

**Health, Human Services & Human Rights Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes**

DATE & TIME: September 4, 2025 – 5:00 PM
LOCATION(S): KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
Livestreamed at <https://www.youtube.com/@UlsterCountyLegislature/streams>
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chair Uchitelle
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Tyron Rogers, Technical Support Specialist
Michael Tierney, Legislative Support Specialist
MEMBERS PRESENT: Legislators Collins, Kitchen, Lopez, McCollough
MEMBERS ABSENT: Legislators Corcoran, Harmon
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislator Chris Hewitt, Deputy Executive James Amenta, DSS Commissioner Michael Iapoce, DSS Deputy Commissioner Rita Wood, Director of Housing & Homeless Initiatives Laura Nordstrom, Office for the Aging Director Susan Koppenhaver, Mental Health Commissioner Tara McDonald, Director of Public Health Eve Walter, Senior Planner Kai Lord-Farmer, Luke Nordstrom

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Chair Uchitelle called the meeting to order at 5:11 PM.

Motion No. 1: **Motion to Approve the minutes of the August 7, 2025 Meeting**
Motion Made By: Legislator McCollough
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Collins

Voting in Favor: Legislators Collins, Kitchen, Lopez, McCollough, Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Minutes Approved**

Resolutions for the September 16, 2025 Legislative Session:

Resolution No. 413 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$20,000.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Purfoods, LLC D/B/A Mom's Meals – Office For The Aging

Resolution Summary: This Resolution Approves the execution of a contract amendment in the amount of \$20,000 with Mom's Meals to increase funding for meal delivery services for OFA clients with special dietary needs.

Motion No. 2 **Moved to Adopt Resolution No. 413**
Motion Made By: Legislator Kitchen
Motion Seconded By: Legislator McCollough

Voting in Favor: Legislators Collins, Kitchen, Lopez, McCollough, Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5

Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution Adopted**

Resolution No. 414 - Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The New York State Office Of Victim Services For Victims Of Crime Act (VOCA) Victim Assistance Grant Program And Amending The 2025 Budget – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to execute an agreement, and any amendments thereto, with New York State Office of Victim Services to receive funding in the amount of \$525,650.00 for the contract period October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2028.

Motion No. 3 **Moved to Adopt Resolution No. 414**
Motion Made By: Legislator McCollough
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Collins

Voting in Favor: Legislators Collins, Kitchen, Lopez, McCollough, Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution Adopted**

Resolution No. 415 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$28,000.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – NYSARC, Inc. DBA The ARC Mid-Hudson – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution Approves the execution of a contract amendment in the amount of \$28,000 with ARC Mid-Hudson to increase the amount of funds for respite services for families whose children receive Early Intervention Services.

Motion No. 4 **Moved to Adopt Resolution No. 415**
Motion Made By: Legislator Collins
Motion Seconded By: Legislator McCollough

Voting in Favor: Legislators Collins, Kitchen, Lopez, McCollough, Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution Adopted**

Resolution No. 416 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Birnie Bus Service Inc. – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a rated contract anticipated to exceed \$50,000 with Birnie Bus Service for bus and monitoring services for a term commencing September 1, 2025 and ending August 31, 2027.

Motion No. 5 **Moved to Adopt Resolution No. 416**
Motion Made By: Legislator Collins
Motion Seconded By: Legislator McCollough

Voting in Favor:	Legislators Collins, Kitchen, Lopez, McCollough, Uchitelle
Voting Against:	None
Votes in Favor:	5
Votes Against:	0
Disposition:	Resolution Adopted

Resolution No. 417 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Orange County Transit, LLC – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a rated contract anticipated to exceed \$50,000 with Orange County Transit, LLC for bus and monitoring services for a term commencing September 1, 2025 and ending August 31, 2027.

Motion No. 6	Moved to Adopt Resolution No. 417
Motion Made By:	Legislator McCollough
Motion Seconded By:	Legislator Collins

Voting in Favor:	Legislators Collins, Kitchen, Lopez, McCollough, Uchitelle
Voting Against:	None
Votes in Favor:	5
Votes Against:	0
Disposition:	Resolution Adopted

Resolution No. 418 - Amending The 2025 Ulster County Budget For Youth Services – Youth Bureau

Resolution Summary: This Resolution amends the 2025 Operating Budget in the amount of \$403,053.00 to increase the Youth Bureau's budget to support programing through contracts and local community partners and service providers which shall be reimbursed in part by the New York State Office of Children and Family through its Resource Allocation Plan, specifically its Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY) programs.

Motion No. 7	Moved to Adopt Resolution No. 418
Motion Made By:	Legislator Kitchen
Motion Seconded By:	Legislator McCollough

Voting in Favor:	Legislators Collins, Kitchen, Lopez, McCollough, Uchitelle
Voting Against:	None
Votes in Favor:	5
Votes Against:	0
Disposition:	Resolution Adopted

Resolution No. 419 - Authorizing The Chair Of The Legislature To Execute The Resource Allocation Plan And Inter-Municipal Agreements With Various Municipalities To Be Funded Under The Resource Allocation Plan – Youth Bureau

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to execute any and all inter-municipal agreements, contracts, and documents necessary to implement the Resource Allocation Plan amounting to \$620,860.00, and to disburse funds to the designated programs and initiatives as specified therein.

Resolution No. 422 - Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Affiliation Agreement With The State Of New York College At Brockport To Host A Social Work Field Practicum Student - Department Of Mental Health

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to sign an affiliation agreement between the Ulster County Department of Mental Health and the State of New York College at Brockport to provide field instruction and supervision of the field education activities as prescribed by the State of New York College at Brockport's Bachelor of Social Work program.

Motion No. 11 **Moved to Adopt Resolution No. 422**
Motion Made By: Legislator Kitchen
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Collins

Voting in Favor: Legislators Collins, Kitchen, Lopez, McCollough, Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution Adopted**

Resolution No. 423 - Amending The 2025 Ulster County Budget For 2024 Rollover Federal Aid For An Interdepartmental Agreement With The Sheriff's Department To Provide Security For The Center For Well-Being For One Year – Department Of Mental Health

Resolution Summary: This Resolution amends the 2025 Operating Budget in the amount of \$179,852.00 to account for \$89,926.00 worth of a 2024 contractual agreement between the Department of Mental Health and to increase the amount of this agreement by an additional \$89,926.00.

Motion No. 12 **Moved to Adopt Resolution No. 423**
Motion Made By: Legislator Kitchen
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Collins

Voting in Favor: Legislators Collins, Kitchen, Lopez, McCollough, Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution Adopted**

Resolution No. 424 - Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Lease Amendment With The Children's Home Of Poughkeepsie For Space At 368 Broadway, City Of Kingston – Department Of Public Works (Buildings & Grounds)

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to execute an amendment to the lease with the Children's Home of Poughkeepsie for a four (4) year lease commencing November 1, 2025 and ending October 31, 2029 at a cost of \$15.00 per square foot for the first year with an annual escalation of \$1.00 per square foot for the term of the lease with the cost of all utilities included in the annual amount.

Motion No. 13 **Moved to Adopt Resolution No. 424**
Motion Made By: Legislator McCollough
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Collins

Voting in Favor:	Legislators Collins, Kitchen, Lopez, McCollough, Uchitelle
Voting Against:	None
Votes in Favor:	5
Votes Against:	0
Disposition:	Resolution Adopted

New Business

Chair Uchitelle recognized members of the Administration to discuss the conditions of the Kingston Motel for Emergency Housing clients.

Old Business

None.

Adjournment

Motion Made By:	Legislator Collins
Motion Seconded By:	Legislator McCollough
Votes in Favor:	5
Votes Against:	0

TIME:	6:15 PM
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Respectfully Submitted:	Michael Tierney, Legislative Support Specialist
Approved:	October 9, 2025

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