

**Laws, Rules & Government Services Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes**

DATE & TIME: December 18, 2023 – 3:30 PM
LOCATION(S): KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
Livestreamed at <https://www.youtube.com/@UlsterCountyLegislature/streams>
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chair Heppner
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk
MEMBERS PRESENT: Legislators Bartels, Gavaris, Levine, Roberts (arrived at 3:44 PM) and Ronk
MEMBERS ABSENT: None
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislator Erner and Legislator Elect Collins; Legislative Counsel Gordon and Minority Counsel Pascale; Comptroller Gallagher; Deputy County Executives Capuano, Contreras and LaValle – UC Executive’s Office; Fawn Tantillo – UC Charter Revision Commission

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Chair Heppner called the meeting to order at 3:34 PM

Motion No. 1: **Motion to Approve the Minutes of the October 12th and 18th Special and November 9th Regular Meetings**
Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Gavaris
Voting in Favor: Legislators Bartels, Gavaris, Heppner, Levine & Ronk
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Minutes Approved**

Resolutions for the December 18, 2023 Session of the Legislature:

Resolution No. 652 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$57,050.00 Entered Into By The County – Northeast Document Conservation Center, Inc. – Ulster County Clerk

Resolution Summary – The Resolution approves the execution of a \$57,050 contract with Northeast Document Conservation Center, Inc. from 1/1/24 – 5/31/24 for the imaging of archival court materials dating from the 18th and 19th centuries.

Motion No. 2: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 652**
Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Gavaris
Voting in Favor: Legislators Bartels, Gavaris, Heppner, Levine & Ronk
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0

Disposition: **Resolution Adopted**

Resolution No. 691 – Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Accept Funding From The New York State Education Department, State Archives Division, Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund (LGRMIF) For The Digital Conservation Of 18th And 19th Century Archival Documents - Amending The 2024 Ulster County Budget – Ulster County Clerk

Resolution Summary – This Resolution accepts \$57,050 in New York State Education Department, State Archives Division, Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund (LGRMIF) for preservation of 18th and 19th century court records.

Motion No. 3: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 691**

Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Gavaris

Voting in Favor: Legislators Bartels, Gavaris, Heppner, Levine & Ronk

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 5

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: **Resolution Adopted**

Resolution No. 719 – Adopting Updated Ulster County Compliance Plan Pursuant To New York State Social Services Law (SOS) § 363-d And 18 NYCRR Subpart 521-1 – Ulster County Compliance Committee

Resolution Summary – The Resolution adopts an updated UC Compliance Plan.

Motion No. 4: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 719**

Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Levine

Voting in Favor: Legislators Bartels, Gavaris, Heppner, Levine & Ronk

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 5

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: **Resolution Adopted**

Resolution No. 553 – Establishing A Policy Compelling The Distribution And Publication Of Terms Of Settlement When Actions Involving Ulster County Are Settled

Resolution Summary – This resolution requires that “unless otherwise prohibited by law, if a legal action in which the County is a named party is settled, the term(s) of such settlement shall be promptly delivered to the Clerk of the Legislature for distribution to Legislators, Legislative Counsel and Minority Counsel”

Disposition: **No Action Taken**

Resolution No. 758 – Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 9 Of 2023, 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 Article II Legislative Branch §C-21 Filling Membership Vacancies

Resolution Summary – This Resolution adopts Proposed Local Law No. 9 of 2023

Motion No. 5: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 758**

Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Levine

Voting in Favor: Legislators Bartels, Gavaris, Heppner, Levine & Ronk

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 5

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: **Resolution Adopted**

Resolution No. 759 – Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 12 Of 2023, 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 Modify The Term Of The Chair Of The Legislature

Resolution Summary – This Resolution adopts Proposed Local Law No. 12 of 2023

Motion No. 6: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 759**

Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Gavaris

Voting in Favor: Legislators Bartels, Gavaris, Heppner, Levine & Ronk

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 5

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: **Resolution Adopted**

Resolution No. 462 – Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 12 Of 2022, A Local Law Providing For The Protection And Restoration Of The Hudson River, ~~Also~~ **Formerly** Known As Mahicannituck, And For The Rights Of The Residents Of Ulster County And The River To Clean Water And A Healthy And Productive Ecosystem

Resolution Summary – This Resolution adopts Proposed Local Law No. 12 of 2022

Disposition: **No Action Taken**

Resolution No. 672 – Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 14 Of 2023, 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 Create A Preamble And Ensure More Diverse Advisory Boards, To Be Held On Thursday, January 4, 2024 At 7:15 PM

Resolution Summary – This Resolution sets a public hearing on Thursday, January 4, 2024 At 7:15 PM to provide the public with an opportunity to offer comment on Proposed Local Law No. 14 of 2023

Disposition: **No Action Taken**

Resolution No. 760 – Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 16 Of 2023, 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 Modify Various Provisions

Resolution Summary – This Resolution adopts Proposed Local Law No. 16 of 2023

Motion No. 7:	Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 760 for final adoption at Special Legislative Session on December 21, 2023
Motion Made By:	Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By:	Legislator Gavaris
Voting in Favor:	Legislators Bartels, Gavaris, Heppner, Levine & Ronk
Voting Against:	Legislator Roberts
Votes in Favor:	5
Votes Against:	1
Disposition:	Resolution Adopted for final adoption at Special Legislative Session on December 21, 2023

Resolution No. 761 – Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 17 Of 2023, 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 Modify Various Provisions

Resolution Summary – This Resolution adopts Proposed Local Law No. 17 of 2023

Motion No. 8:	Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 761
Motion Made By:	Legislator Gavaris
Motion Seconded By:	Legislator Levine
Voting in Favor:	Legislators Bartels, Gavaris, Heppner, Levine, Roberts & Ronk
Voting Against:	None
Votes in Favor:	6
Votes Against:	0
Disposition:	Resolution Adopted

Resolution No. 762 – Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 19 Of 2023, A Local Law Amending Article III Hotel And Motel Room Occupancy Tax Of The Code Of The County Of Ulster

Resolution Summary – This Resolution adopts Proposed Local Law No. 19 of 2023

Motion No. 9:	Motion to Postpone Resolution No. 762
Motion Made By:	Legislator Roberts
Motion Seconded By:	Legislator Ronk
Voting in Favor:	Legislators Roberts & Ronk
Voting Against:	Legislators Bartels, Gavaris, Heppner & Levine
Votes in Favor:	2
Votes Against:	4
Disposition:	Postponement Fails

Motion No. 10: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 762 for final adoption at Special Legislative Session on December 21, 2023**
Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Levine

Voting in Favor: Legislators Bartels, Gavaris, Heppner & Levine
Voting Against: Legislators Roberts & Ronk
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 2
Disposition: **Resolution Adopted for final adoption at Special Legislative Session on December 21, 2023**

Resolution No. 763 – Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 20 Of 2023, A Local Law Amending Article XIII Collection Of Delinquent Real Property Taxes, Of The Code Of The County Of Ulster, In Relation To Authorization, To Be Held On Thursday, January 4, 2024 At 7:00 PM

Resolution Summary – This Resolution sets a public hearing on Thursday, January 4, 2024 At 7:00 PM to provide the public with an opportunity to offer comment on Proposed Local Law No. 20 of 2023

Motion No. 11: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 763**
Motion Made By: Legislator Gavaris
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Roberts

Voting in Favor: Legislators Bartels, Gavaris, Heppner, Levine & Roberts
Voting Against: Legislator Ronk
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 1
Disposition: **Resolution Adopted**

Resolution No. 692 – Calling Organizational Meeting Of 2024

Resolution Summary – Pursuant to Section C-17 (A) of the Ulster County Charter and Section A2-12 (A) of the Administrative Code, this Resolution sets the Organizational Meeting of the Ulster County Legislature for Thursday, January 4, 2024 at 6:30 PM

Motion No. 12: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 692**
Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Gavaris

Voting in Favor: Legislators Bartels, Gavaris, Heppner, Levine, Roberts & Ronk
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution Adopted**

New Business

The members discussed the committee's appointment to the Ulster County Fleet Management Review Committee pursuant to Resolution No. 676 adopted in November 2023.

Motion No. 13: **Motion to Appoint Legislator Levine to the UCFMRC**
Motion Made By: Legislator Gavaris
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Ronk

Voting in Favor: Legislators Bartels, Gavaris, Heppner, Levine, Roberts and Ronk
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Appointment Approved**

Old Business: None

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Gavaris
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0

TIME: 4:45 PM
Respectfully Submitted: Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk
Approved: February 8, 2024

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