

Housing & Transportation Committee Regular Meeting Minutes

DATE & TIME: December 4, 2025 – 3:00 PM
LOCATION(S): Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
Livestreamed at <https://www.youtube.com/@UlsterCountyLegislature/streams>
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chair Collins
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Tyron Rogers, Technical Support Specialist
Michael Tierney, Legislative Support Specialist
MEMBERS PRESENT: Legislators Clinton, Harmon, McCollough, Stewart, Walls
MEMBERS ABSENT: Legislator Corcoran
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislator Manna Jo Greene, Deputy County Executive James Amenta, Deputy County Executive Jaime Capuano, Deputy County Executive Amanda LaValle, Planning Director Dennis Doyle, DSS Commissioner Mike Iapoce, DSS Deputy Commissioner Rita Wood, Director of Housing & Homeless Initiatives Laura Nordstrom, UCAT Director Toni Roser, Ernie Hunt, Meg Carey, Matthey Lundy, Jodi Hickey, Larry Roth, Harrison Balduf, Karl Beard, Tim Weidemann, Dominick Mercurio, Marc Rider

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Chair Collins called the meeting to order at 4:10 PM.

Motion No. 1: **Motion to Approve the Minutes of the November 6, 2025 Meeting**
Motion Made By: Legislator Clinton
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Stewart

Voting in Favor: Legislators Clinton, Collins, Harmon, McCollough, Stewart, Walls
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Minutes Approved**

Resolutions for the December 16, 2025 Session of the Legislature:

Resolution No. 565 - Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 14 Of 2025, A Local Law Opting The County Of Ulster Into The Real Property Tax Exemption Under § 421-p Of The New York State Real Property Tax Law For Qualifying Multifamily Rental Housing In The City Of Kingston

Resolution Summary: This Resolution adopts Proposed Local Law No. 14 Of 2025, A Local Law Opting The County Of Ulster Into The Real Property Tax Exemption Under § 421-p Of The New York State Real Property Tax Law For Qualifying Multifamily Rental Housing In The City Of Kingston.

Motion No. 2 **Moved to Adopt Resolution No. 565**
Motion Made By: Legislator Harmon
Motion Seconded By: Legislator McCollough

Voting in Favor: Legislators Clinton, Collins, Harmon, McCollough, Stewart, Walls
Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor:	6
Votes Against:	0
Disposition:	Resolution Adopted

Resolution No. 602 - Reappointing Ella Ray Kondrat And Michael Kondransky To The Transit Riders' And Intermodal Advisory Committee

Resolution Summary: This Resolution confirms the reappointment of Ella Ray Kondrat as a member of the Transit Riders' and Intermodal Advisory Committee (TRIAC) representing community and/or philanthropic organizations for a term commencing January 1, 2026 and expiring December 31, 2028, and confirms the reappointment of Michael Kondransky as an At Large member of the Transit Riders' and Intermodal Advisory Committee (TRIAC) for a term commencing January 1, 2026 and expiring December 31, 2028.

Motion No. 3	Moved to Adopt Resolution No. 602
Motion Made By:	Legislator McCollough
Motion Seconded By:	Legislator Stewart

Voting in Favor:	Legislators Clinton, Collins, Harmon, McCollough, Stewart, Walls
Voting Against:	None
Votes in Favor:	6
Votes Against:	0
Disposition:	Resolution Adopted

Resolution No. 603 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$23,180.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Luzon Oil Co., Inc., D/B/A Luzon Environmental Services – Ulster County Area Transit (UCAT)

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment in the amount of \$23,180 with Luzon Oil for the maintenance of oil/water separator equipment in the UCAT building to extend the term of agreement to March 31, 2027.

Motion No. 4	Moved to Adopt Resolution No. 603
Motion Made By:	Legislator Clinton
Motion Seconded By:	Legislator McCollough

Voting in Favor:	Legislators Clinton, Collins, Harmon, McCollough, Stewart, Walls
Voting Against:	None
Votes in Favor:	6
Votes Against:	0
Disposition:	Resolution Adopted

Resolution No. 604 - Establishing Capital Project No. 746 For UCAT Bus Shelters Purchase 2026 – Amending The 2026 Capital Fund Budget – Ulster County Area Transit (UCAT)

Resolution Summary: This Resolution establishes Capital Project No. 746 - Bus Shelters in the amount of \$500,000.00 for the purchase of bus shelters to be installed at bus stops within the UCAT Service area, and amends the Capital Fund Budget accordingly.

Motion No. 5	Moved to Adopt Resolution No. 604
Motion Made By:	Legislator McCollough
Motion Seconded By:	Legislator Harmon

Voting in Favor:	Clinton, Collins, Harmon, McCollough, Stewart, Walls
Voting Against:	None
Votes in Favor:	6
Votes Against:	0
Disposition:	Resolution Adopted

Resolution No. 453 - Setting Minimum Habitability Standards For Emergency Housing Contracts And Establishing A Policy Requiring Transportation Access For Emergency Housing Facilities In Ulster County

Resolution Summary: This Resolution establishes Minimum Habitability Standards as a policy of Ulster County, to be observed and implemented by the Department of Social Services in connection with all emergency housing placements, and that such standards shall serve as guiding criteria to ensure that, to the greatest extent practicable, all individuals and families placed in emergency housing are provided safe, sanitary, and dignified accommodations, and requires that such contract terms include, at a minimum, requirements pertaining to clean linens, regular pest control, safe drinking water, the completion of necessary repairs, and required disclosures upon placement. This Resolution further requires the Department of Social Services conduct inspections of contracted emergency housing facilities at least once per quarter to verify compliance with these standards.

Disposition:	No Action Taken
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Resolution No. 451 - Authorizing The Removal Of The Railroad Bridge Over Basin Road On The Ulster and Delaware Railroad Corridor To Allow For The Movement Of Large Construction And Delivery Vehicles And Replacing It With An Active Transportation Bridge Connecting On The U&D Corridor East Of Basin Road With The Ashokan Rail Trail

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the ~~removal~~ **replacement** of the existing railroad bridge at Basin Road and its replacement with an active transportation bridge by NYCDEP providing specific conditions outlined therein are satisfied, and authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to execute, on behalf of the County of Ulster, all agreements and documents necessary for the ~~removal~~ **replacement** of the Basin Road railroad bridge located on the U&D Corridor.

Motion No. 6	Moved to Amend Resolution No. 451 as Presented
Motion Made By:	Legislator Harmon
Motion Seconded By:	Legislator Clinton

Voting in Favor:	Legislators Clinton, Collins, Harmon, McCollough, Stewart, Walls
Voting Against:	None
Votes in Favor:	6
Votes Against:	0
Disposition:	Resolution Amended as Presented

Motion No. 7	Moved to Adopt Resolution No. 451 as Amended
Motion Made By:	Legislator Harmon
Motion Seconded By:	Legislator Clinton

Voting in Favor:	Legislators Clinton, Collins, Harmon, McCollough, Stewart, Walls
Voting Against:	None
Votes in Favor:	6
Votes Against:	0

Disposition: Resolution Adopted as Amended

Resolution No. 275 - Amending Resolution No. 275 Of 2014 As Amended, Establishing A Policy For A “Rail With Trail” Along The County-Owned Ulster And Delaware Railroad Corridor

Resolution Summary: This Resolution Amends the "Rail with Trail" Policy to extend rail use as described therein, and to extend the Ashokan Rail Trail East in the direction of the City of Kingston to connect to the extended operating permit area, and at the point of connection, stating that Rail with Trail should co-exist, and designating a use to the Undesignated Section as stated therein.

Disposition: No Action Taken

Resolution No. 342 - Amending Resolution No. 275 Of 2014 As Amended, Establishing A Policy For A “Rail With Trail” Along The County-Owned Ulster And Delaware Railroad Corridor For Increased Available Railroad Operation

Resolution Summary: This Resolution amends the "Rail with Trail" Policy to remove a segment requiring further investigation on a specific segment of the corridor and to require an increased available railroad segment to exist, co-located with public trail wherever feasible, in the segment between MP 8.33 and Basin Road at MP 10.01, and to require a two-thirds vote of the Legislature to remove any segment of the railroad tracks.

Disposition: No Action Taken

New Business:

None.

Old Business:

Legislators inquired on the status of the Kingston Motel. Deputy County Executive Amenta stated that the responsibility of inspecting the property is the Town of Ulster and the County has been working with them on getting to the property as soon as possible. No new placements are being made to Kingston Motel at this time.

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Clinton
Motion Seconded By: Legislator McCollough
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0

TIME: 4:27 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Michael Tierney, Legislative Support Specialist
Approved: February 5, 2026