

ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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AGENDA

FEBRUARY 13, 2024

REGULAR MEETING

The Public May Also Attend at 33114 Prairie Parke Pl, Fernandina Beach, FL
Also Available via *vimeo* Livestream at <https://livestream.com/accounts/1512750/events/1824203>

7:00 PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIR:

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: Absent:

OPENING WORDS – In honor and recognition of Black History Month, Chair Criswell welcomes accomplished poet and 2023 Ulster County Poet Laureate Kate Hymes to share her art. A New Paltz resident and leader of the Wallkill Valley Writers workshops, Kate extols poetry’s accessibility and ability to leave lasting images and emotions with readers. Her work focuses on the lives of free and enslaved people of African decent in New Paltz and throughout Ulster County.

BIRTHDAYS:

Legislator Kathy Nolan	February 1 st
Deputy Clerk Jay Mahler	February 23 rd

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM:

UC Legislative Chair, Peter Criswell

Appts Legislators, Hansut, Levine, Litts and Nolan to the Occupancy Tax Equity Review Working Group

Announces 2024 Legislative Annual Calendar Standing and Special Committee Appointments

Ulster County Clerk of the Legislature, Victoria Fabella
Legislative News

Ulster County Legislature holds Organizational Meeting, unanimously elects Peter Criswell to serve as Chair

Chair Criswell Appoints Megan Sperry as Legislative Vice Chair

UC Legislature offers condolences to Kingston City School District and Community

Chair Criswell Announces the Complete 2024 Annual Legislative Calendar

COMMUNICATIONS FROM (Continued):

Legislative News

A. Gonzalez, Dept of Mental Health

A. Costanzo, Chamber of Commerce

B. Masterson, Commissioner UC Dept of Public Works

Carol Smith, MD, Commissioner of Health

Catskill Watershed Corporation, Lindsay R Ballard

County News

Dafne DeJesus, UC Comptroller Assistant

Dennis Doyle, UC Planning Department

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Human Rights commission

Ulster County Legislature seeks applicants to serve on County Advisory Boards

Final UC Dept of Mental Health Minutes for 11-23-23

Ribbon Cutting & Grand Opening, Friends of Gabi Madden, Tuesday, February 20, 2024 @ 3:00 PM, 32 Broadway, Kingston

Appts and Designated in order of Succession, Dean Rylewicz, Deputy Commissioner and Robert Parete both from Marbletown in the event of Brendan Masterson's absence

Appts and Designated in order of Succession, Thomas Gibney, MBA, Deputy Director for Administration, Marlboro and Lissette McNulty, MSN, RN, Director of Patient Services, Washingtonville in the event of Carol Smith's absence

Notice of Preliminary Decisions of the Catskill Watershed Corporation

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Press Release – Virtual Broadband Town Hall

Appts and Designated in order of Succession, Kristen Wilson, Deputy Director and Brian Slack, Principal Transportation Planner from city of Kingston to act in the event of Dennis Doyle's absence

Ulster County Legislature SEQRA Notice of Intent to serve as Lead Agency

Resignation from IDA Board of Directors – 1-8-24

Agenda for February 7, 2024

COMMUNICATIONS FROM (Continued):

Kathleen Mihm	St. Patrick's Parade, Inc., Sunday, March 10, 2024 @ 1:00 PM
L. Archer	Resignation from IDA Board of Directors – 1-9-24
L. R. Ballard, Catskill Watershed Corporation	Notice of Preliminary Decisions
NYSAC News	Fall 2023 – United for Progress
NYS Department Of Taxation and Finance	UC Tax Apportionment 2024
NYS Public Service Commission	
Rebecca Martin, Hudson 7	Agenda for February 15, 2024 and Minutes for November 16, 2023
T. Hunt	In Support of Samadhi and harm reduction to overdose prevention
Town of Woodstock	Ulster County Climate Smart Committee Town of Woodstock Report for January 22, 2024
Ulster County Regional Chamber of Commerce	2024 Community Resource Guide & Membership Directory
UC County Deputy Comptroller, Alicia DeMarco, CPA	Comptroller's Press Release on 2023 3 rd Quarter Report
UC County Planning Board	Agenda for February 7, 2024 & Minutes for January 3, 2024
UC Information Services	UC Crime Victims Assistance Program Needs Volunteers, Volunteer Training & Certification Starting February 21- April 1 st , Mondays and Wednesdays from 6p-8:30p
Ulster County Personnel Department	Civil Service Announcements
UC Traffic Safety Board	Agenda for February 5, 2024 & Draft 2023 Annual Report
Veteran Services Director Mark Cozzupoli	Veteran Related Communications

COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS:

NYS Public Service Commission chooses litigation over negotiated settlement in Fortis/Central Hudson Rate case, as urged by County Executive Metzger

Elected Officials unite in Call to Replace Owner/Operator of Hudson Valley Water Company Amid Service Failures

UC Public Works Department announces Road Closure in Town of Kingston

January 16th – County Road #10, Sawkill Road

New York State Brings Winter Assistance Fair to Ulster County Restorative Justice Center on Saturday, January 20, 2024

County Executive Metzger secures commitment from NYS DOT to conduct road safety investigation on route 28 in Mount Tremper

Appoints Joe McDonald for the position of Interim Director of the Youth Bureau

Statement from Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger regarding the event at the Law Enforcement Center

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

- American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

DATE:

- December 5, 2023

- December 7, 2023
- December 11, 2023
- December 7, 2023
- December 18, 2023
- December 11, 2023
- December 12, 2023
- December 18, 2023
- December 12, 2023

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR – Chair Criswell has granted Privilege of the Floor to Ashley Knox-Alleyne, Director of Go Beyond Greatness, Inc. Established in 2014 this Kingston based NYS Minority and Woman-Owned Business provides counseling and career readiness programs for students and educators including: leadership development, college preparation workshops, guidance for continuous learning, individualized action plans and life coaching, and workforce development trainings.

Chair Criswell will call upon Vice Chair Megan Sperry and Legislator Herbert Litts, III, Chair and Deputy Chair of the Legislature’s Standing Committee on Economic Development, Planning, Education, Employment, Arts and Agriculture to present Ms. Knox with a Pride of Ulster County Award.

Hon. Peter J. Criswell – Chair’s Address

PUBLIC COMMENT (on items currently before the Legislature):

**RESOLUTION NOS: 7 – 30, 32 – 48, 51 – 76, 79 – 81
31, 77, 78 – POSTPONED; 49 & 50 – NO ACTION TAKEN**

	Consent
7	MEMORIALIZING - Urging The Expeditious Establishment Of A New York State Stewardship Program That Includes Both Packaging And Printed Paper
9	Establishing Capital Project No. 688 SUNY Ulster – Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) Compliance - Amending The 2024-2029 Capital Improvement Program And The 2024 Capital Fund Budget – SUNY Ulster
11	Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into Intermunicipal Agreements With Various Municipalities For The Operation Of The Summer Youth Employment Program, Gun Violence Prevention Initiative, Youth Employment Program, Brighter Futures Initiative, And The Young Adult Employment Program – Office Of Employment And Training

13	Appointing Member And Alternate Member To The Ulster County Planning Board For The City Of Kingston – Department Of Planning
14	Authorizing The Chair To Sign Easement Agreement With Verizon New York, Inc. For Purposes Of Extinguishing An Easement On Lands Of The County Located On Golden Hill City Of Kingston – Department Of Planning
15	Authorizing The County Of Ulster To Submit An Application And Assurances To The New York State Housing Trust Fund (HTFC) As Part Of NYS Homes And Community Renewal For The Plus One ADU Program In Partnership With RUPCO And Various Municipalities – Department Of Planning
16	Confirming Appointment Of Members To The Community Services Board
17	Confirming Appointment Of Member To The Community Services Board’s Mental Health Subcommittee
18	Confirming Appointment Of Member To The Community Services Board’s Substance Use Subcommittee
25	Amending The 2024 Ulster County Budget To Accept Additional Federal Block Grant Funding From The City Of Kingston To Support The Kingston Mobile Mental Health Team – Department Of Mental Health
26	Amending The 2024 Ulster County Budget To Accept Additional Funding From The New York State Office Of Mental Health - Department Of Mental Health
28	Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$88,312.00 Entered Into By The County – Astor Services For Children & Families – Department Of Mental Health
29	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$100,000.00 Entered Into By The County – HealthAlliance Hospital Mary’s Avenue Campus – Department Of Mental Health
30	Amending The 2024 Ulster County Budget To Accept Additional Funding From The New York State Office Of Mental Health For The Dwyer Veteran Peer To Peer Support Program – Department Of Mental Health

32	Amending The 2024 Ulster County Budget To Reflect Funding From New York State Department Of Health For The Epidemiology And Laboratory Capacity (ELC) COVID-19 Enhanced Detection Grant – Department Of Health
33	Amending The 2024 Ulster County Budget To Accept An Additional Allocation Of Funds From The New York State Office Of Children And Family Services, Division Of Child Care Services – Department Of Social Services
34	Amending The 2024 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
35	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$150,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Ulster County Community Action Committee, Inc. – Department Of Social Services
36	Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$70,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Connect America.com, LLC – Office For The Aging
37	Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$40,000.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Purfoods, LLC D/B/A Mom’s Meals – Office For The Aging
39	Amending The 2024 Ulster County Budget To Accept Additional Federal Funding Relating To The STOP-DWI Program – Department Of Probation
40	Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Agreement With The New York State Office Of Indigent Legal Services For Distribution #14 – Public Defender
41	Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Participation Agreement, And Any Amendments Thereto, With The New York State Division Of Homeland Security And Emergency Services For Participation In The Local Emergency Management Performance Grant Program For Federal Fiscal Year 2023 – Emergency Communications / Emergency Management
42	Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Accept A Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee Grant – Police Services – Ulster County Sheriff

44	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$138,920.29 Entered Into By The County – Culinary Depot – Ulster County Sheriff
45	Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$20,404.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – IDEMIA Identity & Security USA LLC – Ulster County Sheriff
46	Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$5,728.30, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – VirTra, Inc. – Ulster County Sheriff
47	Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$28,287.61, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – NDI Technologies Inc – Ulster County Sheriff
48	Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$17,850.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Public Safety Psychology, PLLC – Ulster County Sheriff
51	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$130,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Community Foundations Of The Hudson Valley – Department Of Finance
52	Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Intermunicipal Agreement With The Town Of Esopus, As An ARPA-SLFRF Subrecipient, To Improve Cas Landi Park – Department Of Finance, Division Of Recovery And Resilience
53	Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Intermunicipal Agreement With The Town Of Gardiner, As An ARPA-SLFRF Subrecipient, To Improve Majestic Park – Department Of Finance, Division Of Recovery And Resilience
54	Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Intermunicipal Agreement With The Town Of Lloyd, As An ARPA-SLFRF Subrecipient, To Improve Village Field With The Lewis C. DiStasi Pavilion – Department Of Finance, Division Of Recovery And Resilience

55	Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Intermunicipal Agreement With The Town Of Marbletown, As An ARPA-SLFRF Subrecipient, To Create Grady Park And High Falls Gateway Improvements – Department Of Finance, Division Of Recovery And Resilience
56	Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Intermunicipal Agreement With The Town Of Plattekill, As An ARPA-SLFRF Subrecipient, To Improve The Thomas Felten Community Park – Department Of Finance, Division Of Recovery And Resilience
61	Establishing Capital Project No. 682 – 2024 DPW Guide Rail Replacement Program - Amending The 2024 Capital Fund Budget – Department Of Public Works (Highways And Bridges)
63	Establishing Capital Project No. 683 – 2024 DPW Bridge Flag Response Program - Amending The 2024 Capital Fund Budget – Department Of Public Works (Highways And Bridges)
65	Establishing Capital Project Nos. 684, 685 And 686 For The 2024 DPW Bridge Program – And Amending Capital Project No. 652 - Amending the 2024 Capital Fund Budget – Department Of Public Works (Highways And Bridges)
67	Authorizing The Chair To Execute A License Agreement With Santa Fe Uptown Restaurant For Usage Of County Owned Property For A Patio Project - Department Of Public Works (Buildings And Grounds)
69	Approving Construction, By Licensee Ulster County Agricultural Society, Of A New Pavilion Building At The Ulster County Fairgrounds On Libertyville Road In New Paltz
70	Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$485,620.00 Entered Into By The County – Creighton Manning Engineering, LLP – Department Of Public Works
71	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$209,400.00 Entered Into By The County – KONE Inc. – Department Of Public Works
72	Appointing Chair Peter J. Criswell As The Ulster County Legislature’s Member To Serve On The County Jury Board
73	Confirming The Appointment Of Kenneth J. Juras As Director Of Budget

74	Authorizing Budget Director To Make Transfers Of Funds And Budgetary Amendments – Department Of Budget
75	Authorizing The Conveyance Of County-Owned Property To The Former Owner – Department Of Finance
79	Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into Agreements With The Villages Of Ellenville, New Paltz, And Saugerties Relating To The Enforcement Of Real Property Tax Liens Under Article 11, Sections 1102, 1110 And 1150 Of The New York State Real Property Tax Law – Department Of Finance
80	Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Intermunicipal Agreement With The Villages Of Ellenville Relating To The Collection Of Delinquent Real Property Taxes Pursuant To Section 1442 Of The New York State Real Property Tax Law – Department Of Finance
	Non-Consent
8	Confirming Reappointment To The Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency
10 BOND	Authorizing The Replacement Of The Elevator Facilities At The Dewitt Library At The Ulster County Community College Campus at SUNY Ulster, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$2,000,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$2,000,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof
12	Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$63,495.00 Entered Into By The County – The Offset House, Inc. D/B/A Catamount Color – Department Of Tourism
19	Amending Capital Project No. 598 – ARPA - Community Wellness Hub, Crisis Stabilization Center Renovations, City Of Kingston – Amending The 2024 Capital Fund Budget — Department Of Public Works (Buildings & Grounds)
20	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$942,500.00 Entered Into By The County – Barone Construction Group, Inc. – Department Of Public Works
21	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$378,000.00 Entered Into By The County – J&J Sass Electric, Inc. – Department Of Public Works

22	Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$690,000.00 Entered Into By The County – SouthEast Mechanical Corporation – Department Of Public Works
23	Amending The 2024 Ulster County Budget To Include The Transfer Of 2023 Opioid Settlement Funding Not Expended In 2023 – Department Of Mental Health
24	Amending The 2024 Ulster County Budget To Accept Opioid Settlement Funding Through The New York State Office Of Addiction Services And Supports (OASAS) And Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Amendment To An Agreement With The City Of Kingston – Department Of Mental Health
27	Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Contract With The New York State Office Of Addiction Services And Supports – Department Of Mental Health
38	Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 1 Of 2024, A Local Law Amending Article III Hotel And Motel Room Occupancy Tax Of The Code Of The County Of Ulster In Relation To Determination Of Taxable Rent, To Be Held On Tuesday, March 19, 2024 At 7:00 PM
43	Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$21,418.52, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Axon Enterprise, Inc. – Ulster County Sheriff
57	Establishing Capital Project No. 687 For UCAT Rolling Stock Purchase 2024 - Amending The Capital Fund Budget – Ulster County Area Transit (UCAT)
58 BOND	Authorizing The Issuance Of \$2,200,340.00 Bonds Of The County Of Ulster, New York, To Pay The Cost Of UCAT Fleet Replacement, In And For Said County
59	Establishing Capital Project No. 689 For UCAT < 30' Rolling Stock Purchase 2024 - Amending The Capital Fund Budget – Ulster County Area Transit (UCAT)
60 BOND	Authorizing The Issuance Of \$500,000.00 Bonds Of The County Of Ulster, New York, To Pay The Cost Of The Purchase Of Rolling Stock, In And For Said County

<p>62 BOND</p>	<p>Authorizing The Guide Rail Replacement Program Throughout And In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$150,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$150,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof</p>
<p>64 BOND</p>	<p>Authorizing Improvements To Bridges For Flag Response, Throughout And In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$115,763.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$115,763.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof</p>
<p>66 BOND</p>	<p>Authorizing The 2024-2029 DPW Bridge Program, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$913,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$913,000 Bonds Of Said County To Pay the Cost Thereof</p>
<p>68</p>	<p>Authorizing A Permanent Easement To Equity Trust Company Custodial FBO Jon C. Iverson IRA For Purposes Of Accessing The Premises At 7 And 15 Dutcher Road In The Town Of Shandaken – Department Of Public Works (Highways & Bridges)</p>
<p>76</p>	<p>Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$122,027.56 Entered Into By The County – Granicus LLC – Department Of Finance</p>
<p>81</p>	<p>Amending The 2024 Ulster County Budget To Appropriate ARPA Funding To The Village Of Ellenville To Sustain Governmental Services Threatened By The COVID-19 Pandemic</p>

PUBLIC COMMENT (on subjects *not* currently before the Legislature):

MEETING ADJOURNED IN MEMORY OF:

Louis M. Klein, Kingston (former Legislator & Chair)
Carl J. Didonato Jr., Marlborough
Francesca Lopergolo, Marlborough
Mary T. Collins, Marlborough
Shirley Enkler, Marlborough
Gerard A. Guess, Sr., Lake Katrine
Robert Duffy, Kingston
Lawrence D. Johnson, Sr., Kingston
Richard O. Redder, Saugerties
Alfred C. Westergard, Saugerties
Peter J. Camp, Hurley
Patricia Dougherty, Modena
Robert Ponesse, New Windsor
Eric C. Anderson, Highland
Rose Russo, Highland

Jack Noble, Kingston
Dillon Gokey, Kingston
Starllie Swonyoung, Saugerties
Raymond Rattay, New York City
William E. Moylan, Jr., Rosendale
Carol J. Viglielmo, Woodstock
Allen Archie Craig, Port Ewen
Arthur J. Heidcamp, Lake Katrine
M. Richard Davenport, Kingston
Ronald Longtoe, Kingston
Kevin Alexander Sampson, Kingston
Molly DePew, Wallkill
Thomas Joseph Rinaldi, Kingston
Dominick D. Constantino, Highland

CLOSING WORDS – Chair Criswell will call upon District 20 Legislator Limina Grace Harmon to offer closing words.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

NEXT MEETING:

The next Regular Meeting of the Ulster County Legislature held on Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at 7:00 PM in the Legislative Chambers, Sixth Floor, Ulster County Office Building, 244 Fair Street, Kingston, New York.

Resolution deadline is February 23, 2024