

Proposed Local Law Number 5 Of 2026

County Of Ulster

A Local Law Amending Section A38-3(A)-(D) Of The Administrative Code For The County Of Ulster To Reflect A Change of Name Of The Workforce Investment Board To The Workforce Development Board And To Change To The Residency Requirement Of The Board

BE IT ENACTED, by the County Legislature of the County of Ulster, New York, as follows:

SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE INTENT.

In 2014, Congress passed The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (the “WIOA”), which “is designed to help job seekers access employment, education, training and support services to succeed in the labor market and to match employments with the skilled workers they need to compete in the global economy.”¹ Section 107 of the WIOA provides for the establishment of a “local workforce development board” in each local area of a State. The WIOA requirements for local workforce development boards ensure, at a minimum, that board members represent businesses, the workforce, educational and training entities, and governmental and economic and community development entities in the local area.

Ulster County’s current Administrative Code uses an outdated name for the board, reflecting an older version of the WIOA, and, with its requirement that board members reside in the County, unnecessarily precludes potential board members who represent County businesses that can be of benefit to Ulster County job seekers.

The Ulster County Legislature believes it is important to reflect in our Administrative Code the current name of the County’s workforce development board and to allow for flexibility of our board membership while remaining consistent with the intent of, and within the parameters of, the WIOA.

SECTION 2. Sections A38-3 (A)-(D) the Administrative Code for the County of Ulster are hereby amended to read as follows:

§ A38-3 Workforce ~~Investment~~ Development Board.

A. There shall be a Workforce ~~Investment~~ Development Board, the members of which shall be appointed by the County Executive as provided for and pursuant to the criteria established under federal law, rule or regulations. Members shall be ~~residents~~

¹ <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/wioa>

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representatives of businesses, the workforce, educational and training entities, and governmental and economic and community development entities of Ulster County.

B. The members of the Workforce **Investment Development** Board shall elect a chairperson from among the businesses representatives on the Board.

C. The Workforce **Investment Development** Board shall have all of the duties and responsibilities as prescribed in accordance with federal law, rule or regulation as well as those that may be authorized by the County Executive.

D. The Workforce **Investment Development** Board shall keep minutes of all meetings, including the date and time of meeting and members in attendance. The original of said minutes shall be filed with the Clerk of the Legislature as soon as possible, but not to exceed 10 business days after the next regular Board meeting at which the minutes were reviewed and accepted. The Clerk of the Legislature or his or her designee shall maintain an official record of the Board's agenda items. This official record shall include the disposition of each agenda item, including individual votes of each member on each item.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.

In the event that any portion of this local law is found to be invalid, such finding will not have any effect on either the remaining portions or applications of this local law or any provisions of the Ulster County Administrative Code, which shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This local law shall take effect upon its filing with the New York State Secretary of State.