

ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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MINUTES

MAY 9, 2023

SPECIAL MEETING

Members Of The Public May Also Attend At 5321 Route 28, Mt. Tremper, NY
And Available via *vimeo* Livestream <https://livestream.com/accounts/1512750/events/1824203>

6:30 PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIR: 6:36 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 Session.

MICROPHONES

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

ROLL CALL: Present: 17 Absent: 5
(Legislators Corcoran, Fabiano, Hansut, Litts and Ronk)

PUBLIC COMMENT (on items currently before the Legislature):

1. Jane Schanberg, New Paltz: Ms. Schanberg spoke in opposition of the nomination process for filling the District 20 vacancy.
2. Margaret McDowell, New Paltz: Ms. McDowell spoke in opposition of the nomination process for filling the District 20 vacancy.
3. Alex Wojcik, New Paltz: Ms. Wojcik spoke in opposition to a former Legislator's candidacy to fill District 20 vacancy and in support of Tricia Bowen for the position.
4. Stana Weisburd, New Paltz: Ms. Weisburd spoke in opposition to a former Legislator's candidacy to fill District 20 vacancy and in support of Tricia Bowen for the position.
5. Tricia Bowen, New Paltz: Ms. Bowen provided background on herself and supported the nomination process for filling the District 20 vacancy.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Chair Bartels appointed Majority Leader Heppner to lead the Committee of the Whole to Order.

MOTION NO. 1 Motion to Discuss Resolution No. 216

Motion Made By: Legislator Uchitelle
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Roberts

Discussion: Lengthy discussion on candidate vetting, selection and appointment timeline ensued.

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MOTION NO. 2 Motion to Postpone Resolution No. 216

Motion Made By: Legislator Maloney
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Roberts

Discussion: Lengthy discussion ensued. Majority Leader Heppner called the question.

Roll Call Vote: No
Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Maloney, Petit and Roberts
Voting Against: Legislators Bartels, Cahill, Criswell, Erner, Gavaris, Greene, Heppner,
Hewitt, Levine, Nolan, Sperry, Stewart and Uchitelle
Absent: 5

Disposition: Motion failed

MOTION NO. 3 Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 216

Motion Made By: Legislator Criswell
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Uchitelle

Discussion: Lengthy discussion on candidate vetting, selection and appointment timeline
ensued. Majority Leader Heppner called the question.

Roll Call Vote: No
Voting In Favor: Legislators Bartels, Cahill, Criswell, Erner, Gavaris, Greene, Heppner,
Hewitt, Levine, Lopez, Nolan, Petit, Roberts, Sperry, Stewart and Uchitelle
Voting Against: Legislator Maloney
Absent: 5

Disposition: Motion passed

MOTION NO. 4 Motion to Close Committee of the Whole

Motion Made By: Legislator Uchitelle
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Sperry

Discussion: None. Hearing none, Majority Leader Heppner called the question.

Roll Call Vote: No
Voting In Favor: Legislators Bartels, Cahill, Criswell, Erner, Gavaris, Greene, Heppner,
Hewitt, Levine, Lopez, Maloney, Nolan, Petit, Roberts, Sperry, Stewart and
Uchitelle

Disposition: Motion passed

RESOLUTION NO: 216

216	<p>Appointing Ulster County Legislator, District No. 20</p> <p>Legislator Heppner motioned, seconded by Legislator Uchitelle, to insert the name of Tricia Bowen to fill the vacancy.</p> <p>MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 17 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Corcoran, Fabiano, Hansut, Litts and Ronk)</p> <p>ADOPTED AS AMENDED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 15 NOES: 2 (Noes: Legislators Lopez and Roberts) (Absent: Legislators Corcoran, Fabiano, Hansut, Litts and Ronk)</p>
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PUBLIC COMMENT (on subjects *not* currently before the Legislature):

There were no speakers signed up for public comment.

Motion by Majority Leader Heppner, seconded by Deputy Majority Leader Lopez, to adjourn the Special Legislative Session. All in favor.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:14 PM

NEXT MEETING:

The next Regular Meeting of the Ulster County Legislature will be held next **Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at 7:00 PM** in the Legislative Chambers, Sixth Floor, Ulster County Office Building, 244 Fair Street, Kingston, New York.



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PUBLIC COMMENT: (ON SUBJECTS CURRENTLY BEFORE THE LEGISLATURE)

TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2023

NAME (PLEASE PRINT)	CONTACT	TOPIC(S) TO BE DISCUSSED
1. Jane Schenbergs	TOWN WHERE YOU RESIDE: New Paltz EMAIL: janeschneg@aol.com	LD 20
2. Margaret M. Powell Margaret M. Powell	TOWN WHERE YOU RESIDE: New Paltz EMAIL: Bbermac@aol.com	LD 20
3. Alex Wojcik	TOWN WHERE YOU RESIDE: New Paltz EMAIL: alexandra.wojick2028@gmail.com	LD 20
4. STANA Weisburd	TOWN WHERE YOU RESIDE: New Paltz EMAIL: weisburd588@ny.sunysulster.edu	LD 20
5. Tricia Bowen	TOWN WHERE YOU RESIDE: New Paltz EMAIL: tricia.bowen@	LD 20
6. _____	TOWN WHERE YOU RESIDE: EMAIL: _____	_____



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