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Chair Criswell Announces 2026 Annual Legislative Calendar and Standing Committee Appointments

(Kingston, NY) – Ulster County Legislature Chair Peter Criswell today announced the 2026 Annual Legislative Calendar and confirmed committee assignments and leadership for the upcoming year. The committee structure includes eight standing committees, each tasked with advancing policy, oversight, and fiscal stewardship on behalf of Ulster County residents.

“I’m inspired by this new class of legislators — they are serious, smart, hard-working, and compassionate, all qualities that make a good legislator,” said **Chair Peter Criswell**. “Adding them to the mix of dedicated returning legislators makes me optimistic that we’ll be able to continue addressing critical issues in our county, including housing, food security, transportation, healthcare, environmental stewardship, community safety, and infrastructure needs. These committee assignments reflect both experience and balance, and they position the Legislature to do meaningful, responsible work in 2026.”

All committee Chairs and members are Democrats. All Deputy Chairs are Republicans, reflecting bipartisan leadership across committees.

Dates and times of Legislative Session and Standing Committee Meetings are subject to change. Please refer to the Legislative Calendar for the most current meeting information <https://legislature.ulstercountyny.gov/meetings/>

All Committee meetings are open to the public and are additionally available for view via livestream at the Legislature’s YouTube Channel <https://www.youtube.com/@UlsterCountyLegislature/streams>.

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2026 LEGISLATIVE SCHEDULE

Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month in the Legislative Chambers on the 6th floor of the County Office Building, 244 Fair Street, Kingston, at 7:00 PM unless noted below or determined otherwise.

****Please Note:** Meeting Dates and locations are subject to change. For the most up to date schedule please check the Legislature's website <https://legislature.ulstercountyny.gov/meetings/>

For more information contact the Clerk of the Legislature at 845-340-3900

Regular Legislative Meetings

Tuesday, February 17th

* Wednesday, March 18th

Tuesday, April 21st

Tuesday, May 19th

Tuesday, June 16th

* Tuesday, July 14th

Tuesday, August 18th

Tuesday, September 15th

Tuesday, October 20th

Tuesday, November 17th

Tuesday, December 15th

2026 STANDING COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

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Economic Development, Planning Education, Employment, Arts and Agriculture

Location: Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, 244 Fair Street, Kingston

Time: 5:30 PM (or immediately following the Law Enforcement and Public Safety Committee)

Dates: First Tuesday of the month except where noted *

February 3, March 3, April 7, May 5, June 2, June 30*, August 4, September 1, October 6, November 3, December 1

To set legislative policy and review contracts for all aspects of Ulster County Department of Economic Development, Ulster County Department of Planning, Office of Employment and Training, Ulster County Community College, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Ulster County Soil and Water Conservation District, Arts, Tourism and Libraries. Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision herein, policies and contracts regarding housing matters, including but not limited to temporary, emergency, affordable, workforce and senior housing, shall not fall under the jurisdiction of this Committee. Responsible for issues pertaining to: Ulster County Industrial Development Agency, Ulster County Planning Board, Revolving Loan Fund Committee, Shovel Ready Committee. To foster relations and communications with the Ulster County Economic Alliance and local Chambers of Commerce. To establish policy relating to agriculture and farmland preservation.

Megan Sperry, Chair
Richard Walls, Deputy Chair
Debra Clinton
Amy Dooley

Laura Donovan
Lindsey Grossman
Bill Murray

Energy, Environment and Sustainability

Location: Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, 244 Fair Street, Kingston

Time: 5:00 PM

Dates: First Wednesday of the month except where noted *

February 4, March 4, April TBD*, May 6, June 3, July 1, August 5, September 2, October 7, November 4, December 2

To set policy and review contracts pertaining to the Department of the Environment, Environmental Management Council, and all environmental matters and green initiatives of the County, including the protection of waterways and the County's recycling efforts. To set policy and review contracts pertaining to but not limited to the activities of the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency.

Chris Hewitt, Chair
Richard Walls, Deputy Chair
Amy Dooley
Joseph Donaldson

Kathy Nolan
Ann Peters
Eric Stewart

Health, Human Services and Human Rights

Location: Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, 244 Fair Street, Kingston

Time: 4:00 PM

Dates: First Thursday of the month except where noted *

February 5, March 5, April TBD*, May 7, June 4, July 2, August 6, September 3, October 8*,
November 5, December 3

To set policy and review contracts pertaining to the following County Departments and Divisions: Health, Human Rights, Mental Health, Social Services, Community Action, Office for the Aging, Youth Bureau, and Veterans Affairs. Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision herein, policies and contracts regarding housing matters, including but not limited to temporary, emergency, affordable, workforce and senior housing, shall not fall under the jurisdiction of this Committee.

Eric Stewart, Chair
Craig Lopez, Deputy Chair
TJ Briggs
Dominick Marino

Greg McCollough
Bill Murray
Ann Peters

Housing and Transportation

Location: Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, 244 Fair Street, Kingston

Time: 5:00 PM (or immediately following the Health, Human Services and Human Rights Committee)

Dates: First Thursday of the month except where noted *

February 5, March 5, April TBD*, May 7, June 4, July 2, August 6, September 3, October 8*,
November 5, December 3

To set policy and review contracts pertaining to all housing related matters, including but not limited to temporary, emergency, affordable, workforce, and senior housing. To set policy and review contracts pertaining to the following County Departments and Divisions: Department of Transportation (Ulster County Area Transit), and all Ulster County transportation matters, including but not limited to Ulster County rails and trails.

Debra Clinton, Chair
Richard Walls, Deputy Chair
Mike Berardi
Lindsey Grossman

Dominick Marino
Greg McCollough
Megan Sperry

Law Enforcement and Public Safety

Location: Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, 244 Fair Street, Kingston

Time: 4:30 PM

Dates: First Tuesday of the month except where noted *

February 3, March 3, April 7, May 5, June 2, June 30*, August 4, September 1, October 6, November 3, December 1

To set policy and review contracts pertaining to the following County Departments and Divisions: Ulster County Sheriff and the Law Enforcement Center, Public Defender, District Attorney, Probation, Restorative Justice, Emergency Management/ Emergency Communications, Arson Task Force, Fire Coordinator, EMS Coordinator, STOP DWI, Consumer Fraud Bureau, and Weights and Measures.

Debra Clinton, Chair
Richard Walls, Deputy Chair
TJ Briggs
Chris Hewitt

Aaron Levine
Dominick Marino
Greg McCollough

Laws, Rules and Government Services

Location: Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, 244 Fair Street, Kingston

Time: 4:00 PM

Dates: Second Thursday of the month except where noted *

February 12, March 12, April 16*, May 14, June 11, July 9, August 13, September 10, October 15*, November 12, December 10

To set policy and review contracts pertaining to the following County Departments and Divisions: Board of Elections, County Clerk, County Attorney, Risk Management and Board of Ethics. To oversee legislative policy and legislative proposed revisions to the Ulster County Charter and the Administrative Code. To review and maintain the Rules of the Legislature and to review and approve all local laws for legal sufficiency only, unless Laws and Rules, Government Services is the committee of original jurisdiction. To approve all late resolutions, considering lateness and content prior to submittal to the full Legislature. To approve resolutions required to be referred to it under the Rules of the Legislature.

Aaron Levine, Chair
Jason Kovacs, Deputy Chair
Jeff Collins
Bill Murray

Kathy Nolan
Ann Peters
Abe Uchitelle

Public Works and Capital Projects

Location: Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, 244 Fair Street, Kingston

Time: 4:30 PM

Dates: Second Monday of the month except where noted *

February 9, March 9, April 13, May 11, June 8, July 6*, August 10, September TBD*, October TBD, November 9, December 7*

To set policy and review contracts pertaining to the following County Departments and Divisions: Public Works (including Parks, Highways, Buildings and Grounds, and Fleet Management), the Electrical Licensing Board, and all Capital Projects.

Kathy Nolan, Chair
Jason Kovacs, Deputy Chair
Mike Berardi
TJ Briggs

Joseph Donaldson
Laura Donovan
Eric Stewart

Ways and Means

Location: Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, 244 Fair Street, Kingston

Time: 5:00 PM (or immediately following the Laws, Rules & Government Services Committee)

Dates: Second Thursday of the month except where noted *

February 12, March 12, April 16*, May 14, June 11, July 9, August 13, September 10, October 15*, November 12, December 10

To recommend the Legislature's position on all budgetary and financial matters of the County. To review contracts pertaining to the following departments: Comptroller, Finance, Assigned Counsel, Budget, Personnel, General Services, Information Services and Real Property Tax Services. To approve all resolutions with financial impacts to the County, excluding those financial impacts limited solely to legislative advertising expenses.

Jeff Collins, Chair
Kevin Roberts, Deputy Chair
Mike Berardi
Laura Donovan

Lindsey Grossman
Ann Peters
Abe Uchitelle