

**Laws, Rules & Government Services Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes**

DATE & TIME: April 10, 2025 – 4:00 PM
LOCATION(S): KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
Livestreamed at <https://www.youtube.com/@UlsterCountyLegislature/streams>
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chair Kovacs
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk & Tyron Rogers, Technical Support Specialist
MEMBERS PRESENT: Legislators Gavaris, Hansut, Harmon, Levine (arrived 4:04 PM) & Uchitelle
MEMBERS ABSENT: Legislator Kitchen
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislator Maloney; Legislative Counsel Ragucci and Minority Counsel Pascale; Deputy County Executive Jamie Capuano, Deputy Budget Director Don Quesnell – UC Executive’s Office; Director Everett Erichsen & Steve Peterson – UC Emergency Communications/Emergency Management; Deputy Director Robert Parete – UC DPW

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Chair Kovacs called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM and asked those present to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion No. 1: Motion to Approve the Minutes of the March 13th Regular Meeting

Motion Made By: Legislator Gavaris
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Uchitelle

Voting in Favor: Legislators Criswell, Gavaris, Hansut, Harmon, Kovacs & Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Minutes Approved**

Resolutions for the April 15, 2025 Session of the Legislature:

Chair Kovacs advised the members that he would be taking Resolution No. 189 out of order and recognized Chair Criswell to make a brief presentation.

Resolution No. 189 – Authorizing The County Executive And Chair Of The Legislature To Execute Ulster County’s Memorandum Of Agreement Between Ulster County, New York And The Chernivtsi Region, Ukraine As Sister Communities

Resolution Summary – This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature and the County Executive to sign an agreement with Chernivtsi Region, Ukraine, and any amendments thereto, for shared collaboration as a sister community to Ulster County, NY.

Motion No. 2: Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 189
Motion Made By: Legislator Harmon
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Uchitelle

Voting in Favor: Legislators Criswell, Gavaris, Hansut, Harmon, Kovacs, Levine & Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 7
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution Adopted**

Resolution No. 80 – Amending The Rules Of Order As They Relate To The Scheduling And Rescheduling Of Legislative Committee Meetings

Resolution Summary – This Resolution amends the Rules of Order, Rule 5. Standing and Special Committees of the Legislature and Calendaring of the Legislative Sessions (D) Meetings of the Committees, to establish that no Regularly schedule meeting may be rescheduled by the Chair of the Committee without the prior written consent of the Deputy Chair of the Committee, and to further specify requirements for the rescheduling of Regular meetings.

Motion No. 3: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 80**
Motion Made By: Legislator Gavaris
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Levine

Voting in Favor: Legislators Hansut & Kovacs
Voting Against: Legislators Criswell, Gavaris, Harmon, Levine & Uchitelle
Votes in Favor: 2
Votes Against: 5
Disposition: **Resolution Defeated**

Resolution No. 187 – Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 1 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), In Relation To Legislator Qualifications

Resolution Summary – This Resolution adopts Proposed Local Law No. 1 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), In Relation To Legislator Qualifications.

Motion No. 4: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 187**
Motion Made By: Legislator Uchitelle
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Harmon

Voting in Favor: Legislators Criswell, Harmon, Levine & Uchitelle
Voting Against: Legislators Gavaris, Hansut & Kovacs
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 3
Disposition: **Resolution Adopted**

Resolution No. 188 – Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute Agreements With Various School Districts In Ulster County For The Use Of Polling Equipment And Material – Ulster County Board Of Elections

Resolution Summary – This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to execute agreements, and any amendments thereto, with School Districts in Ulster County for the use of polling equipment and material for the May 20, 2025 Ulster County School District Elections for revenue in the amount of \$13,000.00.

Motion No. 5: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 188**
Motion Made By: Legislator Gavaris
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Levine

Voting in Favor: Legislators Criswell, Gavaris, Hansut, Harmon, Kovacs, Levine & Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 7
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution Adopted**

LATE Resolution No. 197 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For ~~\$9,655,000.00~~ **\$9,355,000.00** Entered Into By The County – Andron Construction, Corp. – Department Of Public Works

Resolution Summary – This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Andron Construction, Corp. for General Contractor Services for the construction of the GOC in an amended amount of **\$9,355,000.00** for term 4/17/25 – 12/4/26

LATE Resolution No. 198 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For ~~\$3,846,615.00~~ **\$3,656,615.00** Entered Into By The County – Merritt Construction Inc. – Department Of Public Works

Resolution Summary – This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Merritt Construction Inc. for Site Construction Services for the construction of the GOC in an amended amount of **\$3,656,615.00** for term 4/17/25 – 12/4/26

LATE Resolution No. 199 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For ~~\$5,491,700.00~~ **\$5,341,700.00** Entered Into By The County – Perreca Electric Co., Inc. – Department Of Public Works

Resolution Summary – This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Perreca Electric Co., Inc. for Electrical Contractor Services for the construction of the GOC in an amended amount of **\$5,341,700.00** for term 4/17/25 – 12/4/26

LATE Resolution No. 200 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For ~~\$3,628,470.00~~ **\$3,498,470.00** Entered Into By The County – Youna Mechanical, Inc. D/B/A The YMI Group, Inc. – Department Of Public Works

Resolution Summary – This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Youna Mechanical, Inc. D/B/A The YMI Group, Inc. for mechanical and plumbing Services for the construction of the GOC in an amended amount of **\$3,498,470.00** for term 4/17/25 – 12/4/26

Motion No. 6: **Motion to Block Resolution Nos. 197, 198, 199, 200**
Motion Made By: Legislator Gavaris
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Criswell

Voting in Favor: Legislators Criswell, Gavaris, Hansut, Harmon, Kovacs, Levine & Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 7
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolutions Blocked**

Motion No. 7: **Motion to Amend Blocked Resolutions As Presented**
Motion Made By: Legislator Gavaris
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Harmon

Voting in Favor: Legislators Criswell, Gavaris, Hansut, Harmon, Kovacs, Levine & Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 7
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolutions Amended**

Motion No. 8: **Motion to Adopt Blocked Resolutions As Amended**
Motion Made By: Legislator Gavaris
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Levine

Voting in Favor: Legislators Criswell, Gavaris, Hansut, Harmon, Kovacs, Levine & Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 7
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution Adopted As Amended**

Forthcoming Resolutions

- **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, May 20, 2025 At 7:00 PM (*Postponed in Energy, Environment & Sustainability Committee on April 1st*)
- **Resolution No. 143** – Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 3 Of 2025, A Local Law To Ensure The Safety Of Vulnerable Road Users In Ulster County, To Be Held On Tuesday, May 20, 2025 At 7:05 PM (*Postponed in Housing & Transportation Committee on April 3rd*)
- **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, May 20, 2025 At 7:15 PM (*Postponed in Energy, Environment & Sustainability Committee on April 1st*)

New Business None

Old Business None

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Uchitelle
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Levine
Votes in Favor: 7
Votes Against: 0

TIME: 4:16 PM
Respectfully Submitted: Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk
Approved: May 15, 2025

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