

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

DATE & TIME: October 16, 2025 – 4:00 PM
LOCATION(S): Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
Livestreamed at <https://www.youtube.com/@UlsterCountyLegislature/streams>
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chair Kovacs
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk & Tyron Rogers, Technical Support Specialist
MEMBERS PRESENT: Legislators Gavaris, Hansut, Harmon & Levine
MEMBERS ABSENT: Legislators Kitchen & Uchitelle
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislators Collins & Stewart; Legislative Counsel Ragucci and Minority Counsel Pascale; Deputy County Executives Jamie Capuano & James Amenta; Comptroller March Gallagher; Tony Adamis – Press Photographer

Complete content of the meeting can be accessed via the Ulster County Legislature’s YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/@UlsterCountyLegislature/streams>

Chair Kovacs called the meeting to order at 4:03 PM and asked those present to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion No. 1: Motion to Approve the Minutes of the September 10th Regular Meeting

Motion Made By: Legislator Gavaris
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Levine

Voting in Favor: Legislators Gavaris, Hansut, Harmon, Kovacs & Levine
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Minutes Approved**

Resolutions for the October 21, 2025 Session of the Legislature:

Resolution No. 371 – Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 3 Of 2025, A Local Law To Ensure The Safety Of Vulnerable Road Users In Ulster County

Resolution Summary – This Resolution adopts Proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2025, A Local Law To Ensure The Safety Of Vulnerable Road Users In Ulster County.

Motion No. 2: Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 371
Motion Made By: Legislator Gavaris
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Harmon

Voting in Favor: Legislators Gavaris, Hansut, Harmon, Kovacs & Levine
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution Adopted**

Resolution No. 448 – Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 12 Of 2025, A Local Law To Require Notification To The Department Of Emergency Communications/ Emergency Management Of Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) By Local Municipalities In The County Of Ulster, To Be Held On Tuesday, November 18, 2025 At 7:05 PM

Resolution Summary – This Resolution sets a Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 12 of 2025, A Local Law To Require Notification To The Department Of Emergency Communications/ Emergency Management Of Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) By Local Municipalities In The County Of Ulster, to be held on Tuesday, November 18, 2025 at 7:05 PM.

Motion No. 3: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 448**
Motion Made By: Legislator Gavaris
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Hansut

Voting in Favor: Legislators Gavaris, Hansut, Harmon & Levine
Voting Against: None
Abstention: Legislator Kovacs
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution Adopted**

Resolution No. 465 – Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 9 Of 2025, A Local Law Amending The Ulster County Charter And The Ulster County Administrative Code By Deleting Article XLI From Each (Youth Bureau), And Amending The Ulster County Charter And The Ulster County Administrative Code With Respect To Article XI (Department of Social Services)

Resolution Summary – This Resolution adopts Proposed Local Law No. 9 of 2025, A Local Law Amending The Ulster County Charter And The Ulster County Administrative Code By Deleting Article XLI From Each (Youth Bureau), And Amending The Ulster County Charter And The Ulster County Administrative Code With Respect To Article XI (Department of Social Services).

Motion No. 2: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 465**
Motion Made By: Legislator Harmon
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Levine

Voting in Favor: Legislators Gavaris, Hansut, Harmon, Kovacs & Levine
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution Adopted**

Resolution No. 473 – Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 10 Of 2025, A Local Law Amending Chapter 185 Of The Code Of The County Of Ulster, Establishing the Ulster County Electrical Licensing Board And Providing For the Qualifications, Examination, Licensing And Regulation Of Electricians In Ulster County, New York

Resolution Summary – This Resolution adopts Proposed Local Law No. 10 of 2025, A Local Law Amending Chapter 185 Of The Code Of The County Of Ulster, Establishing the Ulster County Electrical Licensing Board And Providing For the Qualifications, Examination, Licensing And Regulation Of Electricians In Ulster County, New York.

Motion No. 2:	Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 473
Motion Made By:	Legislator Gavaris
Motion Seconded By:	Legislator Harmon

Voting in Favor:	Legislators Gavaris, Hansut, Harmon, Kovacs & Levine
Voting Against:	None
Votes in Favor:	5
Votes Against:	0
Disposition:	Resolution Adopted

Resolution No. 481 – Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 13 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 To Conform With Prior Enactments, To Be Held On Tuesday, November 18, 2025 At 7:10 PM

Resolution Summary – This Resolution sets a Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 13 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 To Conform With Prior Enactments, to be held on Tuesday, November 18, 2025 at 7:10 PM.

Motion No. 2:	Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 481
Motion Made By:	Legislator Gavaris
Motion Seconded By:	Legislator Levine

Voting in Favor:	Legislators Gavaris, Hansut, Harmon, Kovacs & Levine
Voting Against:	None
Votes in Favor:	5
Votes Against:	0
Disposition:	Resolution Adopted

Forthcoming Resolutions

- **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, November 18, 2025 At 7:00 PM (*Postponed in Energy, Environment & Sustainability Committee on October 14th*)

New Business	None
---------------------	------

Old Business	None
---------------------	------

Upcoming Meetings:

- Special Meeting on Monday, November 10th at 3:00 PM – 2026 Budget Discussion
- Regular Meeting on Thursday, November 13th at 4:00 PM

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Gavaris

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Levine

Votes in Favor: 5

Votes Against: 0

TIME: 4:11 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk

Approved: November 13, 2025

Complete content of the meeting can be accessed via the Ulster County Legislature's YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/@UlsterCountyLegislature/streams>