

ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2025

7:05 PM

Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, 244 Fair Street, Kingston, NY
Members of the public may also attend at 663 Oregon Trail, Pine Bush, NY 12566
Also available via Livestream: <https://www.youtube.com/@UlsterCountyLegislature>

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY THE CHAIR:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG AND MOMENT OF SILENT MEDITATION:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRE EVACUATION PLAN

PLEASE NOTE THAT IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS REQUESTED THAT LEGISLATORS AND ALL OTHERS MOVE AT LEAST ONE BLOCK AWAY FROM THE COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING IN ORDER NOT TO IMPEDE THE FIREFIGHTERS IN THEIR DUTIES

CELL PHONES

Please silence cell phones for the duration of the Public Hearing and Legislative Session.

MICROPHONES

Please be reminded when speaking to use your microphones so that you are recorded for the official record.

ROLL CALL:

Present:

Absent:

7:05 PM – CALL OF THE PUBLIC HEARING BY CLERK: On 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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED:

BIRTHDAYS:

Legislator Jason Kovacs	October 28 th
Deputy Minority Leader Craig Lopez	October 30 th

MOTION TO DISPENSE WITH THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

COMMUNICATIONS FROM:

Ulster County Legislative Chair, Peter Criswell

Statement on the Legislative Memorial Process at Session

Ulster County Clerk of the Legislature, Victoria Fabella

FOIL Response – Ann Casey

FOIL Response – Volodymyr Protas

Legislative News

Ulster County Legislature Updates Bicycle & Pedestrian Policy to Better Protect Vulnerable Road Users

Ulster County Legislature Announces Reimagined Website

COMMUNICATIONS FROM (continued):

Legislative News

Long Overdue Expansion of Senior Property Tax Exemption Introduced
Public Hearing to be Held on Tuesday, October 21st

Legislature to Consider Calling for Immediate and Ongoing Assessment of Properties for Tiny Home Developments

The Ulster County Legislature and Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency Finalize New Five-Year Solid Waste Service Agreement

Ann Casey

FOIL Request – Complaints Regarding Farmers Market on 9W in Marlboro/Milton

Catskill Watershed Corporation

Notice of Preliminary Decisions – October 8, 2025

Concern Citizens (4)

Oppose to the Zena Development Project

Deborah Diers Naccatato

Online Comment Form - Opposed to BESS project

Hudson 7

Agenda for October 18th & Minutes for September 10th

Hudson Valley Regional Council

2025 September Quarterly Board Meeting – Final Meeting Packet

Laura Raymond

Online Comment Form – Property Tax

NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets

Certification of Ulster County Plan for lands to be included in Agricultural District Nos. 2, 3 and 4

NYS Office of Real Property Tax Services

2025 Certification of County Equalization Rates for Apportionment

NYS Department of Environment Conservation

Noticed Rescinded – Proposed DER-31

New York Public Service Commission

Subsequent Filing – Matter Number 21-01188:

2025 September DOB Agenda

COMMUNICATIONS FROM (continued):

	September 2025 HRF HREMP Presentation
	September 2025 Holtec Presentation
	IP DOB Presentation 2025-September
New York Public Service Commission	September 2025 HHSD Presentation
	Filing Letter – IPDOB Video September 2025
Steve Bauer, Hurley	Email - In Support of Resolution No. 447 & Resolution 448
Town of New Paltz	Request for Temporary Pause on Ulster County IDA PILOT Applications
Ulster County Budget Department	August 2025 Budget Transfer Report
	September 2025 Budget Transfer Report
Ulster County Chamber of Commerce	Ribbon Cutting – Ulster County District Attorney’s New Offices – Tuesday, September 30, 2025 @ 1:00 PM – 15 Joys Lane, Kingston
	Ribbon Cutting – Wallkill Commons – Tuesday, October 7, 2025 @ 3:00 PM – 13 Park Avenue, Wallkill
	Ribbon Cutting – Hudson Valley Lumber – Thursday, October 9, 2025 @ 10:00 AM – 418 Old Neighborhood Road, Kingston
	Ribbon Cutting – Ulster County Italian American Foundation 10 th Anniversary & Bench Unveiling – Sunday, October 12, 2025 @ 11:45 AM – Opening Ceremony at the Ulster County Italian American Festival – Main Stage, Kingston
	Ribbon Cutting – Deising’s Bakery & Restaurant 60 th Anniversary – Friday, October 24, 2025 @ 12:00 PM – 111 N. Front Street, Kingston

COMMUNICATIONS FROM (continued):

Ulster County Chamber of Commerce

Ribbon Cutting – Adaptive Design HV –
Friday, October 24, 2025 @ 11:00 AM –
32 Cedar Street, Kingston

Ribbon Cutting – Kestrel – Tuesday,
October 28, 2025 @ 2:00 PM – 21 O’Neil
Street, Kingston

Ribbon Cutting – Nina A. Postupack
Archives Gallery – Monday, October 20,
2025 @ 10:30 AM – 244 Fair Street,
Kingston

Ulster County Comptroller’s Office

Press Release – Short-Term Rental
Report 2025

Ulster County Department of General Services

Non-Commodity Solicitations:

Ulster County Department of General
Services RFB-UC25-065 – Home
Delivered Meals (HMD) – Special
Dietary Restrictions Ulster County Office
For The Aging

RFQ-UC25-021 – Dietitian Services For
Ulster County Office For The Aging

RFQ-UC25-022 – Tai Chi For Arthritis
And Fall Prevention

RFP-UC25-069 – Physical Records
Management System

RFB-UC25-066 - Volunteer
Transportation Services

RFQ-UC25-023 – Respite Program
Coordination

SOQ-UC25-056 – PV/BES System
Development County Owned Parcels –
Paradies Lane New Paltz NY

RFP-UC25-070 – Ulster County Office
Building Parking Lot Solution

August 2025 Executed Contracts List

Civil Service Exams/Job Announcements

Ulster County Department of Personnel (24)

COMMUNICATIONS FROM (continued):

Ulster County Department of Planning

Agenda for October 8th, Minutes for September 3rd & Financial Report

Ulster County Legislature As Lead Agency Revised SEQRA Notice

Ulster County Office of Employment & Training

Workforce Development Board Meeting Minutes For September 17th

Ulster County Traffic Safety Board

Comments on Proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2025

Ursula Berlinger

Resident Complaint against CMRR

Volodymyr Protas

FOIL Request –Contract and Vendor RFP response for Healthcare Services at Ulster County Correctional Facility

COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS:

2026 Budget Message

County of Ulster 2026 Executive Operating Budget

County of Ulster Capital Improvement Program 2026-2031

County of Ulster 2026 Department Requests

Appointment Letter – Commissioner of Finance – CJ Rioux

Appointment Letters – Ulster County Board of Health – Shankar Kurra & Ashima Butler

Re-Appointment Letter – Ulster County Board of Health – Marta Sanchez

Press Release – Ulster County Website Redesigned to Better Meet User Needs

Press Release – Ulster County Poised to Benefit From Nearly \$21 Million in Federal Funding to Expand Broadband Service to Unserved Areas

COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS (continued):

Press Release – Ulster County and Town of Ulster Take Action to Improve Conditions at Kingston Motel, Correct Violations

Press Release – Presents 2026 Budget with Targeted Investments and Flat Property Tax Amid Federal Uncertainty

Press Release – UCAT Listening Session October 8 to Gather Rider Feedback on Route Changes

Press Release – Recommends Seven Housing Projects for Funding through Housing Action Fund

Press Release – Statewide Conference of Municipal Environmental Councils to be Held in Kingston

Press Release – Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger invited to Testify at State Senate Roundtable on New York's Climate Target

Ulster County Compliance Committee – Agenda for June 25th & Minutes for May 28th

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Economic Development, Planning, Education, Employment, Arts & Agriculture

Energy, Environment & Sustainability

Health, Human Services & Human Rights

Housing & Transportation

Law Enforcement and Public Safety

Laws and Rules, Government Services

Public Works, Capital Projects

Ways and Means

DATE:

August 5, 2025

September 2, 2025

September 4, 2025

September 4, 2025

September 3, 2025

September 10, 2025

September 8, 2025

September 10, 2025

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Chair Criswell is granting Privilege of the Floor to Ulster County Sheriff Juan Figueroa. Sheriff Figueroa will share information on the operations of his office and highlight programs and services.

PRIDE AWARD PRESENTATION:

This evening the Legislature is honoring Ryker Darmanin, age 12, Saugerties Junior High, with a Pride of Ulster County Award for being selected as the Ulster County Board of Elections 5th Annual “I Voted” Sticker Design Contest winner.

Chair Criswell will call upon Ryker’s legislative representative Legislator Aaron Levine, District 1, to present the Pride of Ulster County Award. Also in attendance will be Ryker’s family and friends, Board of Elections Commissioners Ashley Torres and John Quigley, and Sticker Selection Panelists to add their congratulations. The winning sticker will be distributed across Ulster County at early voting centers beginning October 25, and at poll sites on Election Day, Tuesday, November 4, 2025.

PUBLIC COMMENT (on Resolutions currently before the Legislature):

**RESOLUTION NOS: 371, 443, 448 – 450, 455 - 486; 245, 275, & 342 – NO ACTION TAKEN;
178, 412, 447, 451, 452, & 453 – POSTPONED; 273, 423, & 454 - WITHDRAWN**

	Consent
371	Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 3 Of 2025, A Local Law To Ensure The Safety Of Vulnerable Road Users In Ulster County
443	Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$49,497.92, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – ISolved HCM LLC – Department Of Information Services
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

449	Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Payment In Lieu Of Taxes Agreement With ELP Marlborough Solar LLC For Solar Energy Systems Pursuant To Real Property Tax Law Section 487
450	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$77,400.00 Entered Into By The County – Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. – Ulster County Legislature
455	Appointing Thomas J. Tango To The Ulster County Planning Board – Town Of Shawangunk
457	Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$250,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Of Woodstock Inc. – Department Of Social Services
458	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$162,297.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Of Woodstock Inc. – Department Of Social Services
459	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$159,000.00 Entered Into By The County – RUPCO, Inc. – Department Of Social Services
460	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – The New Paltz Rural Cemetery Association – Veterans’ Service Agency
461	Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$11,018.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Astor Services For Children & Families – Department Of Mental Health
462	Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$35,811.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Mental Health Association In Ulster County, Inc. – Department Of Mental Health
463	Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Lease Amendment With Access: Supports For Living, Inc. For Space At 368 Broadway, City of Kingston – Department Of Public Works (Buildings & Grounds)

464	Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Memorandum Of Understanding With The City of Kingston For Lending An X-Ray Fluorescence Detector for Assistance In The Lead Rental Registry Program – Department Of Health
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)
469	Confirming Reappointment Of Marta Sanchez To The Ulster County Board Of Health
470	Confirming Appointments Of Shankar Kurra And Ashima Butler To The Ulster County Board Of Health
471	Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$165,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Dutchess Tekcon Industries, Inc. – Department Of Public Works
472	Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$26,582.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Encon Services & Supply, Inc. – Department Of Public Works
474	Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A License Agreement With U.S. Coast Guard ANT Saugerties For Boat Docking Space At 154 Lighthouse Drive, Saugerties, NY 12477 – Ulster County Sheriff
475	Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Accept A Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee Grant – Police Traffic Services – Ulster County Sheriff
476	Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Memorandum Of Understanding, With The Margaretville Memorial Hospital – Department Of Emergency Communications/Emergency Management
477	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$56,426.40 Entered Into By The County – Motorola Solutions Inc. – Department Of Emergency Communications/Emergency Management

478	Authorizing Submission Of A Grant Application To The New York State Department Of Transportation For 5310 Funds And Authorizing The Ulster County Executive To Execute Any Required Applications Or Agreements In Order To Accept Funding – Ulster County Veterans Services
479	Establishing County Equalization Rates For The Year 2026 Levy
480	Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$12,320.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – New York Communications Company, Inc. – Department Of Probation
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
482	Authorizing The Department Of Budget To Submit Various Grant Applications Via The New York State Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) – Department Of Budget
484	Establishing A Policy Authorizing The Personnel Director To Execute Student Internship And Educational Affiliation Agreements Containing No Fiscal Impact
485	Confirming The Appointment Of CJ Rioux As Commissioner Of Finance
486	Authorizing The Conveyance Of County-Owned Property To The Former Owner – Department Of Finance
	Non- Consent
456	Authorizing The Release Of \$3,150,000 From Assigned Fund Balance (Ulster County Housing Action Fund) To Provide Funding For Seven Housing Projects Recommended For Award In Round 2 Of The Housing Action Fund’s Annual Notice Of Funding Availability

466	Establishing Capital Project No. 739 – Golden Hill Office Building Interior Renovations, 239 Golden Hill Drive – Amending The 2025 Capital Fund Budget – Department Of Public Works (Buildings & Grounds)
467 BOND	Authorizing The Interior Renovations Of The Golden Hill Office Building, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$990,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$990,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof
468	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$960,500.00 Entered Into By The County – LaBella Associates, D.P.C. – Department Of Public Works
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
483	Opposing The Harmful Impacts Of The “Big Beautiful Bill”

PUBLIC COMMENT (on subjects *not* currently before the Legislature):

MEETING ADJOURNED IN MEMORY OF:

Mary Beth Bright, Schroon Lake, NY
Jerry Patterson, Marlboro
David Theodore Brink, Kingston
John F. Tampasis, Kingston
Theodore Phillips, Saugerties
Linda Greenow, New Paltz
Rose Ann Noble, Kingston
Margaret Pettey, Kingston
James Lawson, Woodstock
Judson B. Hornbeck, Sr., Kingston
Paul Miles Schoonmaker, Denning
Gary Gulino, Highland
Joanne Vaccarino, Highland
Oscar Gomez, Highland

Richard Raymond Steffens, New Paltz
James N. Barber, Saugerties
Joan Putnam, Woodstock
Charles Elliot Rosen, Accord
James T. Slaven, Accord
Robert W. Amundson, Kingston
Dorothy Prizzia, Kingston
Donald R. Glass, Jr., Kingston
Jennifer Ann Cafferty, Kingston
Thomas Fuoco, Saugerties
Ermina “Mindy” South, Marlboro
Katie Fischer, Highland
William Schlosser, Highland

CLOSING WORDS – Chair Criswell will call upon Deputy Marjority Leader Aaron Levine, District 1, to offer closing words.

NEXT MEETINGS:

Three Public Hearings on the Proposed 2026 Ulster County Budget and the Proposed 2026 – 2031 Capital Program are scheduled for:

- Monday, November 17, 2025 at 5:30 PM at the Town of New Paltz Justice Court, 59 N. Putt Corners Road, New Paltz, NY 12561
- Tuesday, November 18, 2025 at 7:00 PM in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, Ulster County Office Building, 244 Fair Street, Kingston, NY
- Thursday, November 20, 2025 at 5:30 PM at the Trudy Resnick Farber Center, 50 Center Street, Ellenville, NY 12428

The next Regular Meeting of the Ulster County Legislature will be held on Tuesday, November 18, 2025 at 7:00 PM in the Legislative Chambers, Sixth Floor, Ulster County Office Building, 244 Fair Street, Kingston, New York.

Resolution deadline is Wednesday, October 22, 2025.

MEETING ADJOURNED: