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MINUTES

NOVEMBER 5, 2025

SPECIAL INFORMATIONAL MEETING: PROPOSED 2026 BUDGET PRESENTATION

Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, 244 Fair St., Kingston, NY 12401

Also available via Livestream: <https://www.youtube.com/@UlsterCountyLegislature>

6:00 PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIR: 6:02 PM

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

Led by Chair Criswell

ROLL CALL: Present: 14 Absent: 9 (Legislators Corcoran, Donaldson, Greene, Harmon, Kitchen, Kovacs, Litts, Lopez and Walls)

Chair Criswell turned the meeting over to Capital Markets Advisors to present their analysis and review of the 2026 Proposed Ulster County Budget.

Capital Markets Advisors primary focus included:

- Budget Practices and Processes
- Revenues
- Expenditures
- Budgetary Variance
- Fund Balance and Reserves
- Indebtedness
- Capital Improvement Planning
- Fiscal Policies and Internal Controls

Secondary focus included:

- Department Level Analysis
- Demographic and Socioeconomic Environment

Legislators asked questions about the analysis and best practices the advisors recommend.

Motion by Legislator Nolan, seconded by Legislator Gavaris to adjourn the Special Informational Meeting, All in favor.

SPECIAL MEETING ADJOURNED: 6:49 PM

NEXT MEETING:

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

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

The Proposed 2026 Ulster County Budget and Proposed 2026-2031 Capital Program will be voted on at a **Special Session of the Legislature on Tuesday, December 3, 2025 – 6:00 PM** in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston, NY.