

# ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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## AGENDA

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS & SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE SESSION: PROPOSED 2025 ULSTER COUNTY BUDGET & PROPOSED 2025 – 2030 ULSTER COUNTY CAPITAL PROGRAM**

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**6:00 PM**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIR: 6:18 PM**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:** Led by Chairman, Peter Criswell

**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**

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**MICROPHONES**

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**ROLL CALL:** Present: 21 Absent: 2 (Legislators Corcoran, Gavaris)

**6:00 PM - CALL OF THE 1<sup>st</sup> PUBLIC HEARING BY CLERK: 6:20 PM**

On Proposed Local Law No. 14 Of 2024, A Local Law Amending The Code Of The County Of Ulster, Chapter 232 Living Wage, In Relation To Applicability And Compensation

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** There was (1) Speaker signed up for public comment.

1. Cheryl Schneider, Rosendale – Spoke in support living wage increases.

**PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED: 6:22 PM**

Motion Made by Legislator Litts, Seconded by Vice Chair Sperry to adjourn the public hearing. All in favor.

**6:05 PM - CALL OF THE 2<sup>nd</sup> PUBLIC HEARING BY CLERK: 6:22 PM**

On Proposed Local Law No. 15 Of 2024, A Local Law Amending The Ulster County Charter And The Ulster County Administrative Code By Deleting Article XLIV From Each (Insurance Department), And Amending The Ulster County Charter And The Ulster County Administrative Code With Respect To Article XLIII (Safety Department)

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** There was (1) Speaker signed up for public comment.

1. Cheryl Schneider, Rosendale – Relayed her difficulty locating the Charter online.

**PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED: 6:25 PM**

Motion Made by Legislator Litts, Seconded by Majority Leader Uchitelle to adjourn the public hearing. All in favor.

**6:10 PM - CALL OF THE 3<sup>rd</sup> PUBLIC HEARING BY CLERK: 6:25 PM**

On Proposed Local Law No. 16 Of 2024, A Local Law Amending The Ulster County Charter And The Ulster County Administrative Code By Renaming Article XVI From Department Of Purchasing To Department Of General Services

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED: 6:26 PM**

Motion Made by Legislator Litts, Seconded by Majority Leader Uchitelle to adjourn the public hearing. All in favor.

**6:15 PM - CALL OF THE 4<sup>th</sup> PUBLIC HEARING BY CLERK: 6:26 PM**

On Proposed Local Law No. 17 Of 2024, A Local Law Applying The Salary Revisions Pursuant To The 2025 Ulster County Budget To County Officers Serving For Fixed Terms

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** There was (1) Speaker signed up for public comment.

1. Cheryl Schneider, Rosendale – Spoke in opposition to an increase in Legislators' salaries.

**PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED: 6:29 PM**

Motion Made by Legislator Litts, Seconded by Majority Leader Uchitelle to adjourn the public hearing. All in favor.

**6:20 PM - CALL OF THE 5<sup>th</sup> PUBLIC HEARING BY CLERK: 6:29 PM**

On Proposed Local Law No. 18 Of 2024, A Local Law Applying Salary Revisions For Certain Elected Ulster County Officials Serving For Fixed Terms

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** There were (3) Speakers signed up for public comment.

1. Hugh Reynolds, Kingston – Expressed disappointment
2. Anthony Fitzpatrick, Esopus – Spoke in support of increasing Legislators' salaries.

3. Cheryl Schneider – Spoke in opposition to increasing Legislators’ salaries.

**PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED: 6:34 PM**

Motion Made by Legislator Litts, Seconded by Legislator McCollough to adjourn the public hearing. All in favor.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (on items currently before the Legislature):** None

**RESOLUTION NOS: 617 – 623**

Legislator Uchitelle motioned, seconded by Legislator Roberts, to consider Resolution Nos. 617, 618, 619, 620 and 623 as a Block.

MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 21            NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislators Corcoran and Gavaris)

**617        Ratification Of Tax Rolls**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 21            NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislators Corcoran and Gavaris)

**618        Levy For Unpaid Sewer Rents**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 21            NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislators Corcoran and Gavaris)

**619        Levy For Unpaid Water Rents**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 21            NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislators Corcoran and Gavaris)

**620 Approving Completed Tax Rolls And Directing The Execution Of Delivery Of Warrants**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 21 NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislators Corcoran and Gavaris)

**621 Adopting the Ulster County Budget For Fiscal Year Commencing January 1, 2025 And Making Appropriations For The Conduct Of County Government**

ADOPTED AS AMENDED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 17 NOES: 4  
(Noes: Legislators Kitchen, Litts, Maloney, and Roberts)  
(Absent: Legislators Corcoran and Gavaris)

Legislator Uchitelle motioned, seconded by Legislator Roberts, to adopt Proposed Amendment Nos. 3, 10, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 35, 37, 38, 40, 41, 42, and 19 as official amendments to the Proposed 2025 Ulster County Budget; Amendment Nos. 1 through 21 as presented in the attached exhibit.

MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 21 NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislators Corcoran and Gavaris)

Legislator Uchitelle motioned, seconded by Legislator Roberts, to adopt Proposed Amendment No. 21 as amended as the next official amendment to the Proposed 2025 Ulster County Budget; Amendment No. 22 as presented in the attached exhibit.

MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 21 NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislators Corcoran and Gavaris)

Legislator Uchitelle motioned, seconded by Legislator Roberts, to adopt Proposed Amendment No. 34 as amended as the next official amendment to the Proposed 2025 Ulster County Budget; Amendment No. 23 as presented in the attached exhibit.

MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 21            NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislators Corcoran and Gavaris)

Legislator Uchitelle motioned, seconded by Legislator Roberts, to adopt Proposed Amendment No. 9 as the next official amendment to the Proposed 2025 Ulster County Budget; Amendment No. 24 as presented in the attached exhibit.

MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 19            NOES: 1  
(Noes: Legislator Nolan)  
(1 Abstention: Legislator Maloney)  
(Absent: Legislators Corcoran and Gavaris)

Legislator Uchitelle motioned, seconded by Legislator Roberts, to adopt Proposed Amendment No. 12 as the next official amendment to the Proposed 2025 Ulster County Budget; Amendment No. 25 as presented in the attached exhibit.

MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 15            NOES: 6  
(Noes: Legislators Kitchen, Litts, Lopez, Maloney,  
Roberts, and Walls)  
(Absent: Legislators Corcoran and Gavaris)

Legislator Uchitelle motioned, seconded by Legislator Roberts, to adopt Proposed Amendment No. 18 as the next official amendment to the Proposed 2025 Ulster County Budget; Amendment No. 26 as presented in the attached exhibit.

MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 13            NOES: 8  
(Noes: Legislators Hansut, Kitchen, Kovacs, Litts,  
Lopez, Maloney, Roberts, and Walls)  
(Absent: Legislators Corcoran and Gavaris)

Legislator Uchitelle motioned, seconded by Legislator Roberts, to adopt Proposed Amendment No. 20 as the next official amendment to the Proposed 2025 Ulster County Budget; Amendment No. 27 as presented in the attached exhibit.

MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 14            NOES: 7  
(Noes: Legislators Hansut, Kitchen, Kovacs, Litts,  
Lopez, Roberts, and Walls)  
(Absent: Legislators Corcoran and Gavaris)

Legislator Roberts motioned, seconded by Legislator Kitchen, to adopt Proposed Amendment No. 1 as the next official amendment to the Proposed 2025 Ulster County Budget.

Legislator Roberts requested a five-minute recess. Chair Criswell recessed the meeting at 7:18 PM. Chair Criswell called the meeting back to order at 7:26 PM.

MOTION DEFEATED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 9            NOES: 12  
(AYES: Legislators Hansut, Hewitt, Kitchen, Kovacs,  
Litts, Lopez, Maloney, Roberts, and Walls)  
(Absent: Legislators Corcoran and Gavaris)

Legislator Collins motioned, seconded by Legislator Roberts, to adopt Proposed Amendment No. 2 as the next official amendment to the Proposed 2025 Ulster County Budget; Amendment No. 28 as presented in the attached exhibit.

MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 13            NOES: 8  
(Noes: Legislators Donaldson, Hansut, Kitchen,  
Kovacs, Litts, Lopez, Maloney, and Walls)  
(Absent: Legislators Corcoran and Gavaris)

Legislator Hewitt motioned, seconded by Legislator Sperry, to adopt Proposed Amendment No. 11 as the next official amendment to the Proposed 2025 Ulster County Budget; Amendment No. 29 as presented in the attached exhibit.

MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 12            NOES: 8  
(Noes: Legislators Hansut, Kitchen, Kovacs, Levine,  
Litts, Lopez, Maloney, and Roberts)  
(1 Abstention: Legislator Collins)  
(Absent: Legislators Corcoran and Gavaris)

Legislator Hewitt motioned, seconded by Legislator McCollough, to adopt Proposed Amendment No. 14 as amended as the next official amendment to the Proposed 2025 Ulster County Budget; Amendment No. 30 as presented in the attached exhibit.

MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 21            NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislators Corcoran and Gavaris)



Legislator Roberts motioned, seconded by Legislator Maloney, to consider Proposed Amendment Nos. 5, 6 and 7 as a Block.

MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 21            NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislators Corcoran and Gavaris)

Legislator Maloney motioned, seconded by Legislator Roberts, to unblock, or consider Proposed Amendment Nos. 5, 6 and 7 as separate amendments.

MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 21            NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislators Corcoran and Gavaris)

Legislator Maloney motioned, seconded by Legislator Roberts, to adopt Proposed Amendment No. 7 as the next official amendment to the Proposed 2025 Ulster County Budget; Amendment No. 31 as presented in the attached exhibit.

MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 16            NOES: 5  
(Noes: Legislators Collins, Criswell, Donaldson, Nolan,  
and Uchitelle)  
(Absent: Legislators Corcoran and Gavaris)

Legislator Hewitt motioned, seconded by Legislator McCollough, to adopt Proposed Amendment No. 15 as the next official amendment to the Proposed 2025 Ulster County Budget.

MOTION DEFEATED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 3            NOES: 18  
(AYES: Legislators Greene, Hewitt, and McCollough)  
(Absent: Legislators Corcoran and Gavaris)

Chair Criswell recessed the meeting at 8:58 PM. Chair Criswell called the meeting back to order at 9:04 PM.

Legislator Hewitt motioned, seconded by Legislator Stewart, to adopt Proposed Amendment No. 16 as the next official amendment to the Proposed 2025 Ulster County Budget.

MOTION DEFEATED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 2      NOES: 19  
(AYES: Legislators Hewitt and McCollough)  
(Absent: Legislators Corcoran and Gavaris)

Legislator Roberts motioned, seconded by Legislator Maloney, to adopt Proposed Amendment No. 43 as the next official amendment to the Proposed 2025 Ulster County Budget.

MOTION DEFEATED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 9      NOES: 12  
(AYES: Legislators Hansut, Kitchen, Kovacs, Litts,  
Lopez, Maloney, Roberts, Stewart and Walls)  
(Absent: Legislators Corcoran and Gavaris)

**622      Adopting Ulster County Capital Program For 2025 – 2030**

ADOPTED AS AMENDED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 21      NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislators Corcoran and Gavaris)

Legislator Uchitelle motioned, seconded by Legislator Roberts, to adopt Proposed Amendment Nos. 1 through 7 as official amendments to the Proposed 2025 – 2030 Ulster County Capital Program; Amendment Nos. 1 through 7 as presented in the attached exhibit.

MOTION ADOPTED FOR AMENDMENT NOS. 1, AND 3 - 7 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 21            NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislators Corcoran and Gavaris)

MOTION ADOPTED FOR AMENDMENT NO. 2 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 20            NOES: 0  
(1 Abstention: Legislator Litts)  
(Absent: Legislators Corcoran and Gavaris)

Legislator Uchitelle motioned, seconded by Legislator Roberts, to adopt Proposed Amendment No. 8 as amended as the next official amendment to the Proposed 2025 – 2030 Ulster County Capital Program; Amendment No. 8 as presented in the attached exhibit.

MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 21            NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislators Corcoran and Gavaris)

**623        Approving The Advancement Of Capital Projects For The Ulster County Community College – Ulster County Community College**

ADOPTED AS AMENDED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 21            NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislators Corcoran and Gavaris)

**PUBLIC COMMENT (on subjects not currently before the Legislature):** None

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**MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:35 PM**

Motion Made by Legislator Kitchen  
Seconded by Legislator Litts

**NEXT MEETING:**

The next Regular Meeting of the Ulster County Legislature will be held on **Tuesday, December 17, 2024 at 6:00 PM** in the Legislative Chambers, Sixth Floor, Ulster County Office Building, 244 Fair Street, Kingston, New York.