

ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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MINUTES

PUBLIC HEARINGS & REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 2025

7:10 PM

Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, 244 Fair Street, Kingston, NY
Also available via Livestream: <https://www.youtube.com/@UlsterCountyLegislature>

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY THE CHAIR: 7:08 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 Public Hearings and Legislative Session.

MICROPHONES

June 17, 2025

ROLL CALL: **Present:** 21 **Absent:** 2 (Harmon, Maloney)

On Proposed Local Law No. 5 Of 2025, A Local Law Amending Local Law No. 7 Of 2025, A Local Law Providing Real Property Tax Exemption Of The County Portion Of The Real Property Taxation And Special Ad Valorem Levies For The Creation Of New Accessory Dwelling Units In Accordance New York State Real Property Tax Law Article 4 Title 2 Private Property Section 421-P*2

PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED: 7:12 PM

Motioned by Legislator Litts, Seconded by Majority Leader Uchitelle

As Required Under Article 25AA Of The Agriculture And Markets Law, On The Addition Of Lands To Agricultural Districts, And Providing Direct Notice To Affected Municipalities

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED: 7:16 PM

Motioned by Legislator Litts, Seconded by Majority Leader Uchitelle

Deputy Majority Leader Aaron Levine	June 1 st
Legislator John Gavaris	June 9 th
Vice Chair Megan Sperry	June 20 th
Clerk of the Legislature Victoria Fabella	June 22 nd
Confidential Secretary Amanda Ludington	June 29 th

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

Majority Leader Uchitelle motioned, Seconded by Minority Leader Roberts to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. All in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM:

Ulster County Legislative Chair, Peter Criswell

Appointment Letter – Housing & Transportation Committee – Legislator Richard Walls

Ulster County Clerk of the Legislature, Victoria Fabella

FOIL Acknowledgement & Response – Laura Petit

Legislative News

Chair of Ulster County Legislature Calls for Independent Study on U&D Corridor Options

Minority Leader Roberts

Appointment Letter – Audit Committee – Legislator Kovacs

Budget Department

April 2025 Budget Transfer Report

May 2025 Budget Transfer Report

Catskill Mountain Railroad, President Ernie Hunt

Email to the Legislators – Basin Road Station vs Stony Hollow

Email to Kevin Smith – Ulster and Delaware Corridor

Kevin Smith, Chair UCTAC

Response Email to Ernie Hunt – Ulster and Delaware Corridor

Catskill Watershed Corporation

Notice of Preliminary Decisions – June 4, 2025

Concerned Citizens (2)

Email – Ashokan Rail Trail: Undesignated Section – In Favor of Rail With Trail

Concerned Citizens (4)

Email – Opposing Rail with Trail

Concerned Citizens (6)

Email – In Favor of Trail

Concerned Citizens (7)

Email – In Favor of Rail

COMMUNICATIONS FROM (continued):

Cornell Cooperative Extension

Invitation: Elected Official Farm Tour – July 8, 2025 (Rain Date 9th) @ 1:00 PM – Registration opens, June 3rd and ends July 2nd

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation

615 Broadway Site (Kingston) – DEC Invites Public Comment on Draft Investigation Plan through July 4th

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation

Public Comment Period for Proposed Revisions to DER Policy No. 25/Petroleum Bulk Storage (PBS) Inspection Guidebook

Laura Petit

Foil Request – U&D Committee Related Correspondences

Hudson 7

Water Operators Appreciation Week 2025 – Meet Bryan Cussick of Poughkeepsie's Water Treatment Facility (PWTF)

Hudson Valley Regional Council

May 2025 Quarterly Board Meeting Reports

HVRC Economic Development Digest

5-Year CEDS (Economic Development Strategy): SWOT Discussion

Historic Huguenot Street

Award Recognition, Organization Plans for Additional Visitor Enrichment

Flavors of Change – Food Stories from the Mid-Hudson Valley, 1680-1800, on View at Historic Huguenot Street

Michael Shaieb, West Hurley

Email – Petition – Trail Support for Stony Hollow

NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets

NY-SUN NOI Submission – ELP Marlborough Solar in the Town of Marlborough

Ulster County Board of Health

Agenda & Minutes – April 8, 2025

Ulster County Chamber of Commerce

Ribbon Cutting – Employment Center at RCAL – Thursday, June 5, 2025 @ 9:30 AM – 727 Albany Avenue, Kingston

COMMUNICATIONS FROM (continued):

Ulster County Chamber of Commerce

Ribbon Cutting – Midtown Kingston Arts District Neighborhood Print Studio - Thursday, June 12, 2025 @ 3:00 PM – 49 Greenkill Avenue, Kingston

Ribbon Cutting – O+ Exchange Space – Friday, June 13, 2025 @ 2:30 PM – 334 Wall Street, Kingston

Ulster County Chamber of Commerce

Ribbon Cutting – Expansion of Retail Space at PuroClean Professional Restoration – Tuesday, June 24, 2025 @ 10:00 AM – 623 Route 28, Kingston

Ulster County Department of General Services

Non-Commodity Solicitations:

RFP-UC25-042: Ulster County Court Facilities Space Needs Assessment and Design Services

RFP-UC25-045 – Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Revolving Loan Fund

RFP-UC25-041 – Audio-Visual Integrator Services for the Ulster County Government Operations Center

RFP-UC25-043 – Modular Construction Strategic Plan For Affordable Housing

RFB-UC25-044 – Maintenance Of Metasys Control Systems

RFP-UC25-046 - Preliminary Engineering Reports For Water And Septic Infrastructure At Manufactured Home Parks

April 2025 Executed Contract List

April 2025 Purchasing Report

Ulster County Department of Planning

Agenda for June 4th and Minutes for May 7th, including Financial Report

Ulster County Environmental Management Council

Save the Date NYSACC Conference October 24th

Ulster County Personnel Department (22)

Civil Service Exams/Job Announcements

COMMUNICATIONS FROM (continued):

Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency

Email – Memo re. Analysis of Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency's Authority Pursuant to Enabling Statute

Ulster County Soil and Water Conservation District

UCSWCD Management Letter and Financial Statements

Ulster County Tourism

UC Top 10 June 2025 Events

Ulster County Industrial Development Agency

Event Invitation: Hudson House – June 5th @ 5 PM

Ulster County Veterans Services

Ulster County Memorial Day Candlelight Ceremony May 22nd @ 8:00 PM – In Front Of COB/War Memorial

Plattekill Memorial Day Parade – May 24th @ 11:00 AM From Town Hall Down Route 32 To Veterans Park

American Legion Auxiliary Pancake Breakfast – May 25th – American Legion Post 1796 – 29 Walnut Street, New Windsor

Marlborough Memorial Day Parade – May 25th @ 1:00 PM – Starting At The High School And Heading Down Western Avenue Ending At The Elementary School

Town Of Lloyd Memorial Day Parade – May 26th @ 9:00 AM From Phillips Avenue Down New Paltz Road Thru Village Up Milton Avenue to Van Wagner Road Down to Vineyard Ave and Back to Village

Town Of Esopus American Legion Post 1298 Memorial Day Parade – May 26, 2025 @ 10:00 AM

Rosendale/Tillson American Legion Post 1219 Memorial Day Parade – May 26, 2025 @ 10:00 AM

COMMUNICATIONS FROM (continued):

Ulster County Veterans Services

Honoring and Remembering Memorial Day – May 26, 2025 @ 10:30 AM – Middletown Elks 1097

Ride To Remember – May 26th
Registration At 10:30 AM – Kickstands Up 11:30 AM – 24 Twin Maples Plaza, Saugerties

COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS:

Order of Succession – Jamie Capuano, James Amenta, and Amanda LaValle

Media Advisory – Help Shape the Future of Midtown Linear Park

Media Advisory – Free Measles Clinic in Ellenville on June 17th

Press Release – State Approves Certification to Coordinate EMS Services with Providers and Municipalities

Press Release – Ulster County Launches ‘Green the Scene’ Grant Program to Support Zero-Waste Events

Press Release – Ulster County EMS Plan Gets Green Light from Legislature

Press Release – Ulster County Breaks Ground for New Resilient Emergency Communications Center in New Paltz

Press Release – Joint Statement from County Executive and City of Kingston Mayor Steve Noble regarding the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Press Release on Sanctuary Jurisdiction

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Economic Development, Planning, Education,
Employment, Arts & Agriculture
Energy, Environment & Sustainability
Health, Human Services & Human Rights
Housing & Transportation
Law Enforcement and Public Safety
Laws and Rules, Government Services
Public Works, Capital Projects
Ways and Means

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MEMORIALIZING LETTER:

To Ulster County State Representatives supporting Immigration & Criminal Justice Reform Legislation

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Chair Criswell granted Privilege of the Floor to Ulster County Office of Employment and Training Director Sharon Williams. With over 25 years of dedicated experience, Sharon is a seasoned advocate for youth and families through community and workforce development, family engagement, youth training, and job skills building.

Sharon is passionate about empowering individuals by providing access to resources and opportunities that align with their passions and goals. The Office of Employment and Training seeks to provide a "one-stop" hub where career seekers can access essential tools and training, business leaders can engage in industry best practices and innovation, and employers can recruit and retain the best workforce in Ulster County. Director Williams will highlight some of the programs available to accomplish these goals.

PUBLIC COMMENT (on Resolutions currently before the Legislature): There were 19 speakers signed up for public comment.

1. Scott Carlsen – Spoke against landfill
2. Lauren Salvay – Spoke against landfill
3. Reuben Butchart – Spoke against landfill

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4. Poppy Cannon-Reese – Spoke against landfill
5. Chris Dean – Spoke against landfill
6. Andrew Faust – Spoke against landfill
7. Kyra Rogowski – Spoke against landfill
8. Matt Canale – Spoke against landfill
9. John Hazard, Wawarsing – Spoke against landfill
10. Michael Fisher, Ellenville – Spoke against landfill
11. Andrew Block, Ellenville – Spoke against landfill
12. Adrian Dimatteo, Ellenville – Spoke against landfill
13. Cassie Luzenski, Ellenville – Spoke against landfill
14. William Doster – Spoke against landfill
15. Terry Houck – Spoke against landfill
16. Chris Allen – Spoke in favor of Resolution No. 143 – Road Safety
17. Brooke Gillespie – Spoke against landfill
18. Anna Mott – Spoke against landfill
19. Sunali Shanti Sikand – Spoke against landfill

**RESOLUTION NOS: 33, 143, 265, 266, 269 – 272, 274, 276 - 314, & 316 - 319;
470 of 2024, 178, 209, 225, 245, 273, & 275 - POSTPONED;
52 & 214 – DEFEATED IN COMMITTEE; 127, 155, & 315 – WITHDRAWN**

Resolution No. 470 of 2024 - Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 10 Of 2024, A Local Law Amending The Code Of The County Of Ulster, Chapter 205 Food Service, Article II Use Of Disposable Polystyrene Foam, To Include Thermoform Plastic, To Be Held On Tuesday, July 15, 2025 At 7:00 PM
Postponed in Committee.

Resolution No. 178 - Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 4 Of 2025, A Local Law Providing For The Protection And Restoration Of The Esopus Creek, Rondout Creek And Wallkill River In Ulster County, And Providing For The Rights Of The Residents Of Ulster County To Clean Water And A Healthy And Productive Ecosystem, To Be Held On Tuesday, July 15, 2025 At 7:05 PM
Postponed in Committee.

Resolution No. 209 - Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Service Agreement With The Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency – Department Of The Environment
Postponed in Committee.

Resolution No. 225 - Updating The Ulster County Pedestrian And Bicycle Policy
Postponed in Committee.

Resolution No. 245 - Calling For Enhanced Security Measures, Including Magnetometers And Airport-Style Screening, At The Ulster County Office Building During All Hours Of Public Access
Postponed in Committee.

Resolution No. 273 - Opposing The Establishment Of A County-Wide Landfill Anywhere Within The Geographical Boundaries Of Ulster County, And Urging The Exploration Of Alternative Locations And Waste Management Solutions
Postponed in Committee.

Resolution No. 275 - Amending Resolution No. 275 Of 2014 As Amended, Establishing A Policy For A “Rail With Trail” Along The County-Owned Ulster And Delaware Railroad Corridor
Postponed in Committee.

Resolution No. 52 - Adopting The Ulster County Fleet Vehicle Take-Home Policy
Defeated in Committee.

Resolution No. 214 - Requiring Initiation Of The Procurement Process To Secure Construction Manager As-Agent Professional Services For Enhanced Oversight Of The Government Operations Center Capital Project
Defeated in Committee.

Resolution No. 127 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$100,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Ulster County Soil & Water Conservation District – Department Of Environment/Department Of Planning
Withdrawn by Sponsor.

Resolution No. 155 - Requiring High Quality Field Drug Test Kits For Use In Any Required Screening Of Participants Of County Administered Social Service Programs
Withdrawn by Sponsor.

Resolution No. 315 - Amending The Policy Established Through Resolution No. 78 Of 2024, A Policy Requiring Nonprofit Vendors To Comply With Applicable Financial Reporting And Tax Filing Regulations To Clarify Compliance Requirements And Enforcement For Nonprofit Vendors
Withdrawn by Sponsor.

	Consent
143	Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 3 Of 2025, A Local Law To Ensure The Safety Of Vulnerable Road Users In Ulster County, To Be Held On Tuesday, July 15, 2025 At 7:10 PM ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 21 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Harmon and Maloney)
265	Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 6 Of 2025, A Local Law Amending The Ulster County Charter, (Local Law No. 2 Of 2006), Amending The Administrative Code For The County Of Ulster, (Local Law No. 10 Of 2008), And Amending The Code Of The County Of Ulster, To Modify Various Sections In Relation To Provisions Governing Budget And Finance, To Be Held On Tuesday, July 15, 2025 At 7:15 PM ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 21 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Harmon and Maloney)
266	Amending The Rules Of Order Prohibiting Legislative Meetings On Certain Jewish Holidays ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 21 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Harmon and Maloney)

269	Amending The 2025 Ulster County Budget To Accept Allocation Of Rental Assistance Program Funds From The New York State Office Of Temporary And Disability Assistance – Department Of Social Services ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 21 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Harmon and Maloney)
270	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$494,918.00 Entered Into By The County – Catholic Charities Of Orange, Sullivan & Ulster – Department Of Social Services ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 21 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Harmon and Maloney)
271	Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$100,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Of Woodstock Inc. – Department Of Social Services ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 21 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Harmon and Maloney)
272	Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$250,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Of Woodstock Inc. – Department Of Social Services ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 21 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Harmon and Maloney)

274	Amending Ulster County's Classification Of The Ulster & Delaware Corridor Rail Trail Project Under The New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) And Issuing A Revised Environmental Assessment Form – Department Of Planning ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 21 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Harmon and Maloney)
276	Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Payment In Lieu Of Taxes Agreement With Baileys Gap Solar, LLC For Solar Energy Systems Pursuant To Real Property Tax Law Section 487 – Department Of Finance ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 21 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Harmon and Maloney)
277	Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Payment In Lieu Of Taxes Agreement With Highland 201 Solar LLC, The Town Of Marlborough, And Marlboro Central School District For Solar Energy Systems Pursuant To Real Property Tax Law Section 487 – Department Of Finance ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 21 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Harmon and Maloney)
278	Confirming Reappointments Of Louis Klepner And Rosemary Quinn To The Traffic Safety Board ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 21 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Harmon and Maloney)

279	Confirming Appointments Of Neil Bettez And Dominick Mercurio To The Traffic Safety Board ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 21 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Harmon and Maloney)
280	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Professional Ambulance Billing, LLC – Department Of Emergency Communications/Emergency Management ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 21 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Harmon and Maloney)
281	Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The New York State Dormitory Authority For The State And Municipal Facilities – Amending The 2025 Budget – District Attorney ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 21 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Harmon and Maloney)
282	Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$38,394.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – New York Communications Company, Inc. – Ulster County Sheriff ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 21 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Harmon and Maloney)

283	<p>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$3,000.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Watch Systems, L.L.C. – Ulster County Sheriff</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 21 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Harmon and Maloney)</p>
286	<p>Creating A Position Pursuant To An Agreement With The United States Department Of Justice Office Of Community Oriented Policing Services In Connection To The LEMGWA Grant Award – Amending The 2025 Ulster County Budget – Ulster County Sheriff</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 21 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Harmon and Maloney)</p>
287	<p>Approving The 2025-2026 Ulster County Community College Budget – SUNY Ulster</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 21 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Harmon and Maloney)</p>
288	<p>Authorizing The Refinancing Of The PILOT Mortgage Entered By The Ulster County Industrial Development Agency And Landmark Preservation, L.P. Regarding The Premises Located At 295 Broadway And 1 Albany Avenue, Kingston, New York</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 21 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Harmon and Maloney)</p>

289	Adopting The Ulster County Agricultural And Farmland Protection Plan And Submission Thereof To The New York State Commissioner Of Agriculture And Markets For Approval – Department Of Planning ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 21 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Harmon and Maloney)
290	Authorizing The Continuation Of Agricultural District No. 3 – Rondout Creek – Towns Of Hardenburgh, Marbletown, Olive, Rochester, Rosendale, And Wawarsing – Department Of Planning ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 21 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Harmon and Maloney)
291	Authorizing The Department Of Planning To Submit An Application To The US Department Of Transportation (USDOT) For Funding Under The Safe Streets And Roads For All (SS4A) Program To Perform A Comprehensive Analysis Of Road Safety For All Users – Department Of Planning ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 21 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Harmon and Maloney)
293	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$151,660.83 Entered Into By The County – Family Of Woodstock Inc. – Youth Bureau ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 21 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Harmon and Maloney)

294	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$151,660.83 Entered Into By The County – Family Of Woodstock Inc. – Youth Bureau ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 21 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Harmon and Maloney)
295	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$150,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Anderson Medical, P.C. D/B/A Emergency One Urgent Care And Diagnostic Center – Department Of Social Services ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 21 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Harmon and Maloney)
296	Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Contract With The New York State Department Of Health To Enter Into A Data Use Agreement – Department Of Mental Health ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 21 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Harmon and Maloney)
298	Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$76,800.00 Entered Into By The County – Rehabilitation Support Services, Inc. – Department Of Mental Health ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 21 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Harmon and Maloney)

299	<p>Amending The 2025 Ulster County Budget To Create A Public Health Technician To Be Utilized In The Lead Rental Registry Program – Department Of Health</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 21 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Harmon and Maloney)</p>
300	<p>Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 7 Of 2025, A Local Law Amending Section C-42(A) Of The Ulster County Charter And Section A5-3(A) Of The Administrative Code For The County Of Ulster To Reflect Recent Changes In State Public Health Law Regarding The Composition Requirements For Local Boards Of Health, To Be Held On Tuesday, July 15, 2025 At 7:00 PM</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 21 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Harmon and Maloney)</p>
301	<p>Amending The 2025 Ulster County Operating Budget – Amending Capital Project No. 520 Highway Safety Program – Amending The 2025 Capital Fund Budget – Department Of Public Works (Highways And Bridges)</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 21 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Harmon and Maloney)</p>
302	<p>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$67,410.00 Entered Into By The County – Bergmann Associates, Architects, Engineers, Landscape Architects & Surveyors, D.P.C. – Department Of Public Works</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 21 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Harmon and Maloney)</p>

303	Amending The 2025 Ulster County Operating Budget - Amending Capital Project No. 661 Bridge Superstructure Repairs – Amending The 2025 Capital Fund Budget - Department Of Public Works (Highways And Bridges) ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 21 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Harmon and Maloney)
304	Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$33,000.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – M.M.G. Fire Equipment, Inc. – Department Of Public Works ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 21 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Harmon and Maloney)
305	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$67,928.56 Entered Into By The County – United States Pest Service LLC – Department Of Public Works ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 21 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Harmon and Maloney)
306	Establishing Capital Project No. 735 – 2025 Purchase Of Highway Equipment – Amending The 2025 Capital Fund Budget — Department Of Public Works (Highways And Bridges) ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 21 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Harmon and Maloney)

308	<p>Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 8 Of 2025, 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 Amend Charter Article XXXIV Periodic Compensation Review Committee §C-110 And Administrative Code Article XXXIV Periodic Compensation Review Committee §A34-3, To Be Held On Tuesday, July 15, 2025 At 7:05 PM</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 21 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Harmon and Maloney)</p>
309	<p>Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$56,077.00 Entered Into By The County – Schneider Geospatial, LLC – Department Of Information Services</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 21 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Harmon and Maloney)</p>
310	<p>Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$1,476,717.12 Entered Into By The County – SHI International Corp – Department Of Information Services</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 21 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Harmon and Maloney)</p>
311	<p>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$442,409.54 Entered Into By The County – Tyler Technologies, Inc. – Department Of Information Services</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 21 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Harmon and Maloney)</p>

312	<p>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$3,300.00 Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Roemer Wallens Gold & Mineaux LLP – Department Of Personnel</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 21 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Harmon and Maloney)</p>
313	<p>Authorizing Director Of Budget To Make Certain Transfers Of Funds – Department Of Budget</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 21 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Harmon and Maloney)</p>
314	<p>Authorizing The Execution Of A Municipal Cooperation Agreement And Related Documents For Participation In The New York Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System (NYCLASS)</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 21 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Harmon and Maloney)</p>
316	<p>Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Amendment To The Contract With The New York City Department of Environmental Protection To Continue Delegation Of Administration Of Section 18-38 Of The Watershed Regulations</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 21 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Harmon and Maloney)</p>

317	Authorizing Submission Of A Grant Application To The Federal Transit Administration To Accept 5307 Funds For Design, Site Selection, And Facility Analysis Of UCAT Transportation Facilities And Authorizing The Ulster County Executive To Execute Any Required Applications Or Agreements In Order To Accept Funding – Ulster County Area Transit (UCAT) ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 21 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Harmon and Maloney)
318	Authorizing Submission Of A Grant Application To The Federal Transit Administration To Accept 5339(B) Funds For Capital Expenditures And Authorizing The Ulster County Executive To Execute Any Required Applications Or Agreements In Order To Accept Funding – Ulster County Area Transit (UCAT) ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 21 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Harmon and Maloney)
319	Approving The Memorandum Of Agreement Between The County Of Ulster And The Ulster County Sheriff’s Employee Association, For The Years 2025, 2026, 2027 And 2028 – Amending The 2025 Ulster County Budget ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 21 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Harmon and Maloney)
	Non- Consent

33	<p>Opposing The Establishment Of A County-Wide Landfill In Wawarsing, NY, And Urging The Exploration Of Alternative Locations And Waste Management Solutions</p> <p>DEFEATED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 8 NOES: 13 (AYES: Corcoran, Gavaris, Hansut, Kitchen, Kovacs, Litts, Lopez, and Walls) (Absent: Legislators Harmon and Maloney)</p>
284	<p>Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With Ulster County Board Of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) To Provide One (1) Part-time Deputy Sheriff As School Resource Officer To BOCES Port Ewen Location– Ulster County Sheriff</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 21 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Harmon and Maloney)</p>
285	<p>Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With Ulster County Board Of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) To Provide Two (2) Deputy Sheriffs As School Resource Officers To Three (3) BOCES locations – Ulster County Sheriff</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 21 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Harmon and Maloney)</p>
288	<p>Authorizing The Refinancing Of The PILOT Mortgage Entered By The Ulster County Industrial Development Agency And Landmark Preservation, L.P. Regarding The Premises Located At 295 Broadway And 1 Albany Avenue, Kingston, New York</p> <p>MOVED TO CONSENT</p>

292	Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$25,000.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Medium Giant Company, Inc. D/B/A Medium Giant – Department Of Tourism ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 21 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Harmon and Maloney)
297	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$225,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Oxford House, Inc. – Department Of Mental Health ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 21 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Harmon and Maloney)
307 BOND	Authorizing The Purchase Of Construction And Maintenance Equipment, For The Department Of Public Works Of The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$3,670,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$3,670,000.00 Serial Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 21 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Harmon and Maloney)
308	Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 8 Of 2025, 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 Amend Charter Article XXXIV Periodic Compensation Review Committee §C-110 And Administrative Code Article XXXIV Periodic Compensation Review Committee §A34-3, To Be Held On Tuesday, July 15, 2025 At 7:05 PM MOVED TO CONSENT

	Late Resolutions
317	Authorizing Submission Of A Grant Application To The Federal Transit Administration To Accept 5307 Funds For Design, Site Selection, And Facility Analysis Of UCAT Transportation Facilities And Authorizing The Ulster County Executive To Execute Any Required Applications Or Agreements In Order To Accept Funding – Ulster County Area Transit (UCAT) MOVED TO CONSENT
318	Authorizing Submission Of A Grant Application To The Federal Transit Administration To Accept 5339(B) Funds For Capital Expenditures And Authorizing The Ulster County Executive To Execute Any Required Applications Or Agreements In Order To Accept Funding – Ulster County Area Transit (UCAT) MOVED TO CONSENT
319	Approving The Memorandum Of Agreement Between The County Of Ulster And The Ulster County Sheriff's Employee Association, For The Years 2025, 2026, 2027 And 2028 – Amending The 2025 Ulster County Budget MOVED TO CONSENT

PUBLIC COMMENT (on subjects *not* currently before the Legislature): There was 1 speaker signed up for public comment.

1. Kim Schmiedel, Saugerties - Spoke on CSEA not having a contract yet and work load has doubled.

MEETING ADJOURNED IN MEMORY OF: Read by Legislator Kitchen

Frank E. Sottile (Former Town of Ulster Supervisor)	James R. Williams, Kingston
Margaret Hebert, Milton	Tim Kederling, Ulster Park
Christopher Hallmark, Marlboro	Esther Kederling, Ulster Park
Justina Ortlieb, Kerhonkson	Patricia Van Loan, Ulster
Terry Alexander, Hurley	Linda Hanss, Shokan
Juliette Mauro Krom, Port Ewen	Calvin C. Mann, Jr., Lake Katrine
Eileen Gulisano, Woodstock	Jack Lewis, Kingston
MaryAnn Casey, Hurley	James Fitzpatrick, Ulster Park
Nicolena Tralongo, Marlboro	Thomas O'Neill, New Paltz
Frank Long, Ulster	Ethel Ryan, Kingston
Thomas O'Neil, New Paltz	Bill Vanaver
James Hughes, Kerhonkson	Jean Voyce, Saugerties
James Zeke Wenzel, Esopus	

CLOSING WORDS – Chair Criswell called upon Majority Leader Uchitelle, District 5, to offer closing words. Theme – Pride Month

NEXT MEETING:

The next Regular Meeting of the Ulster County Legislature will be held on Tuesday, July 15, 2025 at 7:00 PM in the Legislative Chambers, Sixth Floor, Ulster County Office Building, 244 Fair Street, Kingston, New York.

Resolution deadline is Wednesday, June 18, 2025.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:01 PM
Motioned by Legislator Litts
Seconded by Legislator Nolan



ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

1ST PUBLIC HEARING: ON THE TENTATIVE BUDGET OF ULSTER COUNTY COMMUNITY
COLLEGE FOR THE YEAR 2025 – 2026

TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2025

LEGISLATIVE CHAMBERS, 244 FAIR STREET, KINGSTON, NY

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ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

PUBLIC COMMENT: On Resolutions Currently Before the Legislature

TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2025

✓ 1. Chris Rea

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✓ 4. SUNALI SHANTI SIKAND <i>Sun ali</i> <i>Sa Kand</i>	TOWN WHERE YOU RESIDE: EMAIL:	AGAINST LANDFILL
✓ 5. NICOLE STRATIS	TOWN WHERE YOU RESIDE: EMAIL:	AGAINST LANDFILL
✓ 6. DAN KANDA	TOWN WHERE YOU RESIDE: EMAIL:	AGAINST LANDFILL

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✓ 36. ^(Kenny) Mike ^{Henry}	TOWN WHERE YOU RESIDE: EMAIL:	Landfill
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52. Clarence Davis	TOWN WHERE YOU RESIDE: EMAIL:	

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We want to help Ulster County take real ownership of its waste - handling it locally instead of sending it to other communities that end up dealing with the environmental and health impacts. If we're serious about sustainability, that has to include taking responsibility right here at home.

There's a lot we could say about where things stand today, but for tonight, we are focused on one clear point: Ulster County should not support incineration or so-called "waste-to-energy" projects - whether they're proposed here or somewhere else. These facilities pollute the air, harm the communities around them, and get in the way of smarter, long-term waste reduction. They're run by companies that make money by burning more trash - not less - and that works directly against efforts to recycle, compost, and reduce waste at the source.

We don't have to look far to understand the risks. The same facility we believe some of our Ulster County Legislators toured recently - Reworld Hempstead, formerly known as Covanta Hempstead - was ordered by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to pay nearly \$880,000 in penalties and environmental benefit funds for years of improper ash handling. As the DEC put it, "Reworld's violations underscore the importance of stringent oversight of waste-to-energy facilities and the need for responsible, lawful management of waste byproducts."¹

These violations followed a review of long-standing mismanagement, including issues first raised in a whistleblower lawsuit more than a decade ago. It's a powerful reminder that so-called "waste-to-energy" isn't the clean, safe solution it's often made out to be - and a clear warning about the risks of following that path.

Back in 2020, the County adopted a Solid Waste Management Plan that set out a zero waste vision - and importantly, it didn't include incineration. That plan was a step in the right direction, and it's still the right foundation to build on. We shouldn't lose sight of that now.

Right now, the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency is working on a Zero Waste Implementation Plan. That's a great step. But for it to make a real difference, the County needs to finalize it, release it to the public, and include a clear, accountable timeline. That way, everyone - residents, legislators, and community groups - can stay informed and engaged.

We also need to focus more on cutting waste before it even gets into the system. According to UCRRA, "It's estimated that as much as 30% of the waste stream is compostable. In Ulster County, that equates to about 30,000 tons of organics that could be diverted through composting." If we're really serious about managing our waste responsibly, we need to move toward mandatory composting. With enough education and public awareness, there's every reason to believe the community will support this. A little effort from residents can make a big dent in both the waste stream and in our wallets. It can also build public confidence in

identifying a suitable site - unlike the currently proposed location in Wawarsing, which should be taken off the table - for a modern landfill that truly serves as a last resort.

We should also consider “pay-as-you-throw” programs - used successfully in many communities - which charge households based on the amount of non-recyclable trash they produce. Much like a utility bill, it rewards people who generate less waste and gives everyone a financial reason to reduce, reuse, and compost more. It’s a practical tool that fits well within a broader zero waste strategy.

If we want to get away from a throwaway culture, it’s going to take some smart planning and a shared commitment - but it’s absolutely within reach. Ulster County has a real opportunity to lead the way, and we can all be part of making that happen.

KingstonCitizens.org and TownOfUlsterCitizens.org

¹ *Source: New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (2025, Feb 27). “DEC Orders Reworld Hempstead to Pay \$878,500 in Penalties and Environmental Benefit Funds.”*
Link to press release

260 words

We want to help Ulster County take real ownership of its waste - handling it locally instead of shifting the burden to other communities. If we’re serious about sustainability, we need to take responsibility here at home.

Tonight, we have one clear message: Ulster County should reject incineration and so-called “waste-to-energy” projects - whether here or elsewhere. These facilities pollute the air, harm nearby communities, and block meaningful waste reduction. They profit by burning more trash, not less, directly undermining efforts to recycle, compost, and reduce waste.

The risks are clear. The same facility we believe some of our Legislators toured recently - Reworld Hempstead (formerly Covanta Hempstead) - was hit with nearly \$880,000 in penalties by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) for years of improper ash handling. The DEC stated, “Reworld’s violations underscore the importance of stringent oversight of waste-to-energy facilities and the need for responsible, lawful management of waste byproducts.”¹ This facility’s long history of mismanagement is a warning: “Waste-to-energy” is not the clean, safe solution it’s often made out to be.

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In 2020, Ulster County adopted a Solid Waste Management Plan with a zero waste vision that didn't include incineration. That's the path forward. We must support it.

The County is developing a Zero Waste Implementation Plan, and it must be finalized and made public with clear timelines. We must also push for mandatory composting, which could divert 30,000 tons of organic waste annually, and explore "pay-as-you-throw" programs to reduce waste at the source.

Ulster County has a real opportunity to lead. Let's seize it with all of our help and support.

May 20, 2025

To: Ulster County Legislators

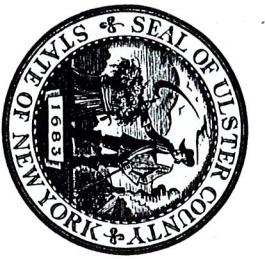
From: Regis Obijiski, 170 Ledge Road, Town of Ulster

RE: What we Throw Away

Garbage, waste—what we throw away—is already an undeclared public health problem. There is no “away” in throw-away. The sheer volume of waste is an ever-rising tide washing over us. That’s why we are here tonight. The UCRRA is not our enemy for not cleaning up our mess fast enough and making it disappear; rather, the RRA is our county’s indispensable ally and partner in ameliorating waste.

Incineration is not the solution. It poisons our air with deadly gasses and shovels it toxic ash on landfills. A county-based landfill, which some people still refer to as a “dump,” is not a dump if citizens are willing to take the stink out of garbage by diverting all organics into composting and mulch. That will take a major change in behavior, not all of it voluntary. What if most of us used our 19 transfer stations, going back to dual-stream recycling, so that paper and cardboard (now about 32% of MSW) would not be tainted by food and liquids in metal cans and plastic containers? What if we were able to deconstruct C&D, a big part of our waste stream, and re-use the wood and other materials? What if each of us reduced our use of plastic containers by 50% and single-use plastic by 75%?

Please support the RRA. Waste is our collective problem.



ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

PUBLIC COMMENT: On Subjects Not Currently Before the Legislature

TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2025

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WHAT IS PRADER-WILLI SYNDROME?

Prader-Willi syndrome (PWS) is a rare genetic disorder affecting approximately 1 in 15,000 births. PWS is a life-threatening medical disorder caused by loss of active genetic material on chromosome 15. Nearly every system in the body is impacted by a PWS diagnosis. Among other things, PWS affects:

- hormones
- cognition and learning
- muscle strength
- temperature regulation
- appetite
- pain tolerance
- behavior
- sleep patterns

Behavior problems are also common and are worsened by an unrelenting, overriding physiological drive to eat. For someone with PWS, the feeling of fullness after eating is absent.

Currently, **there is no cure for Prader-Willi syndrome**. For many individuals affected by the disorder, the elimination of some of the most difficult aspects of the syndrome, such as the insatiable appetite and obesity, would represent a significant improvement in quality of life and the ability to live independently.



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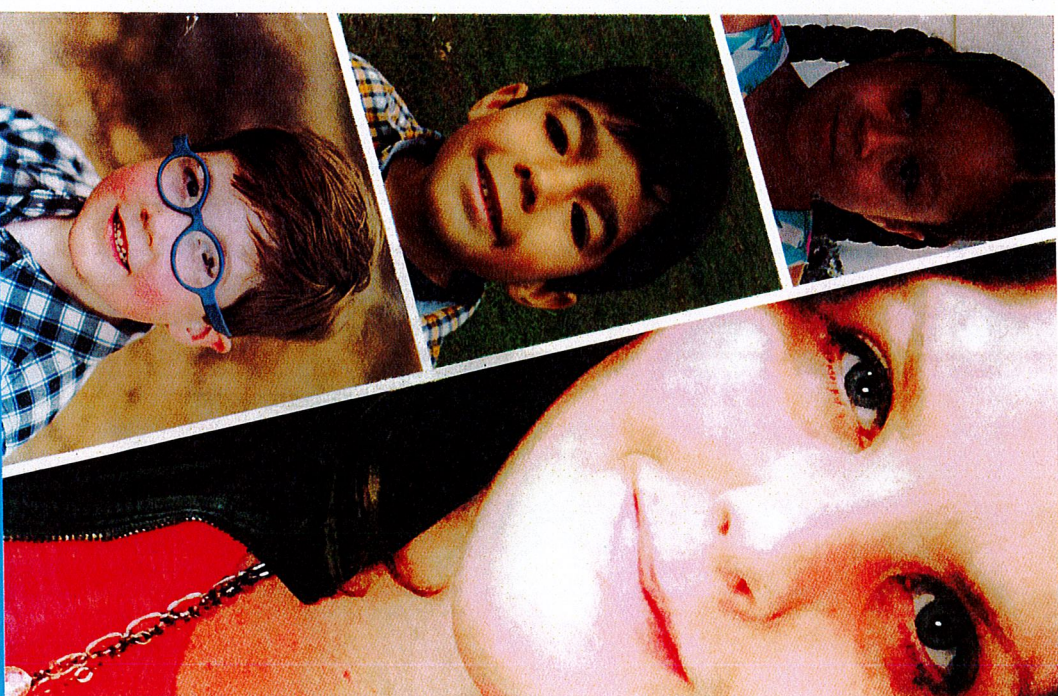
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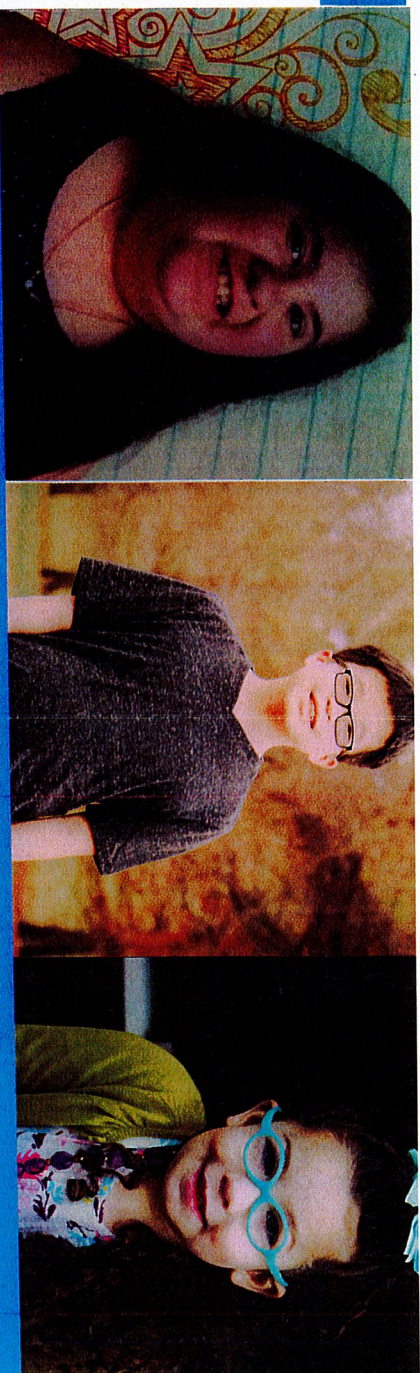
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OUR FOUNDATION

The Foundation for Prader-Willi Research (FPWR) is advancing research to better understand and treat Prader-Willi syndrome (PWS), with the goal of an eventual cure. We prioritize innovative research to **develop new effective therapies** that will positively impact the lives of those with PWS.

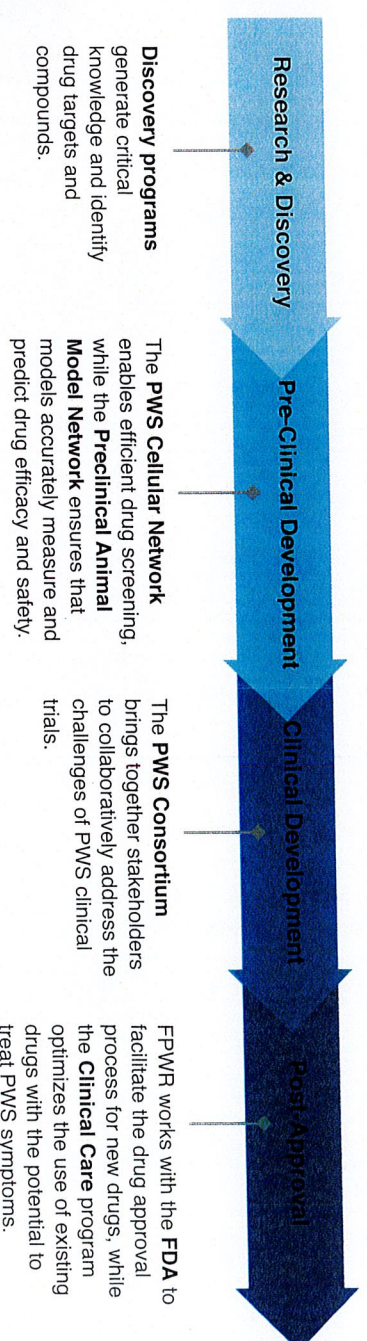
Our **research strategy** balances short-term goals of improving treatments for PWS symptoms with long-term goals aimed to develop therapies that address the root causes of the syndrome.

FPWR has developed a robust portfolio of research programs and tools to **de-risk therapeutic development** and address challenges at each stage of the drug development pathway, from discovery to access of new therapeutics. Our strategy aims to increase efficiency, decrease the time, and lower the costs required to bring therapeutics to market.



OUR APPROACH

FPWR addresses the challenges of therapeutic development at every stage of drug development.



— The **PWS Registry** supports all stages of the drug development pathway by providing critical information on the characteristics of PWS and expediting the enrollment and completion of clinical trials. —

BE THE HOPE!

We believe that one day our loved ones with Prader-Willi syndrome will be able to live **FULL** and independent lives. With your help and support, we can make this happen!

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