

ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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MINUTES

FEBRUARY 26, 2019

SPECIAL SESSION

7:45 PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIRWOMAN: 7:55 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG AND 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 Special Session.

MICROPHONES

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

ROLL CALL: Present: 21 Absent: 2 (Fabiano, Litts)
(Legislator Collins left the meeting at 8:25 PM)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

Minority Leader Ronk motioned to enter into the Committee of the Whole, seconded by Legislator Archer. Motion passed unanimously. Chairwomen Bartels called upon Legislator Heppner to assume the role of Chair of the Committee of the Whole.

MOTION NO. 1: Moved Resolution No. 81 (~~Calling For~~ Scheduling A Special Election To Fill The Position Of County Executive Pursuant To Ulster County Charter § C-29) for discussion
Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Archer

Discussion: Chairman Heppner asked if there were any comments or questions on the Resolution. Legislator Ronk noted he will support this resolution in the Committee Of The Whole, but not when it comes to the floor. Chairman Heppner asked if there were any other comments or questions.

MOTION NO. 2 Moved to Adopt Resolution No. 81 in the form as presented
Motion Made By: Legislator Archer
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Eckert

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Bartels, Collins, Delaune, Donaldson, Eckert, Gerentine, Greene, Haynes, Heppner, Lopez, Maio, James Maloney, Joseph Maloney, Nolan, Petit, Roberts, Rodriguez, Ronk, Wawro and Woltman

Voting Against: None
Disposition: Resolution Adopted as Amended

Adjournment of the Committee Of The Whole
Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Archer
Voting in Favor: (21)

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were (2) speakers signed up for public comment.

1. Lee Kalish, Kingston: Mr. Kalish expressed he believed the whole process is flawed – timeframe is tight, who should schedule the election, candidates chosen by committee and not by a primary process, cost is excessive and overall disruptive.
2. Jeff Moran: Mr. Moran spoke in opposition to the special election stating excessive costs to the taxpayers.

Please Note: Complete content of the public comment period can be heard on the Ulster County Legislative Website.

RESOLUTION NO: 81

Resolution

**81 ~~Calling For~~ Scheduling A Special Election To Fill The Position Of
County Executive Pursuant To Ulster County Charter § C-29**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 14 NOES: 6
(Noes: Legislators Gerentine, Lopez, Maio,
James Maloney, Ronk, and Wawro)
(Absent: Legislators Fabiano and Litts)
(Legislator Collins left the meeting at 8:25 PM)

Motion by Legislator Ronk, seconded by Legislator Archer to adjourn the Special Session.
All in favor.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:30 PM

NEXT MEETING:

The next Regular Meeting of the Ulster County Legislature will be held on **March 19, 2019 at 7:00 PM** in the Legislative Chambers.

Resolution deadline is tomorrow, **Wednesday, February 27, 2019 at 12 Noon.**