

**Energy, Environment and Sustainability Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes**

DATE & TIME: August 5, 2025 – 4:00 PM
LOCATION(S): Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
Livestreamed at <https://www.youtube.com/@UlsterCountyLegislature/streams>
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chair Hewitt
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Lizvett Noriega, Legislative Administrative Assistant; Tyron Rogers, Legislative Technical Support Specialist
MEMBERS PRESENT: Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Litts, Nolan, and Stewart
MEMBERS ABSENT: Legislator Walls
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Minority Leader Roberts; Legislative Counsel Chris Ragucci; Legislative Minority Counsel Nick Pascale; Deputy County Executive Amanda LaValle – UC Executive’s Office; Executive Director Marc Rider – UC Resource Recovery Agency; Director Dennis Doyle – UC Department of Planning; Andy Bicking – Director of Department of Environment; Tom Konrad & Simon Strauss – Town of Marbletown Environmental Commission; Steven Ellman – Kingston Wire

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Chair Hewitt called the meeting to order at 4:12 PM.

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| Motion No. 1: | Motion to Approve the Minutes of the July 1, 2025 Meeting |
| Motion Made By: | Legislator Nolan |
| Motion Seconded By: | Legislator Greene |
| Voting in Favor: | Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Hewitt, Litts, Nolan, and Stewart |
| Voting Against: | None |
| Votes in Favor: | 6 |
| Votes Against: | 0 |
| Disposition: | Minutes Approved |

Reports

- **UCRRA** – Director Marc Rider – Ulster County Fair, tonnages, recycling and tipping fee updates.
 - **Renewable Energy Implementation Recommendations** – Tom Konrad & Simon Strauss from Marbletown Environmental Commission gave recommendations. Legislator Greene spoke on the Ulster County Fair and Climate Row.
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Resolutions for the August 19, 2025 Session of the Legislature:

Resolution No. 470 of 2024 – Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 10 Of 2024, A Local Law Amending The Code Of The County Of Ulster, Chapter 205 Food Service, Article II Use Of Disposable Polystyrene Foam, To Include Thermoform Plastic, To Be Held On Tuesday, September 16, 2025 At 7:00 PM

Resolution Summary – This Resolution sets a public hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 10 Of 2024, A Local Law Amending The Code Of The County Of Ulster, Chapter 205 Food Service, Article II Use Of Disposable Polystyrene Foam, To Include Thermoform Plastic, to be held on Tuesday, September 16, 2025 at 7:00 PM.

Disposition: **Withdrawn by Sponsor**

Resolution No. 178 – Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 4 Of 2025, A Local Law Providing For The Protection And Restoration Of The Esopus Creek, Rondout Creek And Wallkill River In Ulster County, And Providing For The Rights Of The Residents Of Ulster County To Clean Water And A Healthy And Productive Ecosystem, To Be Held On Tuesday, September 16, 2025 At 7:05 PM

Resolution Summary – This Resolution sets a public hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 4 Of 2025, A Local Law Providing For The Protection And Restoration Of The Esopus Creek, Rondout Creek And Wallkill River In Ulster County, And Providing For The Rights Of The Residents Of Ulster County To Clean Water And A Healthy And Productive Ecosystem, to be held on Tuesday, September 16, 2025 At 7:05 PM.

Motion No. 2: **Motion to Postpone Resolution No. 178**

Motion Made By: Legislator Nolan

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Stewart

Voting in Favor: Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Hewitt, Litts, Nolan, and Stewart

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 6

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: **Resolution Postponed**

Resolution No. 209 – Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Service Agreement With The Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency – Department Of The Environment

Resolution Summary – This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to sign an agreement with the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency expiring on May 31, 2030.

Motion No. 3: **Motion to Postpone Resolution No. 209**

Motion Made By: Legislator Nolan

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Donaldson

Voting in Favor: Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Hewitt, Litts, Nolan, and Stewart

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 6

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: **Resolution Postponed**

Resolution No. 369 – Confirming The Appointment Of Andrew Bicking As Director Of The Department Of Environment

Resolution Summary – This Resolution confirms the appointment of Andrew Bicking to the position of Director of the Department of Environment.

Motion No. 4: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 369**

Motion Made By: Legislator Nolan

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Donaldson

Voting in Favor: Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Hewitt, Litts, Nolan and Stewart

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 6

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: **Resolution Adopted**

Resolution No. 370 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$194,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Ulster County Community Action Committee, Inc. – Department Of Environment

Resolution Summary – This resolution approves the execution of a contract in the amount of \$194,000.00 with Ulster County Community Action Committee, Inc., for Ulster County’s Better Homes for All Program (the “Program”) that provides assistance to manufactured homeowners with incomes at or below 80% of the Ulster County’s most recent Area Median Income (AMI) as provided by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the installation of air source heat pumps for the term 9/1/25 – 12/31/26.

Motion No. 5: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 370**

Motion Made By: Legislator Nolan

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Litts

Voting in Favor: Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Hewitt, Litts, Nolan, and Stewart

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 6

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: **Resolution Adopted**

Resolution No. 393 – Authorizing Chair Of The Legislature To Enter Into An Access Agreement With The Town Of Wawarsing For The Construction Of A Public Safety Radio Tower Located At 7284-7286 Route 209 On Lands Owned By The Town, And Declaring Ulster County’s Intent To Act As Lead Agency Under New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) For The Construction Of Said Public Safety Radio Tower – Department Of Emergency Communications / Emergency Management

Resolution Summary – This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to execute an agreement and any amendments thereto with the Town of Wawarsing allowing access to lands owned by the Town located at 7284-7286 Route 209 and further identified as Real Property Tax Parcel No. 83.6-4-1 for the purposes of conducting the needed analysis for the construction of a Public Safety Radio Tower at this location.

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Nolan

Voting in Favor: Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Hewitt, Litts, Nolan, and Stewart

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 6

Votes Against: 0

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| Disposition: | Resolution Adopted |
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Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Litts

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Nolan

Votes in Favor: 6

Votes Against: 0

TIME: 5:23 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Lizvett Noriega, Legislative Administrative Assistant

Approved: September 2, 2025

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