

# ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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## AGENDA

### PUBLIC HEARINGS & REGULAR MEETING

**Tuesday, August 19, 2025**

**7:00 PM**

Legislative Chambers, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, County Office Building, 244 Fair Street, Kingston, NY.  
Members of the public may also attend at 79 Latham Circle, Saugerties, NY 12477.  
Also available via Livestream: <https://www.youtube.com/@UlsterCountyLegislature>

### MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY THE CHAIR:

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

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FIRE EVACUATION PLAN

PLEASE NOTE THAT IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS REQUESTED THAT LEGISLATORS AND ALL OTHERS MOVE AT LEAST ONE BLOCK AWAY FROM THE COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING IN ORDER NOT TO IMPEDE THE FIREFIGHTERS IN THEIR DUTIES

### CELL PHONES

Please silence cell phones for the duration of the Public Hearings and Legislative Session.

### MICROPHONES

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

**ROLL CALL:**

**Present:**

**Absent:**

**7:00 PM – CALL OF THE 1<sup>st</sup> PUBLIC HEARING BY CLERK:** On application for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for Housing Activities including housing rehabilitation and infrastructure in support of housing that benefits low-and -moderate-income persons

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED:**

**7:05 PM – CALL OF THE 2<sup>nd</sup> PUBLIC HEARING BY CLERK:** On application for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for a Community Planning Grant to create the Ulster County Farmworker Housing Pilot Project

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED:**

**7:10 PM – CALL OF THE 3<sup>rd</sup> PUBLIC HEARING BY CLERK:** On Project Accomplishments of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding: The Hudson House & Distillery

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED:**

**BIRTHDAYS:**

Deputy Clerk/Finance Amber Feaster	August 10 <sup>th</sup>
Chair Peter Criswell	August 13 <sup>th</sup>
Legislative Administrative Assistant Lizvett Noriega	August 21 <sup>st</sup>
Legislator Joe Donaldson	August 29 <sup>th</sup>

**MOTION TO DISPENSE WITH THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM:**

Ulster County Clerk of the Legislature, Victoria Fabella

Majority Leader Uchitelle

Republican Caucus

Ashlyn Thoren

Catskill Watershed Corporation

Concerned Citizen (2)

Concerned Citizen (1)

Concerned Citizen (1)

Congressman Josh Riley

Historic Huguenot Street

Hudson River Drinking Water Intermunicipal Council  
(Hudson 7)

Hudson Valley Regional Council

Jared Roemer, PVEDi

La Voz

New York State Dept. of Agriculture & Markets

FOIL Response – Ashlyn Thoren

FOIL Response – Jared Roemer, PVEDi

Appointment Letter – Ulster County  
Ethics Board – John Degasperis

Letter to Red Hook Town Board opposing  
eminent domain proceedings re: Red  
Hook Boat Club

FOIL Request - Septic system at 121  
Perkinsville Rd., Highland, NY, parcel  
95.2-4-16.

Notice of Preliminary Decisions – August  
6, 2025

Email - In support of the expansion of rail  
with trail

Email – Supporting rail expansion

Mail - Opposed to Landfill

Response to Memorializing Letter re:  
Federal Elimination of LGBTQ Suicide  
Prevention Services

Announcement – New Board Members;  
Former Members Become Trustees  
Emeriti

Meeting Minutes – July 9, 2025

Meeting Agenda – August 13, 2025

Economic Development Digest (Update)

FOIL Request – info. on 915-917 NY  
212, Saugerties, NY

Press Release - Annual La Guelaguetza  
Celebration – August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 12:00 PM –  
7:00 PM, Waryas Park

Email - Brad Geroux status inquiry - NY-  
Sun NOI Submission - ELP Marlborough  
Solar in the Town of Marlborough

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM (continued):**

New York State Dept. of Environmental Conservation

Letter – Response to UC Legislature comments on new regulations under 6 NYCRR Parts 360 and 363

New York State Dept. of State

Local Law 9 of 2025 Filing confirmation

New York State Dept. of Taxation & Finance

List of Certified 2025 State Equalization Rates

New York State Dept. of Transportation

SAC Press Release – Stewart Airport Loses Only International Carrier as Play Airlines Exits

Phil Erner

Email – Opposed to new bus hub, routes and schedules

Ulster County Chamber of Commerce

Ribbon Cutting – K.A. Builders Inc. – Wednesday, July 23, 2025 @ 2:30 PM – 747 Route 28, Kingston

Ribbon Cutting – Advanced Audiology of NY – Tuesday, August 26, 2025 @ 4:30 PM – 400 Aaron Court, Kingston

Ulster County Community Services Board

Meeting Minutes for April 14, May 13, June 9 and July 14, 2025

Ulster County Comptroller's Office

Press Release – Ulster County Auction Audit – Ulster County 2024 Tax Auction Records High Proceeds, but Sees Lower Gain as Surplus is Returned to Former Owners Under Changing Legal Landscape

Press Release – Ulster County Adult Use Cannabis Tax Collection Report

Press Release – Ulster County Action Audit – Audit Identifies Areas for Improved Internal Controls at Ulster County Community Action

Ulster County Department of Budget

FY2024 Budget Transfers

Ulster County Department of General Services

Non-Commodity Solicitations:

RFP-UC25-051 – Mental Health Crisis Intervention

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM (continued):**

Ulster County Department of General Services

RFB-UC25-145C – Electrical Equipment  
Installation at UCLEC Impound Yard

RFP-UC25-057 – Tourism Advertising

RFP-UC25-058 – Prelim. Engineering  
Reports for Water & Septic Infrastructure  
at Manufactured Home Parks

May 2025 Purchasing Report

June 2025 Purchasing Report

June 2025 Executed Contract List

Ulster County Department of Planning

Agenda for August 6<sup>th</sup> & Minutes for July  
2<sup>nd</sup> Planning Board meetings

Ulster County Department of Personnel (21)

Civil Service Exams/Job Announcements

Ulster County Office of Employment and Training

Minutes for July 16<sup>th</sup> WDB meeting

Ulster County Transit Riders & Intermodal Advisory

Agenda for July 22<sup>nd</sup> & Minutes for June  
24<sup>th</sup>

Ulster County Veterans Services Agency

Wing Night – Elks Lodge #550 - July 25<sup>th</sup>  
& August 29<sup>th</sup> – 5:00 PM – 143 Hurley  
Ave, Kingston

Ride to Remember – July 27<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00  
AM – Kickstand Up 11:00 Am – 24 Twin  
Maples Plaza, Saugerties

Purple Heart Appreciation Day – August  
9<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00 PM – National Purple Heart  
Hall of Honor – 374 Temple Hill Road  
Route 300, New Windsor

Annual Pork Roast & BBQ – August 17<sup>th</sup>  
from 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM – Polish

Legion of American, Vets, Post 16 –16  
Legion Road, Pine Island

Painting & Drawing in the Park Family  
Day – August 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10:00 Am – 2:00  
PM – George Freer Memorial Beach –  
100 Canal St, Port Ewen

Albany County Veterans Day Out –  
August 23<sup>rd</sup> from 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM –

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM (continued):**

Ulster County Veterans Services Agency  
Stony Ford, Montgomery – 211 Route  
416, Montgomery

Fall 2025 Employing U.S. Vets Virtual  
Conference – Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup> from  
11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS:**

Appointment Letter – Director of the  
Department of the Environment –  
Andrew Bicking

Appointment Letter – Ulster County  
Board of Ethics – John DeGasperis

Media Advisory – Help Shape the Future  
of Midtown Linear Park

Press Release – Ulster County Continues  
Community Engagement on Behavioral  
Health Needs Assessment With Public  
Listening Session

Press Release - Emergency Services  
Conduct Full-Scale Mass Casualty  
Training Drill in Ulster Park

Press Release – Ulster County Legislature  
Oks Transfer of Elizabeth Manor Property,  
Supporting Plan for a New Affordable  
Housing

Press Release – Ulster County Finance  
Commissioner Roseann Daw to Depart;  
Deputy Commissioner Max Cordella to  
Serve as Acting Commissioner

Press Release – Ulster County Executive  
Jen Metzger Announces \$586K in Grants  
Awarded to 9 Ulster County Farms

Press Release – Ulster County Launches  
Project SAFE to Enhance Emergency  
Response For At-Risk Individuals

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS (continued):**

Press Release – Appoints Andy Bicking as Director of the Department of the Environment

Press Release – Announces Transition in Chief Diversity Officer Role, Dina Suggs

Press Release – Ulster County Recognizes 62 Firefighters at Graduation Ceremony

Press Release – Ulster County to Welcome Sojourner Truth Statue at County Office Building with Special Evening Program -August 15<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 PM

Press Release Ulster County Welcomes Sojourner Truth Statue with Powerful Evening of Tribute and Reflection

Press Release – Ulster County and Community Foundations Announces Round 2 of Food Security Grant Program

Press Release – Ulster County Announces UCAT Service Changes

Press Release – Legislature Passes County Executive's Amendment to ADU Tax Incentive Law Excluding Short-Term Rentals from Tax Break

Press Release – Ulster County and Partners Announce Housing Lottery Opening for Golden Hill Apartments

Press Release – Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger and County Comptroller March Gallagher Respond to Data Breach by Employee Benefits Administrator

Press Release (revised) – Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger and County Comptroller March Gallagher Respond to Data Breach by Employee Benefits Consultant

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS (continued):**

Statement from Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger and Deputy Chair of the Legislature Megan Sperry, Regarding the Passing of Lauren Rejto

Statement from Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger on the Public Service Commission (PSC) Decision in the Central Hudson Rate Case

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Economic Development, Planning, Education, Employment, Arts & Agriculture

Energy, Environment & Sustainability

Health, Human Services & Human Rights

Housing & Transportation

Law Enforcement and Public Safety

Laws and Rules, Government Services

Public Works, Capital Projects

Ways and Means

**DATE:**

July 1, 2025

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July 3, 2025

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July 2, 2025

July 10, 2025

July 7, 2025

July 10, 2025

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:**

Chair Criswell is granting Privilege of the Floor to Alan Macaluso, Director of Ulster County Department of Information Services, to highlight the work of the department including standards-based practices, services, support highlights and Artificial Intelligence (AI) initiatives.

Director Macaluso joined Ulster County in 2017, bringing over three decades of experience in global enterprise IT operations, systems, security, and automation. Previously, he served as Global Service Delivery Manager for Hewlett Packard Enterprise Cloud Services, where he led large-scale technology initiatives for diverse industries worldwide. In his role with Ulster County, Alan has prioritized transforming the department into a modern, forward-looking operation that enhances both government services and the broader community experience. He resides in Gardiner with his wife, Kelly, along with their two dogs, two cats, and seven chickens.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (on Resolutions currently before the Legislature):**



**RESOLUTION NOS: 273, 327, 369, 370, 372 – 375, 377 – 400, 402 – 405; 178, 209, 225, 371 & 401 - POSTPONED; 245, 275 & 342 – NO ACTION TAKEN; 470 of 2024 & 356 – WITHDRAWN BY SPONSORS; 376 – AMENDED IN COMMITTEE, HELD FOR SETEMBER SESSION**

	<b>Consent</b>
<b>327</b>	<b>Adopting The Inclusion Of Additional Lands In Agricultural Districts Within Ulster County As Recommended By The Ulster County Agricultural And Farmland Protection Board – Department Of Planning</b>
<b>369</b>	<b>Confirming The Appointment Of Andrew Bicking As Director Of The Department Of Environment</b>
<b>372</b>	<b>Designating The Ulster County Department Of Tourism As The Official Tourism Promotion Agency Of Ulster County For Calendar Year 2026 – Department Of Tourism</b>
<b>374</b>	<b>Amending The 2025 Ulster County Budget In Relation To Grant Funding From The New York State Education Department, State Archives Division, Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund (LGRMIF), And Creating Two Full-Time Archival Processing Technicians – County Clerk</b>
<b>378</b>	<b>Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Grant Application With Required Assurances For The NY Connects Program With The New York State Office For The Aging – Office For The Aging</b>
<b>379</b>	<b>Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The New York State Office Of Children And Family Services For The Multidisciplinary Team Child Advocacy Center Program And Amend The 2025 Budget – Department Of Social Services</b>
<b>380</b>	<b>Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The New York State Office Of Children And Family Services For The Multidisciplinary Team Child Advocacy Center Mobile Unit – Department Of Social Services</b>

<b>381</b>	<b>Amending The 2025 Ulster County Budget To Accept Allocation Of Funds From The New York State Office Of Temporary And Disability Assistance To Support Family-Centered Case Management Services – Department Of Social Services</b>
<b>382</b>	<b>Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 9 Of 2025, A Local Law Amending The Ulster County Charter And The Ulster County Administrative Code By Deleting Article XLI From Each (Youth Bureau), And Amending The Ulster County Charter And The Ulster County Administrative Code With Respect To Article XI (Department of Social Services), To Be Held On Tuesday, September 16, 2025 At 7:00 PM</b>
<b>383</b>	<b>Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Contract With The New York State Office Of Addiction Services And Supports – Department Of Mental Health</b>
<b>384</b>	<b>Authorizing The Chair Of The Legislature To Enter Into An Intermunicipal Agreement With The Dutchess County Department Of Behavioral &amp; Community Health - Department Of Mental Health</b>
<b>385</b>	<b>Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Contract With The New York State Department Of Health For Funding The Lead Rental Registry Program – Department Of Health</b>
<b>386</b>	<b>Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Contract With The New York State Department Of Health To Continue The Drinking Water Enhancement Program – Department Of Health</b>
<b>387</b>	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Westchester County Health Care Corporation D/B/A Westchester Medical Center and HealthAlliance Hospital Mary’s Avenue Campus – Ulster County Department Of Health</b>
<b>388</b>	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$22,825.05, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Bonadio &amp; Co. LLP – Department Of Health</b>
<b>389</b>	<b>Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Contract With The New York State Division Of Criminal Justice Services – Department Of Probation</b>

<b>390</b>	<b>Amending The 2025 Ulster County Budget To Transfer Funds Within The Department Of Emergency Communications / Emergency Management To Establish An Emergency Management Planning Specialist Position – Department Of Emergency Communications / Emergency Management</b>
<b>391</b>	<b>Authorizing Submission Of A Grant Application To The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) For The Fire Prevention &amp; Safety (FP&amp;S) Grant And Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement – Department Of Emergency Communications / Emergency Management</b>
<b>392</b>	<b>Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Memorandum Of Understanding With The New York State Bridge Authority – Department Of Emergency Communications / Emergency Management</b>
<b>393</b>	<b>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</b>
<b>394</b>	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$222,150.00 Entered Into By The County – Tectonic Engineering Consultants, Geologists &amp; Land Surveyors, D.P.C. – Department Of Emergency Communications / Emergency Management</b>
<b>395</b>	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$153,200.00 Entered Into By The County – Tectonic Engineering Consultants, Geologists &amp; Land Surveyors, D.P.C. – Department Of Emergency Communications / Emergency Management</b>
<b>397</b>	<b>Establishing Capital Project No. 738 - 2025 HVAC/Weatherization Project - Amending The 2025 Capital Fund Budget - Department Of Public Works (Buildings And Grounds)</b>
<b>399</b>	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$273,400.00 Entered Into By The County – Collett Mechanical Service, Inc. – Department Of Public Works</b>

<b>400</b>	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$402,384.00 Entered Into By The County – Hudson Valley Engineering Associates, P.C. – Department Of Public Works</b>
<b>402</b>	<b>Authorizing The Conveyance Of County-Owned Property To The Former Owner – Department Of Finance</b>
<b>403</b>	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$16,287.44, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Eaton Corporation – Department Of Information Services</b>
<b>404</b>	<b>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 – Superior Telephones, Inc. – Department Of Information Services</b>
	<b>Non- Consent</b>
<b>273</b>	<b>Opposing The Establishment Of A County-Wide Landfill Anywhere Within The Geographical Boundaries Of Ulster County, And Urging The Exploration Of Alternative Locations And Waste Management Solutions</b>
<b>370</b>	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$194,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Ulster County Community Action Committee, Inc. – Department Of Environment</b>
<b>373</b>	<b>Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 7 Of 2025, A Local Law Amending Section C-42(A) Of The Ulster County Charter And Section A5-3(A) Of The Administrative Code For The County Of Ulster To Reflect Recent Changes In State Public Health Law Regarding The Composition Requirements For Local Boards Of Health</b>
<b>375</b>	<b>Amending The 2025 Ulster County Budget To Appropriate Funds To Hire A Civil Rights Attorney – County Clerk</b>

<b>377</b>	<b>Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 8 Of 2025, A Local Law Amending The Ulster County Charter, (Local Law No. 2 Of 2006), And Amending The Administrative Code For The County Of Ulster, (Local Law No. 10 Of 2008), To Amend Charter Article XXXIV Periodic Compensation Review Committee §C-110 And Administrative Code Article XXXIV Periodic Compensation Review Committee §A34-3</b>
<b>396</b>	<b>Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 10 Of 2025, A Local Law Amending Chapter 185 Of The Code Of The County Of Ulster, Establishing the Ulster County Electrical Licensing Board And Providing For the Qualifications, Examination, Licensing And Regulation Of Electricians In Ulster County, New York, To Be Held On Tuesday, September 16, 2025 At 7:05 PM</b>
<b>398 BOND</b>	<b>Authorizing Heating, Ventilating, And Air Conditioning Weatherization Improvements At Certain County Buildings, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$600,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$600,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof</b>
	<b>Late Resolution</b>
<b>405</b>	<b>Amending Resolution No. 286 Of 1968, Adopted February 13, 1969, Imposing Taxes On Sales And Uses Of Tangible Personal Property And Of Certain Services And On Occupancy Of Hotel Rooms And On Amusement Charges, Pursuant To Article 29 Of The Tax Law Of The State Of New York, As Amended On Various Occasions To Increase The Rate Of Sales And Compensating Use Taxes</b>

**PUBLIC COMMENT** (on subjects *not* currently before the Legislature):

**MEETING ADJOURNED IN MEMORY OF:**

Ronald D. Williams, Kingston  
Brian Johnston, Marlboro  
Leslie Wayne, Gardiner  
Jodi Jenkins, Gardiner  
Charles Finch, Kingston  
Debra Marinucci, Rosendale  
Michael John Colvert, Jr., Port Ewen  
Richard H. Smith, Saugerties  
Roger Edward Bonsteel, Kingston  
Judy Dobroski, Marlboro  
Ellen Rosen, Milton

Charles Baldwin, Marlboro  
Mary Rose Corrigan, Marlboro  
Frank K. Kosteczko, Gardiner  
Thomas James Clare, Boiceville  
John Quick, Kingston  
Janet Schimmrich, Tillson  
Jeannette Sauer, Saugerties  
George Baxter, Kingston  
Laurent Rejtö, Woodstock  
Esther Mackey, Milton

**CLOSING WORDS** – Chair Criswell will call upon Legislator Kathy Nolan, District 22, to offer closing words.

**NEXT MEETING:**

The next Regular Meeting of the Ulster County Legislature will be held on Tuesday, September 16, 2025 at 7:00 PM in the Legislative Chambers, Sixth Floor, Ulster County Office Building, 244 Fair Street, Kingston, New York.

Resolution deadline is Wednesday, August 20, 2025.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:**