

**Ways & Means Committee
Special Meeting Minutes**

DATE & TIME: November 10, 2025 – 3:30 PM
LOCATION(S): Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chair Gavaris
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Natalie Kelder, Legislative Financial Analyst,
Tyron Rogers, Legislative Tech Support Specialist
MEMBERS PRESENT: Legislators Collins, Criswell, Kovacs, Nolan & Roberts
MEMBERS ABSENT: Legislators Hansut & Uchitelle
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislators Levine & Litts, Deputy County Executive Capuano, Comptroller Gallagher, Deputy Budget Directors Reid & Quesnell, Commissioner of Finance Rioux, Deputy Commissioner of Finance Cordella, Information Services Director Macaluso, General Services Director Jordan, Personnel Director Spader, Assigned Counsel Administrator Stegmayer

Chair Gavaris called the meeting to order at 3:48 PM

Department heads under the committee's purview were in attendance to discuss the County Executive's Proposed 2026 Budget and Proposed 2026-2031 Capital Program as it pertained to their departments.

In order of appearance:

- Assigned Counsel Administration – John Stegmayer
- County Comptroller – Comptroller March Gallagher
- Department of Personnel – Director Dawn Spader
- Department of Information Services – Director Alan Macaluso
- Department of General Services – Director Edward Jordan
- Department of Finance & Real Property – Commissioner of Finance CJ Rioux
- Department of Budget – Deputy Budget Directors Reid & Quesnell

The following questions were asked of each department:

- Did you make any requests that were not included in the Proposed Budget or Capital Program?
- Are there any new programs, projects or initiatives planned for 2026? Any being eliminated?
- Do you feel the Proposed 2026 Budget and, if applicable, Capital Program, for your department is right-sized, including staffing, for your needs/workload?

Department responses and committee discussion can be accessed via the Ulster County Legislature's YouTube channel at: https://www.youtube.com/live/Ofpe7Kd24Zc?si=83Imf3_fhauYMqkR

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Collins
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Nolan
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0

Time: 4:29 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Natalie Kelder, Legislative Financial Analyst

Approved:

December 11, 2025

Complete content of the meeting can be accessed via the Ulster County Legislature's YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/@UlsterCountyLegislature/streams>