

Laws, Rules & Government Services Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes

DATE & TIME: December 11, 2025 – 4:00 PM
LOCATION(S): Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
Livestreamed at <https://www.youtube.com/@UlsterCountyLegislaturestreams>

PRESIDING OFFICER: Chair Kovacs
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk & Tyron Rogers, Technical Support Specialist
MEMBERS PRESENT: Legislators Criswell, Gavaris, Hansut, Harmon, Levine & Uchitelle (arrived 4:02 PM)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Legislator Kitchen
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Clerk of the Legislature Victoria Fabella; Legislators Collins & Nolan; Minority Counsel Pascale; Deputy County Executives Jamie Capuano & James Amenta; Comptroller March Gallagher; County Clerk Taylor Bruck, Chief Deputy Clerk Andrew Harris & Edward Moran – Ulster County Clerk; Deputy Director Mike Gaffney – Department of Emergency Communications/Emergency Management; Acting Director Adam Sessler – Department of Risk Management

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Chair Kovacs called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM and asked those present to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion No. 1: **Motion to Approve the Minutes of the November 10th Special and November 13th Regular Meetings**

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

Voting in Favor: Legislators Criswell, Gavaris, Hansut, Harmon, Kovacs & Levine
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: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 565**
Motion Made By: Legislator Gavaris
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Harmon

Voting in Favor:	Legislators Criswell, Gavaris, Hansut, Harmon, Kovacs, Levine & Uchitelle
Voting Against:	None
Votes in Favor:	7
Votes Against:	0
Disposition:	Resolution Adopted

Resolution No. 566 – Adopting 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

Resolution Summary – This Resolution adopts 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.

Motion No. 3:	Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 566
Motion Made By:	Legislator Gavaris
Motion Seconded By:	Legislator Uchitelle
Voting in Favor:	Legislators Criswell, Gavaris, Hansut, Harmon, Kovacs, Levine & Uchitelle
Voting Against:	None
Votes in Favor:	7
Votes Against:	0
Disposition:	Resolution Adopted

Resolution No. 567 – Adopting 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

Resolution Summary – This Resolution adopts 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

Motion No. 4:	Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 567
Motion Made By:	Legislator Gavaris
Motion Seconded By:	Legislator Uchitelle
Voting in Favor:	Legislators Criswell, Gavaris, Hansut, Harmon, Kovacs, Levine & Uchitelle
Voting Against:	None
Votes in Favor:	7
Votes Against:	0
Disposition:	Resolution Adopted

Resolution No. 568 – Adopting 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

Resolution Summary – This Resolution adopts 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.

Motion No. 5:
Motion Made By:
Motion Seconded By:

Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 568

Legislator Gavaris
Legislator Uchitelle

Voting in Favor:
Voting Against:
Votes in Favor:
Votes Against:
Disposition:

Legislators Criswell, Gavaris, Hansut, Harmon, Kovacs, Levine & Uchitelle
None
7
0
Resolution Adopted

Resolution No. 637 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$33,823.02, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Hart InterCivic, Inc. – Board Of Elections

Resolution Summary – This Resolution approves a \$33,823.02 contract amendment with Hart InterCivic, Inc. to expand the scope of work to include additional license and support fees – voting system maintenance and support services from 10/23/25 – 6/13/28

Motion No. 6:
Motion Made By:
Motion Seconded By:

Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 637

Legislator Levine
Legislator Gavaris

Voting in Favor:
Voting Against:
Votes in Favor:
Votes Against:
Disposition:

Legislators Criswell, Gavaris, Hansut, Harmon, Kovacs, Levine & Uchitelle
None
7
0
Resolution Adopted

Resolution No. 638 – Confirming The Appointment Of Adam Sessler As Director Of The Department Of Risk Management

Resolution Summary – This Resolution confirms the appointment of Adam Sessler as the Director of the Department of Risk Management

Motion No. 7:
Motion Made By:
Motion Seconded By:

Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 638

Legislator Gavaris
Legislator Levine

Voting in Favor:
Voting Against:
Votes in Favor:
Votes Against:
Disposition:

Legislators Criswell, Gavaris, Hansut, Harmon, Kovacs, Levine & Uchitelle
None
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0
Resolution Adopted

Resolution No. 639 – Confirming The Appointment Of Edward Moran As The Ulster County Historian

Resolution Summary – This Resolution confirms the appointment of Edward Moran as the Ulster County Historian

Motion No. 8: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 639**
Motion Made By: Legislator Gavaris
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Harmon

Voting in Favor: Legislators Criswell, Gavaris, Hansut, Harmon, Kovacs, Levine & Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 7
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution Adopted**

Resolution No. 647 – Calling Organizational Meeting Of 2026

Resolution Summary – This Resolution sets the Organizational Meeting of the Ulster County Legislature to be held on Tuesday, January 6, 2026 at 6:30 PM in Legislative Chambers, County Office Building, Kingston, New York

Motion No. 9: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 647**
Motion Made By: Legislator Uchitelle
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Levine

Voting in Favor: Legislators Criswell, Gavaris, Hansut, Harmon, Kovacs, Levine & Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 7
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution Adopted**

LATE Resolution No. 648 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$3,575,836.59 Entered Into By The County – Motorola Solutions Inc. – Department Of Emergency Communications/Emergency Management

Resolution Summary – This Resolution approves a \$3,575,836.59 contract amendment with Motorola Solutions Inc. to add Subscribers and CommandCentral Aware Plus equipment and subscriptions to the emergency communications system from 12/1/25 – 12/31/27

Motion No. 10: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 648**
Motion Made By: Legislator Gavaris
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Uchitelle

Voting in Favor: Legislators Criswell, Gavaris, Hansut, Harmon, Kovacs, Levine & Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 7
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution Adopted**

LATE Resolution No. 649 – Creating And Funding A First Responder Outreach Specialist Position For The Ulster County Sheriff's Officer Wellness Unit

Resolution Summary – This Resolution re-establishes the position of First Responder Outreach Specialist for an annual salary of \$81,140.00

Chair Kovacs recognized Resolution Sponsor Legislator Hanust who indicated that she was withdrawing the Resolution from consideration.

Disposition: **Resolution Withdrawn**

LATE Resolution No. 650 – Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With Ulster County Board Of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) To Provide One (1) Additional Deputy Sheriff As School Resource Officer – Ulster County Sheriff

Resolution Summary – This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to sign an agreement, and any amendments thereto, with Ulster County BOCES to provide a Deputy Sheriff to serve as a School Resource Officer for the term January 1, 2026 through June 30, 2026 in the amount of \$46,857.50 of revenues

Motion No. 11: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 650**

Motion Made By: Legislator Gavaris
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Uchitelle

Voting in Favor: Legislators Criswell, Gavaris, Hansut, Harmon, Kovacs, Levine & Uchitelle

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 7

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: **Resolution Adopted**

LATE Resolution No. 651 – Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The New York State Department Of Transportation To Accept New York State Funds For Ulster And Dutchess County Public Transit Service (LINK) – Department Of Public Transportation (Ulster County Area Transit)

Resolution Summary – This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to execute an agreement, and any amendments thereto, with the New York State Department of Transportation to accept reimbursement for the operation of the LINK service (Project ID # 8824.16) including Saturday Service, in an amount not to exceed \$360,000.00

Motion No. 12: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 651**

Motion Made By: Legislator Gavaris
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Harmon

Voting in Favor: Legislators Criswell, Gavaris, Hansut, Harmon, Kovacs, Levine & Uchitelle

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 7

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: **Resolution Adopted**

LATE Resolution No. 652 – Declaring Ulster County’s Intent To Act As Lead Agency Under New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) For The Purpose Of Constructing A Solar Project To Provide Power To Government Operations Located At Paradies Lane In New Paltz — Department Of Public Works

Resolution Summary – This Resolution declares the Ulster County Legislature's intent to serve as the Lead Agency under SEQRA for the Paradies Lane Solar Installation Project

Motion No. 13:	Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 652
Motion Made By:	Legislator Gavaris
Motion Seconded By:	Legislator Uchitelle
Voting in Favor:	Legislators Criswell, Gavaris, Hansut, Harmon, Kovacs, Levine & Uchitelle
Voting Against:	None
Votes in Favor:	7
Votes Against:	0
Disposition:	Resolution Adopted

LATE Resolution No. 653 – Establishing Capital Project Nos. 748 and 749 - DPW Solar Array Siting Program, Amending The 2026 - 2031 Capital Improvement Program - Amending The 2026 Ulster County Operating Budget - Amending The 2026 Capital Fund Budget – Department Of Public Works (Buildings And Grounds)

Resolution Summary – This Resolution establishes Capital Project No. 748 - Development Court Office Complex Solar in the amount of \$1,139,613.00, and Capital Project No. 749 - Department of Public Works Office Building Solar in the amount of \$335,387.00, authorizes the use of \$798,493.00 of the Restricted Capital Reserve - Decarbonization Capital Reserve, and amends the Capital Budget and the Operating Budget accordingly

Motion No. 14:	Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 653
Motion Made By:	Legislator Gavaris
Motion Seconded By:	Legislator Levine
Voting in Favor:	Legislators Criswell, Gavaris, Hansut, Harmon, Kovacs, Levine & Uchitelle
Voting Against:	None
Votes in Favor:	7
Votes Against:	0
Disposition:	Resolution Adopted

LATE Resolution No. 654 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$1,700,392.42 Entered Into By The County – National Manufacturing & Distribution, Inc. D/B/A National Solar Technologies – Department Of Public Works

Resolution Summary – This Resolution approves a \$1,700,392.42 contract with National Manufacturing & Distribution, Inc. D/B/A National Solar Technologies to provide gender-neutral stamped plans for the installation of new photovoltaic systems on the roofs of the Trudy Resnick Farber Building, DSS and DPW quarry buildings from 1/15/26 – 1/14/28

Motion No. 15:	Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 654
Motion Made By:	Legislator Gavaris

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Uchitelle
Voting in Favor: Legislators Criswell, Gavaris, Hansut, Harmon, Kovacs, Levine & Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 7
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution Adopted**

New Business None

Old Business

- **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, January 6, 2025 At 6:30 PM *(Withdrawn by Sponsor)*

Chair Kovacs thanked the members and Chair Criswell for the opportunity to serve as committee Chair and thanked departing Legislators Gavaris, Hansut and Harmon for their services.

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Gavaris
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Levine
Votes in Favor: 7
Votes Against: 0

TIME: 4:24 PM
Respectfully Submitted: Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk
Approved: February 12, 2026

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