

# WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

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## MINUTES

### PUBLIC HEARING

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2025**

**5:30 PM**

Trudy Resnick Farber Center, 50 Center Street, Ellenville, NY 12428

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

**PUBLIC HEARING CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIR: 5:30 PM**

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

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **FIRE EVACUATION PLAN**

PLEASE MAKE NOTE OF THE EMERGENCY EXIT LOCATIONS. PLEASE NOTE THAT IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS REQUESTED THAT LEGISLATORS AND ALL OTHERS MOVE TO THE FAR END OF THE ADJOINING ELLENVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY 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.

**ROLL CALL:** Present: 4 Absent: 3 (Legislators Hansut, Kovacs & Uchitelle)

**OTHER LEGISLATIVE ATTENDEES:** Legislators Hewitt & Levine

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

1. Maude Bruce, Ellenville – Comments regarding housing in Ellenville & environmental justice
2. Jeremy Koulisch, Plattekill – Comments regarding budgeting priorities, potential federal and state budget cuts & budget presentation

**NEXT MEETING:**

The Proposed 2026 Ulster County Budget and Proposed 2026 – 2031 Capital Program will be voted on at a Special Session of the Ways & Means Committee on Monday, November 24, 2025 at 2:00 PM in the Legislative Chambers, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, County Office Building, 244 Fair Street, Kingston, NY.

**PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED:** 5:51 PM

Motion by Legislator Roberts  
Second by Legislator Nolan