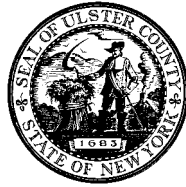


# ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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## MINUTES

**OCTOBER 20, 2015**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**7:00 PM**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN: 7:00 PM**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:** Led by Chairman John R. Parete

**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 and refrain from texting for the duration of Session.

### **MICROPHONES**

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

**ROLL CALL:** Present: 22 Absent: 1 (Legislator Fabiano)

**BIRTHDAYS:**

Legislator Craig Lopez, October 30<sup>th</sup>  
Former Legislator Robert Parete, October 20<sup>th</sup>

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

Majority Leader Donald Gregorius motioned, seconded by Minority Leader Kenneth Ronk. All in favor.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM:**

Chairman John R. Parete

Legislative Counsel, Cappy Weiner  
Legislator Craig Lopez  
Margaret Connelly

UC Attorney, Beatrice Havranek

UC Personnel Department

Press Release UCAN Recommendations & 9/15/15 Report to the UC Legislature Audit Committee Appmt. Rich Merck Leg. Bartels, Thank You For Serving Press Release, Leg. Transparency Law Periodic Comp. Report Statements Press Release, 2016 Executive Budget Letter to Governor, Inter-Municipal Plan Electric Vehicle Charging Stations Letter, Request for Monthly Meeting Rep. NYS Pet Dealer & Breeder Licensing Program & Criteria NYS Pet Dealer Licensing Law Opinion Campaign Finance August 2015 County Litigation Response, Future of Railroad Corridor Memo, Catskill Mtn. RR Cost Response Civil Service Exam Announcement

**COMMUNICATIONS:** (continued)

UC Probation Department	Juvenile Community Accountability Training, 9/24/15
UC Department of Public Works	Brunswyck Rd. Culvert Wingwall Rte. 213, Cty. Rd. 20 Culvert Replmt. Letter, Peekamoose Blue Hole Littering (20) Save The Rails
Town of Olive, Supervisor Rozzelle	Meeting Minutes, 7/18/15 & 8/20/15
Concerned Citizens	Meeting Minutes, 5/7/15 & 6/4/15
UC Youth Board	UCCC Survey UC Residents
UC Human Rights Commission	Informational Session, 9/24/15
UC Finance Department	2016 Resource Guide & Directory
EMS Advisory Committee	Grand Openings Sperry Van Ness, Bop to Tottom, Key Bank Phoenicia & YWCA Magic Circle School
UC Chamber of Commerce	Trending, 2015 October Events Brochure, September 2015
UC Tourism	Open Letter, Planned Ashokan Trail
UC Cornell University Cooperative Extension	Pet Sellers Regulations, LL No. 12
Friends of the Catskill Mountain Rail Trail	Pet Sellers Regulations, LL No. 12
Rae Slingerland	Agenda, September 21, 2015
Kathryn Weiss	Agenda, 9/23/15 & Collection Event
UC Trails Advisory Committee	RRA 2016 Draft Budget & Disposal Fee
UC Resource Recovery Agency	Letter, 2016 Net Service Fee Calculation
NYC Dept. Environmental Protection	Final Scope of Work-Upstate Water Supply Resiliency Program & CD
Community Services Board/Subcommittee	October Meeting Schedule
NYSAC	2015 Fall Seminar Resolutions
ProAct Inc.	Discount Card Report, August 2015
Town of Ulster, Clerk Linda McDonough	Lead Agency, Kingston Commons
Assembly State of New York, Brian Kolb	Receipt of Resolution No. 299
NACO County News	Vol. 47, No. 17 & 18, September 2015
UC Planning Board	Agenda 10/7/15 & Minutes 9/2/2015
State of NY, Office of the State Comptroller	Receipt of Resolution No. 321 of 2015
UC Fire Advisory Board	Minutes, September 23, 2015
NYS Homeland Security & Emergency Services	FEMA Grant Boiceville Trestle Repair
Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress	50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary 12/10/15

**COMMUNICATIONS:** (continued)

Drescher & Malecki LLP

UC Traffic Safety Board  
Community Services Board  
State of New York, Department of State

Central Hudson Gas & Electric  
Hodgson Russ LLP, Attorneys  
UC Purchasing Dept.  
Mohonk Mountain House  
Rip Van Winkle Council, Boy Scouts of America  
The ARC of Ulster-Greene Foundation  
UC Comptroller, Elliott Auerbach

United Way of Ulster County  
Ernie Hunt, CMRR President  
UC Periodic Compensation Review Committee  
UC Finance Department  
Office of Economic Dev. Suzanne Holt  
Traffic Safety Board  
Pro Act Inc.  
Westchester Medical Center Health Network  
Nat Hendricks  
The Congress Companies  
UC Department of Social Services  
UC Board of Ethics Committee

Basch & Keegan, LLP

2014 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, Single Audit Report, Mgmt. Letter, Auditors' Communication, NYSDOT Report, Agreed-Upon Procedures Report – Jail & Commissary  
October 5, 2015 Attendance Sheet  
Minutes, June 8, 2015  
Receipt of Local Law Nos. 9, 10 & 11 2015 filed 9/28/15  
September 2015 Brochure  
UCIDA Darien Lake Kingston Project  
September Executed Contracts  
Holiday Party, 12/10/15  
2015 Distinguished Citizen Dinner  
23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Holiday Auction 11/13/15  
Opinion 2015-001 Vehicle Charging Stations  
Follow Up on 2014 Audit Findings  
Community Partnerships Donation Form  
FEMA Money and the Railroad  
Elected Official Salary Recommendation  
UCCC Survey  
Ellenville Million Plan & Budget  
October 5, 2015 Meeting Minutes  
Monthly Discount Card Report  
Facility Tour 10/21/15 3PM  
Thank You Note  
Flyer, Construction Mgmt. Development  
Holiday Donations Children/Seniors  
Meeting Minutes, September 30, 2014  
Letter, Failure to File 10/16/15  
Notice of Claim 10/13/15

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS:**

Press Release, 2016 County Budget  
2016 UC Executive Budget & 2016  
Executive Capital Budget  
Budgetary Transfers September 2015  
UC Corporate Compliance Committee  
August 26, 2015 Minutes

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**DATE:**

Economic Development, Tourism, Housing,  
Planning & Transit  
Energy and Environment  
Law Enforcement and Public Safety  
Laws and Rules, Governmental Services  
Legislative Programs, Education & Community Services  
Public Health and Social Services  
Public Works and Capital Projects  
Ways and Means  
  
Ways and Means Special Meeting

September 1, 2015  
September 3, 2015  
August 31, 2015  
September 14, 2015  
September 8, 2015  
August 31, 2015  
September 3, 2015  
September 9, 2015  
September 15, 2015  
September 9, 2015

**ANNUAL REPORTS:**

**DATE:**

Ulster County Board of Ethics

2014 Annual Report

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:**

Chairman John R. Parete granted Privilege of the Floor to Evelyn Gross Whitebay, Educator and self-proclaimed Dyslexic Day Ambassador. Ms. Whitebay presented information about Dyslexia, sharing support and awareness of the unique challenges, and need for proper diagnosis. Dyslexia, the learning disability that's a learning difference!

Chairman John R. Parete called upon Legislator Craig V. Lopez, Chairman of the Public Health and Social Services Committee, and Legislator Herbert Litts III, District No. 9, who presented an Ulster County Proclamation to Evelyn Whitebay, on behalf of the Ulster County Legislature, declaring the month of October "Dyslexia Awareness Month."

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There were (6) speakers signed up for Public Comment.

1. UC Sheriff Paul VanBlarcum: Sheriff VanBlarcum came before the Legislature asking for their support on Resolution No. 326, Requesting Establishment Of Cash On Hand Fund – Ulster Regional Gang Enforcement Narcotics Team (URGENT), and Resolution No. 362, Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 9 of 2015 (A Local Law Of The County Of Ulster, New York, Known As The "False Alarm Reduction Act") on tonight's agenda. The Sheriff asked those who vote against the resolutions to please reach out to him.
2. Jack Hayes, Former UC Legislator: Mr. Hayes commended the Legislature for the Ulster Coalition Against Drugs Report, noting it's a good product, wonderful beginning, insightful and responsible. Mr. Hayes also warned of unsustainable tax burdens due to property tax exemptions affecting neighboring counties, such as the Town of Fallsburg in Sullivan County who now has 45% of its land off the tax rolls. Mr. Hayes would prefer the county not be in the real estate business - putting land back on the tax rolls and giving special preference to young farmers by producing sustainable community food sources to service nearby urban areas. Mr. Hayes provided a copy of his comments for the record.

3. Judy Tienken: Ms. Tienken introduced herself as an advocate for the Tri-State Coalition for Family Court Reform - NY Chapter. Ms. Tienken feels the system has failed - parents and children's lives are being destroyed. Ms. Tienken expressed change is needed within the Ulster County Child Protective Services and Family Court systems. Ms. Tienken provided a copy of her comments for the record.
  
4. Francesca Amato, President - Tri-State Coalition for Family Court & Reform: Ms. Amato also spoke of a neglectful family court and child protective services system failure in the Ulster County. Ms. Amato noted their group has appointed a chapter leader in every county in New York. The coalition of parents was formed to combat a court system they feel has taken their God given parental rights and due process away. Ms. Amato also spoke on behalf of Lindsey who signed up for the public comment period, however deferred her time to Ms. Amato. Ms. Amato shared with the Legislature Lindsey's struggles with the court system. Ms. Amato provided a copy of her comments for the record.
  
5. Mike Wendel: Mr. Wendel spoke to politics and corruption. Mr. Wendel noted he has created a website, Ulster County Investigations on Facebook and will be up and running tomorrow.
  
6. Philip Gurrieri: Mr. Gurrieri wished everyone a Happy Halloween chanting the wrath of the Satan God fire coming out at Halloween time. Mr. Gurrieri also mentioned King James New World Order, building Belleayre and Organic Ulster County USA.

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

**RESOLUTION NOS: 326, 359, 361-363, 365-373, 376, 377, 379- 385;  
357, 374, 375, 378- NO ACTION TAKEN;  
325, 364, 386- POSTPONED;  
360- WITHDRAWN;  
331- DEFEATED**

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**Resolution No. 325** – Setting A Public Hearing On Amended Proposed Local Law No. 14 of 2015 (A Local Law Prohibiting The Sale Of Personal Care Products Containing Microbeads In Ulster County)  
*POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE*

**Resolution No. 357** – Setting A Public Hearing On Amended Proposed Local Law No. 12 of 2015 (A Local Law Of The County Of Ulster For The Regulation Of Pet Sellers)  
*NO ACTION TAKEN IN COMMITTEE*

**Resolution No. 374** – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – New World Systems – Department Of Information Services  
*NO ACTION TAKEN IN COMMITTEE*

**Resolution No. 375** – Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Windstream Holdings, Inc. – Department Of Information Services  
*NO ACTION TAKEN IN COMMITTEE*

**Resolution No. 378** – Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Spacesaver Systems Inc. – Department Of Information Services  
*NO ACTION TAKEN IN COMMITTEE*

**Resolution No. 364** – Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 17 of 2015 (A Local Law Amending The Ulster County Charter, (Local Law No. 2 of 2006), To Modify The Appointment Process Of The Audit Committee And To Clarify The Authority Of Said Committee)  
*POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE*

**Resolution No. 386** – Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 18 of 2015 (A Local Law Amending The Ulster County Charter, (Local Law No. 2 of 2006), To Modify The Appointment Process Of The Charter Revision Commission)  
*POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE*



**Resolution No. 360** – Urging The New York State Governor and Legislature To Authorize A Comprehensive Review Of Order Of Protection Abuse  
*WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR*

**Resolution No. 331** – Establishing A Public Parking Lot Policy For The Ulster County Office Building  
*DEFEATED IN COMMITTEE*

A motion was made by Majority Leader Gregorius, seconded by Minority Leader Ronk, to move Resolution No. 363 out of the Non-Consent Agenda and into the Consent Agenda. All in favor.

### Consent

**361      Establishing A Policy For Ulster County To Provide Methadone Treatment Services Seven Days Per Week**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22              NOES: 0  
(Absent Legislator Fabiano)

**365      Approving The Collective Bargaining Agreement Between The County Of Ulster and the Ulster County Community College Organization of Professional and Administrative Personnel (OPAP)**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22              NOES: 0  
(Absent Legislator Fabiano)

- 366 Attesting That Increased Funding From The New York State Office For The Aging Will Be Used To Provide Additional Funding For Direct Care Staff– Office For The Aging**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0  
(Absent Legislator Fabiano)

- 367 Appropriating Funds From An Insurance Recovery For The Replacement Of A Sheriff's Raft - Amending The 2015 Ulster County Budget - Ulster County Sheriff**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0  
(Absent Legislator Fabiano)

- 368 Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With New York State Division Of Criminal Justice Services – Project Crime Victims Assistance Program – Department Of Probation**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0  
(Absent Legislator Fabiano)

- 369 Appointing Alternate Member To The Ulster County Planning Board – Village of New Paltz**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0  
(Absent Legislator Fabiano)

- 370 Amending The 2015 Ulster County Budget To Accept Increased Funding From The New York State Office Of Alcoholism And Substance Abuse Services For Residential Services – Department Of Mental Health**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22            NOES: 0  
(Absent Legislator Fabiano)

- 371 Amending The 2015 Ulster County Budget To Accept Increased Funding From The New York State Office Of Mental Health And The New York State Office Of Alcoholism And Substance Abuse Services For A Two Percent Increase In Annual Salary And Salary Related Fringe Benefit Costs For Specific Title Series Pursuant To Part I Of Chapter 60 Of The Laws Of 2014 – Department Of Mental Health**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22            NOES: 0  
(Absent Legislator Fabiano)

- 372 Amending The 2015 Ulster County Budget To Accept Increased Funding From The New York State Office Of Mental Health For Supported Housing – Department Of Mental Health**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22            NOES: 0  
(Absent Legislator Fabiano)

- 373 Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Rondout Legal Services Inc – Department Of Social Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22            NOES: 0  
(Absent Legislator Fabiano)



- 381 Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Harrison & Burrows Bridge Constructors, Inc. – Department of Public Works**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22            NOES: 0  
(Absent Legislator Fabiano)

- 382 Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature to Execute A Lease With Walkkill Body Shop And Glass, Inc., For A Space to be Used As A Substation Of The Ulster County Sheriff's Office – Department of Public Works (Buildings And Grounds)**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22            NOES: 0  
(Absent Legislator Fabiano)

- 383 Authorizing The Commissioner Of Finance To Accept A Bid For A Parcel Of County-Owned Real Property For Private Sale And Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Convey Such Parcel – Department Of Finance**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22            NOES: 0  
(Absent Legislator Fabiano)

- 384 Authorizing The Ulster County Commissioner Of Finance To Accept Redemption Offers Relative To Payment Of Real Property Taxes In The 2013 In Rem Foreclosure Proceeding**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22            NOES: 0  
(Absent Legislator Fabiano)

- 385 Accepting The Accounting Of Unpaid School Taxes For The 2015-2016 School Year, Directing Payment To The School Districts And Directing Re-Levying Pursuant To Real Property Tax Law – Department Of Finance**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22            NOES: 0  
(Absent Legislator Fabiano)

**Non-Consent**

- 325 Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 14 of 2015 (A Local Law Prohibiting The Sale Of Personal Care Products Containing Microbeads In Ulster County) To Be Held On Tuesday, November 10, 2015 At 7:05 PM**

*POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE*

- 326 Requesting Establishment Of Cash On Hand Fund – Ulster Regional Gang Enforcement Narcotics Team (URGENT)**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 21            NOES: 1  
(Noes: Legislator Bartels)  
(Absent Legislator Fabiano)



**MEETING ADJOURNED IN MEMORY OF:** Read by Legislator Hector Rodriguez.

Legislator Rodriguez paid tribute to the family of Maya E. Gold on behalf of Rabbi Jonathan Kligler who could not be in attendance tonight by reading a passage from her eulogy.

“Being 15 is hard, and never harder than for a sensitive soul like Maya. She – and you, her peers – are past your childhood, when the big world and all of its problems could stay at edge of your consciousness, while you are busy playing and reading and doing the work of being a kid. Now your awareness has grown, and you know that the world is broken in many ways. You are child/adults. Maya felt the pain of the world, but she was yet to develop the armor we all need to face that brokenness. And we need that armor: The world is often a demanding and difficult place, and if we care about the world and want to make a difference in it, as Maya did, we need to learn how to protect ourselves from all that suffering that is out there. Being 15 is a dangerously vulnerable time in life because you care so deeply, like the adults you are becoming, but are still wide open, like the children you still are. It is so easy to become overwhelmed. I remember, even though it was long ago for me.”

Earl W. Johnson, Port Ewen, NY  
Joan P. Mayone, Kingston, NY  
Frank J. Gualtieri, Port Ewen, NY  
Jerry Simonetti, Woodstock, NY  
Kevin M. Ryan, West Hurley, NY  
Edward P. Moran II, West Hurley, NY  
Rudolph E. Stallman Jr., Kingston, NY  
Robert W. O’Halloran Jr., Kerhonkson, NY  
John J. Mulligan, Saugerties, NY  
Concetta G. Leonelli, New Paltz, NY  
Martha Denman, West Shokan, NY  
Linda A. Grapel, Stone Ridge, NY  
Alberta Corwin, Shokan, NY  
William Kleine Samsonville, NY  
Thomas Lynch, Saugerties, NY  
Jane Rush Quimby, Marlboro, NY

Adelaide Dasher, Kingston, NY  
Mary H. Bauer-Barrett, Kingston, NY  
Edward M. Miller, Kerhonkson, NY  
Ida B. Gooch, Kingston, NY  
John L. Grogan, Kingston, NY  
William A. Scafidi Sr., St. Remy, NY  
Elizabeth M. Jordan, Kingston, NY  
Kenneth A. Metrick, Tillson, NY  
Francis J. Krasinski, West Park, NY  
William H. McVicker Sr., Pine Bush, NY  
John R. Beilman, Ellenville, NY  
Anna M. Napolitano, Pine Bush, NY  
Richard W. Dammier, New Paltz, NY  
Maya E. Gold, Gardiner, NY  
Donald Isenman, Napanoch, NY  
Louise Sigrid Nordstrom Catalano,  
Marlboro, NY



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**MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:55 PM**

**NEXT MEETING:**

There will be a Special Informational Session for O'Connor Davies, LLP to present their analysis of the 2016 Ulster County Budget on **Wednesday, November 4, 2015 at 6:00 PM** in Legislative Chambers, Sixth Floor, Ulster County Office Building, 244 Fair Street, Kingston, New York

The next Regular Meeting of the Ulster County Legislature will be held on **Tuesday, November 17, 2015 at 7:00 PM** in the Legislative Chambers, Sixth Floor, Ulster County Office Building, 244 Fair Street, Kingston, New York.

Resolution deadline is **Wednesday, October 28, 2015 at 12 Noon.**