That that kind of diversity matters as well. And it was their understanding that in Committee, gender diversity was given a higher, a higher, you know, score, I guess, among some Committee Members, then say, qualifications to serve on the IDA. About whether they were a builder, or a banker, or things of that nature. So, I just want to make it clear, because, you know, I think that some the legislators, you know, on my side of the aisle who spoke, had some of their comments taken out of out of context. I don't think that that was the way that they were intended.

Donaldson: All right, on the Resolution.

Heppner: On the resolution, the Democratic Caucus is a short yes.

Ronk: The Republican Caucus is a short no.

Fabella: And John Parete is a yes. So, the resolution is adopted thirteen to ten.

Litts: I think Laura had her hand up to make a comment.

Donaldson: Oh, sorry, Laura. I'm...

Ronk: I'll withdraw my vote so you can speak.

Donaldson: You know, I mean, the vote is what it is. But I would just like to say I've been very disappointed in how this, how this whole thing came about and that it's caused such a fracture between our two Caucuses. You know, as unfortunately it's happened several times over the last year. You've had procedures overshadowed. Suddenly we started getting form letters, that people businesses in the community, we were concerned about the IDA. As far as I know, several of them are ineligible, or had never applied to the IDA for assistance. We moved through this process so quickly, I think in about three weeks. I'm not sure how we had the opportunity to advertise and perhaps bring in the best candidates. The candidates that applied had amazing resumes. I do agree with Legislator Litts that that perhaps one of them, you know, it was so good, but not for this particular Board. So, I don't speak as eloquently as some of you do, but I'm very unhappy. I will be a Yes on this this Resolution, but I'm just hoping that we've made the right decision. I really feel that we are... I think we should have stepped back. I think we should have vetted our candidates and given the opportunity for more people to apply.

Donaldson: Alright. I think the vote was already had, was it not?

Heppner: I believe Legislator Maio has her hand up, Chairman Donaldson.

Donaldson: Legislator Maio.

Maio: I just I wanted to say that I am going to vote yes on the resolution.

Donaldson: I do we have... I thought I took the vote. Legislator Heppner, you said you were a short yes. Is that correct?

Heppner: Yes. A short yes.

Ronk: And now we are a short yes, sorry, short no, with one yes, Legislator Mary Beth Maio.

Donaldson: Alrighty.

Fabella: So, the resolution is adopted fourteen to nine.

Donaldson: Thank you. We can move on.

Fabella: It's 179 Creating Housing Opportunities Throughout The County By Requesting The City Of Kingston Land Bank ("KCLB") Expand Its Jurisdiction Outside Of The City Of Kingston And Promoting The Use Of County Owned Lands For Workforce Housing – Ulster County Planning Department

Donaldson: I'd like to recognize Legislator Uchitelle for an amendment.

Uchitelle: Thank you, Chairman Donaldson. I move to amend the first resolve to read, "that the Ulster County Legislature hereby requests that the County in collaboration with the KCLB explore expansion of the KCLBs jurisdiction to lands outside of the City of Kingston." And that's the only section that's amended.

Donaldson: Right. That's a...

Bartels: I'll second that.

Donaldson: Who seconded that? Legislator Bartels seconded that.

Donaldson: Okay, on the on the amendment. Legislator Litts.

Litts: I'm just curious, are we going to have members from the Ulster County on that that Land Bank Board? If they and...

Donaldson: Yeah, if it, you know, goes through, yes. That would be part of the process and would become more of a County Land Bank. But they do not issue new Land Banks very readily. And so, it actually makes more sense for us to join in with the City. And by Legislator's Uchitell's amendment, is a friendly amendment because of the way it was worded, we can't really direct the Kingston Land Bank to do anything. We're requesting that they look at things, along with the County. And they're interested in this and so on. And they already got the work done to set it up. So we it's an expansion.

Donaldson: Legislator Litts.

Litts: We mention somewhere in the resolution that the County would like to have a seat on the Board? At least one seat on the board?

Donaldson: Well, I believe they'll have more than one seat on the board, but...

Litts: It doesn't state that, they don't have to go along with it.

Donaldson: But it's part of the negotiations and they'll have to come back to the Legislature for an approval in the end.

Donaldson: Legislator Uchitelle.

Uchitelle: Yeah. So, I completely agree with Legislator Litts on that topic. And many, many other topics that would kind of fall into the category of things that would need to change from the current Land Bank in Kingston in order for it to be County Land Bank. The name, the relationship with resources, looking at different types of properties, the fact that there are different jurisdictions that are involved. But the I think one of the things it's important to keep in mind, you know, first and foremost, is that this is just beginning the conversation.

Uchitelle: The Kingston City Land Bank, you know, has to have a seat at the table that conversation as well, because that is the entity we're talking about. And secondly, that this is directing the County Executive's Office to be the, you know, the lead as they could do, quite frankly, without our recommendation to initiate this conversation. So, you know, those conversations are very much going to be around advocating for the County to have a significant role. And what the details of that role are going to be, wouldn't be appropriate to put in the legislation at this time.

Donaldson: Legislator Bartels, did you... I'm sorry, I did I miss you before. I'm sorry.

Bartels: That's okay. Legislator, Uchitelle said pretty much what I was going say.

Donaldson: Thank you, Legislator, anyone else? Legislator Heppner, did you want to say something?

Heppner: No. I'm ready to call the vote on the amendment.

Donaldson: All right. On the amendment. The basically, the friendly amendment, as pointed out. Who Seconds that? Oh, yes. Legislator Bartels did second. I'm sorry. Okay. On the amendment.

Heppner: On the amendment. The Democratic Caucus is a Short Yes.

Ronk: On the amendment. Were a Short Yes as well.

Donaldson: Thank you. All right. Now on the resolution. Does anyone wish to speak?

Donaldson: Legislator Ronk.

Ronk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I appreciated Legislator Uchitelle's comments. You know, I know that that was a concern that was brought up several times by several Legislators in our Caucus. And I just hope that, you know, as we move forward in this process, no lands from the County are transferred

to the Land Bank, you know, prior to the County, you know, receiving adequate representation. And that that's all that our Caucus asks for on this particular resolution.

Donaldson: Right. And I'm and I'm not signing off until we do. So, Legislator Bartels, did you want to speak? Again? No. Okay.

Donaldson: Legislator Criswell. I'm sorry.

Criswell: Yeah. I just wanted to say that I'm very much in support of this. I'm very excited that this is happening. I think it's a long time coming and I'm looking forward to seeing how it develops.

Donaldson: All right, I'm the I guess I can call the vote. I don't see anyone else. I have jump from two screens. And on the vote on the resolution, Legislator Heppner.

Heppner: The Democratic Caucus is a short yes.

Ronk: We're a short yes.

Fabella: Resolution is adopted as amended twenty-three to zero.

Fabella: Resolution 182 Authorizing The Issuance Of An Additional \$18,400.00 Bonds Of The County Of Ulster, New York, To Pay Part Of The Cost Of Improvements At The Veterans Cemetery, In And For Said County

Fabella: Archer.

Archer: Yes.

Fabella: Bartels.

Bartels: Yes.

Fabella: Bruno.

Bruno: Yes.

Fabella: Cahill.

Cahill: Yes.

Fabella: Corcoran.

Corcoran: Yes.

Fabella: Criswell.

Criswell: Yes.

Fabella: Delaune.

Delaune: Yes.

Fabella: Donaldson

Donaldson: Yes.

Fabella: Fabiano.

Fabiano: Yes.

Fabella: Gavaris.

Gavaris: Yes.

Fabella: Greene.

Greene: Yes.

Fabella: Haynes.

Haynes: Yes.

Fabella: Heppner.

Heppner: Yes.

Fabella: Litts.

Litts: Yes.

Fabella: Lopez.

Lopez: Yes.

Fabella: Maio.

Maio: Yes.

Fabella: Parete.

Parete: Yes.

Fabella: Petit.

Petit: Yes.

Fabella: Roberts.

Roberts: Yes. I'm sorry.

Fabella: I got it. Ronk.

Ronk: Yes.

Fabella: Uchitelle.

Uchitelle: Yes.

Fabella: Walter.

Walter: Yes.

Fabella: And Wawro

Wawro: Yes.

Fabella: The resolution is adopted twenty-three to zero.

Fabella: And I just want to correct for the record that Legislator Lopez did come on to the meeting at 7:11pm. So, the Consent Agenda was adopted twenty-three to zero. And the two resolutions for postponement 96 and 97. That postponement was unanimous twenty-three to zero. That's it.

Donaldson: Alrighty. And then we know the late resolution which was pushed over to Consent. So we have a meeting that's going to be adjourned in memory of a number of people that will be read by Legislator Greene are you able to do that?

Greene: Let me take myself off mute. The main meeting of the Ulster County Legislature is adjourned in memory of Honorable Joan Avery of Rosendale, New York. Joan Avery was the legislator representing Rosendale. And she served from 1987 to 2007. And, you know, we were on very different parts of the political spectrum. But she was a wonderful member of the community very generous and will be missed. Anthony Molinaro Jr, father of Dutchess County, Executive Marc Molinaro, Rhoda Schatzel of Ruby, New York, Joseph F. Czaplicki Jr. New Paltz New York, Melville A. Allen Jr, Ulster Park, New York, Carl Edwards, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, George H. Yerry Jr. Lake Katrine New York, Thomas A. Comfort, Modena New York, Ruth A. Temple, Sawkill, New York, Paul D. Worthington, a beloved community leader in Kingston New York, Ronald J. Santosky Accord, New York, Margaret Miggins Lake Katrine New York, Anna I Mellin Town of Kingston New York, Donald F. Crom, Cottekill New York, Diego Morra Lake Katrine New York, Dorothy E. Sonnenberg Lake Katrine New York, Helen J. Rodelli Milton New York, John V. Esposito, Marlboro New York, Mary Stupple Kingston New York, Helen E. Hally Saugerties New York, John Bongiorno. New Paltz, New York.

Donaldson: Anyone wish to add Anyone else? Legislator Archer?

Archer: Yes. Thank you chair. I'd like to add Cathy Schoonmaker. She is the wife of Dan Schoonmaker. Schoonmaker Farms her and her husband ran the farm market there for over 20 years. Their daughter and son in law are now running it but she passed on May 1, and she's to come to her six-year fight of cancer. So

Donaldson: well, Legislator Bartels.

Bartels: Thank you chair. I'd like to add George Watts of Gardner and Alma Rhodes of Wallkill.

Donaldson: Okay, oh, Legislator Cahill.

Cahill: Yes, I'd like to add a friend of mine, Judge Kesick's brother, Thomas Engelhardt, who lived in Las Vegas, but is a Kingston native and one of my best friends growing up succumb to a heart attack at the age of 59 years.

Donaldson: Legislator Criswell.

Criswell: Well, I just wanted to mention that Paul Worthington. The loss of him is a great loss for the City of Kingston. He was an incredible leader worked with youth was a top tireless fighter for for

young people and supporting them. And his wife Rita is on the on the city council and he's going to be missed.

Donaldson: Legislator Wawro did you have your hand up?

Wawro: I did. Thank you. I'd like to add Anthony Sgroi from Hurley, and Violet Finger and Winifred VanRoy both from Saugerties.

Donaldson: Legislator Uchitelle.

Uchitelle: Yeah, I just echo the you know, sorrow in the passing of Paul Worthington, and also on the passing of John Bongiorno was a he was a character that was ever present in New Paltz when I was living there and is just missed by so many people and passed unexpectedly two weeks ago. And leaves behind two children. He was just such a joyous part of the community.

Donaldson: And I also served with Joan Every and she was always a lady. And it was you could always talk with her. And it was, you know, she did a great job as a Legislator, and she served for many years. And Paul Worthington, and many people don't understand or realize, you know, the earlier life that he had was not an easy one. And he turned himself totally around, and he became a leader in his community. And as is pointed out his his wife, which serves on the Common Council, and he's gonna be greatly missed in our community.

Donaldson: I don't see anyone else up. So, I'll entertain a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Litts: I'll make a motion to adjourn.

Ronk: I'll second.

Donaldson: Legislator, Bruno seconded.

Donaldson: All those in favor.

Legislative Body: Aye. Aye.

Donaldson: Alrighty. The next regular meeting of the Legislature will be held on Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at seven o'clock pm. Resolution Deadline is Friday, May 22, at noon. Hopefully we may be able to do that meeting here. Maybe still social distancing, but we'll see. We'll see how that works. But hopefully, that will be taking place in Chambers. That's not me here tonight. So, everybody enjoy the rest of your evening. Stay safe.