

# WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

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## MINUTES

### PUBLIC HEARING

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2025**

**5:30 PM**

Town of New Paltz Justice Court, 59 N. Putt Corners Road, New Paltz, NY 12561  
Also available via Livestream: <https://www.youtube.com/@UlsterCountyLegislature>

**PUBLIC HEARING CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIR: 5:31 PM**

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

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **FIRE EVACUATION PLAN**

PLEASE MAKE NOTE OF THE EMERGENCY EXIT LOCATIONS. IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS REQUESTED THAT LEGISLATORS AND ALL OTHERS MOVE TO THE FAR END OF THE ADJACENT PARKING LOT IN ORDER NOT TO IMPEDE THE FIREFIGHTERS IN THEIR DUTIES.

#### **CELL PHONES**

Please silence cell phones for the duration of the Public Hearing.

#### **MICROPHONES**

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

AGENDA

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**ROLL CALL:**

Present: 4

Absent: 3 (Legislators Nolan arrived at 5:36PM,  
Kovacs & Uchitelle)

**OTHER LEGISLATIVE ATTENDEES:** Legislator Levine

On the Proposed 2026 Ulster County Budget and the Proposed 2026 – 2031 Capital Program

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** There was 1 speaker signed up for public comment.

1. Alex Wojak, New Paltz – Comments regarding the accessibility of the digital budget, pay raises, and position cuts

**NEXT MEETING:**

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

- 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 Proposed 2026 Ulster County Budget and Proposed 2026 – 2031 Capital Program will be voted on at a Special Session of the Legislature on Wednesday, December 3, 2025 at 6:00 PM in the Legislative Chambers, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, County Office Building, 244 Fair Street, Kingston, NY.

**PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED:** 5:42 PM

Motion by Legislator Collins

Seconded by Legislator Roberts