

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

DATE & TIME: November 13, 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 & Uchitelle (arrived 4:07 PM)
MEMBERS ABSENT: Legislator Kitchen
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislator Collins; Minority Counsel Pascale; Deputy County Executive James Amenta

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Chair Kovacs called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM and asked those present to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion No. 1: **Motion to Approve the Minutes of the October 16th Regular Meeting**

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

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 November 18, 2025 Session of the Legislature:

Resolution No. 502 – Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 16 Of 2025, A Local Law Amending The Ulster County Charter And The Ulster County Administrative Code By Renaming Article XXXVI From Department Of Emergency Communications/Emergency Management To Department Of Emergency Services, To Be Held On Wednesday, December 3, 2025 At 6:10 PM

Resolution Summary – This Resolution sets a Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 16 Of 2025, A Local Law Amending The Ulster County Charter And The Ulster County Administrative Code By Renaming Article XXXVI From Department Of Emergency Communications/Emergency Management To Department Of Emergency Services, to be held on Wednesday, December 3, 2025 at 6:10 PM

Motion No. 2: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 502**
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**

Resolution No. 503 – Setting A Public Hearing On 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, To Be Held On Wednesday, December 3, 2025 At 6:05 PM

Resolution Summary – This Resolution sets a Public Hearing on 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, to be held on Wednesday, December 3, 2025 at 6:05 PM

Motion No. 3: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 503**
Motion Made By: Legislator Gavaris
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Harmon

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. 543 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$75,750.00 Entered Into By The County – KNOWiNK, LLC D/B/A KNOWiNK – Board Of Elections

Resolution Summary – This Resolution approves a \$75,750 contract with KNOWiNK for software maintenance for election-related electronic poll book system from 8/14/25 – 8/16/28

Motion No. 2: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 543**
Motion Made By: Legislator Levine
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. 544 – Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 11 Of 2025, A Local Law Amending § 312-4 Of The Code Of The County Of Ulster To Increase The Income Range By Which Senior Land Owners With Limited Income Are Eligible For A Partial County Tax Exemption On Their Residence

Resolution Summary – This Resolution adopts Proposed Local Law No. 11 of 2025, A Local Law Amending § 312-4 Of The Code Of The County Of Ulster To Increase The Income Range By Which Senior Land Owners With Limited Income Are Eligible For A Partial County Tax Exemption On Their Residence

Motion No. 2: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 544**
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. 545 – Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 15 Of 2025, A Local Law Amending § C-8 Of The Ulster County Charter And § A2-2 Of The Administrative Code Of The County Of Ulster In Relation To Legislative Term Of Office, To Be Held On Wednesday, December 3, 2025 At 6:15 PM

Resolution Summary – This Resolution sets a Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 17 Of 2025, A Local Law Applying The Salary Revisions Pursuant To The 2026 Ulster County Budget To County Officers Serving For Fixed Terms, to be held on Wednesday, December 3, 2025 at 6:20 PM

Motion No. 2: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 545**
Motion Made By: Legislator Gavaris
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Levine

Voting in Favor: Legislators Gavaris, Hansut, Harmon, Kovacs, Levine & Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution Adopted**

Resolution No. 546 – Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 17 Of 2025, A Local Law Applying The Salary Revisions Pursuant To The 2026 Ulster County Budget To County Officers Serving For Fixed Terms, To Be Held On Wednesday, December 3, 2025 At 6:20 PM

Resolution Summary – This Resolution sets a Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 17 Of 2025, A Local Law Applying The Salary Revisions Pursuant To The 2026 Ulster County Budget To County Officers Serving For Fixed Terms, to be held on Wednesday, December 3, 2025 at 6:20 PM

Motion No. 2: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 546**
Motion Made By: Legislator Gavaris
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Levine

Voting in Favor: Legislators Gavaris, Hansut, Harmon, Kovacs, Levine & Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
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, December 3, 2025 At 6:00 PM (*Postponed in Energy, Environment & Sustainability Committee on November 3rd*)

New Business None

Old Business None

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Gavaris

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Levine

Votes in Favor: 6

Votes Against: 0

TIME: 4:09 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk

Approved: December 11, 2025

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