

ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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AGENDA

DECEMBER 3, 2025

PUBLIC HEARINGS & SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE SESSION: PROPOSED 2026 ULSTER COUNTY BUDGET & PROPOSED 2026 – 2031 ULSTER COUNTY CAPITAL PROGRAM

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6:05 PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIR: 6:24 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG: Led by Chairman, Peter Criswell

MOMENT OF SILENT MEDITATION:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRE EVACUATION PLAN

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ROLL CALL: Present: 22 Absent: 1 (Legislator Kitchen)

6:05 PM - CALL OF THE 1st PUBLIC HEARING BY CLERK: 6:26 PM

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED: 6:27 PM

Motion Made by Legislator Litts, Seconded by Legislator Nolan to adjourn the public hearing. All in favor.

6:10 PM - CALL OF THE 2nd PUBLIC HEARING BY CLERK: 6:27 PM

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED: 6:28 PM

Motion Made by Legislator Litts, Seconded by Legislator Sperry to adjourn the public hearing. All in favor.

6:15 PM - CALL OF THE 3rd PUBLIC HEARING BY CLERK: 6:28 PM

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED: 6:28 PM

Motion Made by Legislator Litts, Seconded by Legislator Sperry to adjourn the public hearing. All in favor.

6:20 PM - CALL OF THE 4th PUBLIC HEARING BY CLERK: 6:29 PM

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED: 6:29 PM

Motion Made by Legislator Litts, Seconded by Legislator Sperry to adjourn the public hearing. All in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT (on items currently before the Legislature): There were 2 speakers signed up for public comment.

1. Tina Buono – President of CSEA Unit 8950, spoke on Resolution No. 561 – CSEA Agreement.
2. Tanya Garment – Thanked the Administration for the Executive for putting out the recent request for statement of qualifications for public transit consultant services.

RESOLUTION NOS: 557-564

Legislator Uchitelle motioned, seconded by Legislator Roberts, to consider Resolution Nos. 557, 558, 559, and 560 as a Block.

MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Kitchen)

557 Ratification Of Tax Rolls

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Kitchen)

558 Levy For Unpaid Sewer Rents

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Kitchen)

559 Levy For Unpaid Water Rents

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Kitchen)

**560 Approving Completed Tax Rolls And Directing The Execution Of
Delivery Of Warrants**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Kitchen)

561 Approving The Memorandum Of Agreement Between The County Of Ulster And The Ulster County Civil Service Employees Association Inc., For The Years 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 21 NOES: 0
(1 Abstention: Legislator Maloney)
(Absent: Legislator Kitchen)

562 Authorizing The Establishment Of A Salary Schedule For Those Employees Not Covered By A Collective Bargaining Agreement

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 18 NOES: 4
(Noes: Legislators Kovacs, Lopez, Maloney, and Roberts)
(Absent: Legislator Kitchen)

563 Adopting The Ulster County Budget For Fiscal Year Commencing January 1, 2026 And Making Appropriations For The Conduct Of County Government

ADOPTED AS AMENDED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 14 NOES: 8
(Noes: Legislators Corcoran, Hansut, Kovacs, Litts, Lopez, Maloney, Roberts, and Walls)
(Absent: Legislator Kitchen)

Legislator Uchitelle motioned, seconded by Legislator Roberts, to Block Proposed Amendment Nos. 1, 4, 20, 21, 22, and 19, with all in favor.

Legislator Uchitelle motioned, seconded by Legislator Roberts, to adopt Proposed Amendment Nos. 1, 4, 20, 21, 22, and 19 as official amendments to the Proposed 2026 Ulster County Budget; Amendment Nos. 1 through 6 as presented in the attached exhibit.

MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Kitchen)

Legislator Uchitelle motioned, seconded by Legislator Levine, to adopt Proposed Amendment No. 6 as the next official amendment to the Proposed 2026 Ulster County Budget; Amendment No. 7 as presented in the attached exhibit.

MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 19 NOES: 3
(Noes: Legislators Lopez, Maloney, and Roberts)
(Absent: Legislator Kitchen)

Legislator Uchitelle motioned, seconded by Legislator Levine, to adopt Proposed Amendment No. 7 as the next official amendment to the Proposed 2026 Ulster County Budget; Amendment No. 8 as presented in the attached exhibit.

MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 14 NOES: 8
(Noes: Legislators Corcoran, Hansut, Kovacs, Litts, Lopez, Maloney, Roberts, and Walls)
(Absent: Legislator Kitchen)

Legislator Gavaris motioned, seconded by Legislator Kovacs, to adopt Proposed Amendment No. 18 as the next official amendment to the Proposed 2026 Ulster County Budget.

MOTION DEFEATED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 10 NOES: 12
(Ayes: Legislators Corcoran, Gavaris, Hansut, Hewitt, Kovacs, Litts, Lopez, Maloney, Roberts, and Walls)
(Absent: Legislator Kitchen)

Legislator Hewitt motioned, seconded by Legislator McCollough, to adopt Proposed Amendment No. 10 as the next official amendment to the Proposed 2026 Ulster County Budget.

MOTION DEFEATED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 7 NOES: 15
(Ayes: Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Harmon, Hewitt,
McCollough, Sperry, and Stewart)
(Absent: Legislator Kitchen)

Legislator Hewitt motioned, seconded by Legislator McCollough, to adopt Proposed Amendment No. 15A as presented as the next official amendment to the Proposed 2026 Ulster County Budget.

MOTION DEFEATED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 7 NOES: 15
(Ayes: Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Harmon, Hewitt,
McCollough, Sperry, and Uchitelle)
(Absent: Legislator Kitchen)

564 Adopting Ulster County Capital Program For 2026 – 2031

ADOPTED AS AMENDED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Kitchen)

Legislator Uchitelle motioned, seconded by Legislator Roberts, to Block Proposed Amendment Nos. 1, 4, and 5, with all in favor.

Legislator Uchitelle motioned, seconded by Legislator Roberts, to adopt Proposed Amendment Nos. 1, 4, and 5 as official amendments to the Proposed 2026 - 2031 Ulster County Capital Program; Amendment Nos. 1 through 3 as presented in the attached exhibit.

MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Kitchen)

PUBLIC COMMENT (on subjects not currently before the Legislature): None

MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:37 PM
Motion Made by Legislator Litts
Seconded by Legislator Levine

NEXT MEETING:

The next Regular Meeting of the Ulster County Legislature will be held on **Tuesday, December 16, 2025 at 6:00 PM** in the Legislative Chambers, Sixth Floor, Ulster County Office Building, 244 Fair Street, Kingston, New York.