

# ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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## MINUTES

### PUBLIC HEARINGS & REGULAR MEETING

**TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2025**

**7:00 PM**

Legislative Chambers, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, County Office Building, 244 Fair Street, Kingston, NY  
Also available via Livestream: <https://www.youtube.com/@UlsterCountyLegislature>

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY THE CHAIR: 7:07 PM**

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

Led by Chair Criswell

## 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.



**BIRTHDAYS:**

Legislator Jeff Collins	March 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Legislator Thomas Corcoran	March 15 <sup>th</sup>
Legislative Minority Counsel Nick Pascale	March 27 <sup>th</sup>
Legislator Richard Walls	March 28 <sup>th</sup>
Legislator Greg McCollough	March 31 <sup>st</sup>

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

Majority Leader Uchitelle motioned, Seconded by Minority Leader Roberts to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. All in favor.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM:**

Ulster County Legislative Chair, Peter Criswell	Appointment Letter - Ulster County Human Rights Commission – S. Leigh Thompson Shealy
Ulster County Clerk of the Legislature, Victoria Fabella	FOIL Acknowledgement & Response – Chelsea Bossenbroek
Majority Leader Uchitelle	Appointment Letter – Transit Rider & Intermodal Advisory Committee – Legislator Gregory McCollough
Minority Leader Roberts	Appointment Letter – Transit Rider & Intermodal Advisory Committee – Legislator Joseph Maloney
Republican Caucus	Letter to County Executive Requesting Update on Salary Study and Collective Bargaining Negotiations
Legislative News	Press Release – Ulster County Legislature Accepting Applications to be included in Agricultural District – Spanish Translation Available
	Press Release – Criswell Calls for Unity & Collaboration Amidst Uncertainties – Spanish Translation Available

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM (continued):**

American Postal Workers Union, President Ed Horvers	APWU Rally – March 20, 2025 from 11:30 AM – 5:30 PM – 90 Cornell St., Kingston
Catskill Mountain Railroad, President Ernie Hunt	CMRR Email to the Legislature
Chelsea Bossenbroek	Foil Request – UC Department of Health – Public health orders related to COVID-19 & orders for paid sick leave relating to COVID-19
Concern Citizens (1)	Emails – Opposed to reappointment of Tyrone Wilson to UC Human rights Commission
Concern Citizens (2)	Email/Letter – Opposed to the Landfill on Milk Road - Wawarsing
Concern Citizens (2)	Email – Ashokan Rail Trail: Undesignated Section – Supports Trail
Concern Citizens (4)	Emails – Supporting Catskill Mountain Railroad
Concern Citizens (1)	Emails – Opposed to the extension of the Catskill Mountain Railroad & Trails
Cornell University, Melissa Foley	NYS LTAP Center – Cornell Local Roads Program Pamphlets
Hudson 7	Agenda – March 12, 2025 & Minutes – January 8, 2025
Hudson Valley Regional Council, Carla Castillo	HVRC Presentation & Board Slides – Brownfield Opportunity Area Program & Smart Growth Community Program Slide
NYS Dept of Agricultural & Markets (4)	Emails – NYSERDA – NY-Sun NOI Submission – ELP Marlborough Solar in the Town of Marlborough
O’Connor Davies	Annual Comprehensive Financial Reports – Including Report to those Charged with Governance
Town of Marlborough	Town Board Res. No. 52 in Support of Ulster County Resolution No. 102

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM (continued):**

Ulster County Budget Department	Budgetary Transfers Report - January 2025 2024 Budget Adjustments
Ulster County Community Action	Executive Director Douglas Blancero – Correspondence Regarding Community Action’s Contract With The County
Ulster County Comptroller’s Office	Press Release – Ulster County Comptroller Health Insurance Updated Audit Finds Employees Overpaid Press Release - Ulster County Experience a Fourth Year of Record-Breaking Sales Tax Revenue Press Release – 2024 Ulster County Public Pay Dashboard
Ulster County Chamber of Commerce	Ribbon Cutting – Sound of Life Radio Network – Wednesday, March 5, 2025 @ 10:00 AM – 507 Hurley Avenue, Hurley Ribbon Cutting – HUDSY Studio – Friday, March 21, 2025 @ 11:00 AM – 721 Broadway, Suite 122, Kingston – Revised to Studio B
Ulster County Department of General Services	Non-Commodity Solicitations: RFP-UC25-013 – Ulster County One-Stop Operator
Ulster County Department of General Services	RFP-UC25-022 – Trauma Specialist Case Manager RFP-UC25-021 – External Financial Audit Services January 2025 Executed Contracts List Purchasing Monthly Activity Report January 2025 February 2025 Executed Contracts List
Ulster County Office for the Aging	Reporting Wages – Connect America

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM (continued):**

Ulster County Planning Department

Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan – Minutes – November 12, 2024 & January 6, 2025

Agenda – March 5<sup>th</sup> & Minutes for February 5<sup>th</sup> – Including UCPB Financial Report

Ulster County Personnel Department

Civil Service Exams/Job Announcements (35)

Ulster County Prevention Council, Jennifer Ryan

Ulster County Substance Prevention Board Agenda & Minutes – February 14, 2025

Ulster County Transportation Council

Agenda – March 3<sup>rd</sup> – UC Traffic Safety Board Meeting

Law Enforcement Training - Wednesday, April 2, 2025 from 1:00 PM – 3:30 PM @ Dutchess County Department of Emergency Response

Ulster County Veterans Services

Hope for the Heroes Gala – March 21<sup>st</sup>

Veterans Reintegration Gala - May 24<sup>th</sup>

Orange County Chamber's Choice Awards – March 29<sup>th</sup>

Ulster County Veterans Services (cont.)

Ulster County Vietnam War Veterans Memorial Highway – March 29<sup>th</sup>

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS:**

Press Release – UC Executive Jen Metzger Announces New Role for County in Addressing Critical Gaps in EMS Coverage

Press Release – UC Executive Jen Metzger Applauds Resolution Honoring Former County Clerk Nina Postupack with Dedication

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS (continued):**

Press Release – County Comptroller Report on County Health Insurance Plan Confirms that County Plan Outperformed NYSHIP, Offered More Benefit Options for Employees and Resulted in Taxpayer Savings Compared to State Plan

Press Release – UC Executive Jen Metzger Delivers 2025 State of the County Address, Highlighting Progress on Housing, Mental Health & Investments in Local Economy, Climate and Community Resilience

Press Release – UC Executive Jen Metzger Announces 2025 Ulster County Poet Laureate

Press Release – UC Executive Jen Metzger Announces 2025 Funding Opportunity for Housing Projects Supporting Affordability

Press Release – Public Invited to Help Shape Behavioral Health Services in Ulster County

Press Release – Amid Global Increase in Cases, Ulster County Department of Health Urges Residents to Get Vaccinated Against Measles

Press Release – Dedicated Therapy Dog Support Program Announced for Ulster County Emergency 911 Operators

Press Release – Wawarsing Town Board Approves County Executive Metzger's Proposal for Ellenville Warming Center Partnership

Press Release – County Executive Metzger Announces That Ulster County Surpassed 2025 'Green Fleet' Target

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS (continued):**

Press Release – Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger Appoints Janet Nunez as Site Program Manager For Trudy Farber Center in Ellenville

Appointment Letter – Ulster County Human Rights Commission – Christine Dinsmore

Appointment Letter – STOP DWI Advisory Board – John Allen Blue

Appointment Letter – Ulster County Office For The Aging – Janet Durand

Appointment Letter – Ulster County Community Services Board – Maureen Sheehan, Dr. Maya Hambright and Emma Hambright

Letter - Response to Republican Caucus Letter Requesting Update on Salary Study and Collective Bargaining Negotiations

**ANNUAL REPORTS:**

Ulster County Board of Elections 2024 Annual Report

Ulster County Board of Ethics 2024 Annual Report

Ulster County Clerk 2024 Annual Report

Ulster County District Attorney's 2024 Annual Reports

Ulster County Executive Departments 2024 Annual Reports

Ulster County Green Fleet 2024 Annual Report

Ulster County Real Property Data 2024 Annual Report

Reserve Reports for GOC, Decarbonization, and Tax Stabilization 2024 Annual Report

Ulster County Schedule of 2023 NY Department of Transportation Assistance Expended

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**DATE:**

Economic Development, Planning, Education, Employment, Arts & Agriculture	February 4, 2025
Energy, Environment & Sustainability	February 4, 2025
Health, Human Services & Human Rights	February 6, 2025
Housing & Transportation	February 6, 2025
Law Enforcement and Public Safety	February 5, 2025
Laws and Rules, Government Services	February 13, 2025
Public Works, Capital Projects	February 10, 2025
Ways and Means	February 13, 2025

**MEMORIALIZING LETTERS:**

Letter to Congressmen Hon. Josh Riley & Hon. Patrick K. Ryan regarding Social Security Offices In Ulster County

Letter to NYS DOCCS Commissioner Martuscello regarding staffing and conditions in correctional facilities

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:**

Chair Criswell granted Privilege of the Floor to People USA CEO, Steve Miccio, and COO, Kimberly Wing. People USA is a peer-run organization led and staffed by individuals with lived experience, providing compassionate, person-centered support services for those in crisis. Steve and Kimberly will present on the Ulster County Crisis Stabilization Center (CSC) in Kingston. A 24/7 community crisis response hub, the CSC provides a place where people of all ages can connect immediately with an integrated team of counselors, peer specialists, and behavioral health professionals. Children or adults experiencing emotional distress, psychiatric symptoms, substance use challenges, or other life stressors can receive onsite care and support.

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**SPEAKERS**

**Honorable Kevin Roberts - Minority Leader Address**

**Honorable Abe Uchitelle - Majority Leader Address**

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**PUBLIC COMMENT** (on Resolutions currently before the Legislature): There were 2 speakers signed up for public comment.

1. Alexandria Wojcik, Village of New Paltz – Spoke in support of Resolution No. 119 – Parental leave program.
2. Chris Allen, Saugerties – Spoke on Resolution No. 94 – UCAT Grant, acknowledged former Legislator Phil Erner for the fair free buses and suggested expansion of shuttle buses for the elderly

**RESOLUTION NOS: 553 of 2024, 83, 84, 86 - 90, 92 – 99, 103 –124; 54 - WITHDRAWN  
470 of 2024, 731 of 2024, 52, 80 – 82, 85 & 102 - POSTPONED;  
709 of 2024, 33, 91, 100, & 101 - DEFEATED IN COMMITTEE**

**Resolution No. 54** - Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 19 Of 2024, A Local Law Regulating The Use Of County Parking Lots  
*Withdrawn by Sponsor.*

**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, April 15, 2025 At 7:00 PM  
*Postponed in Committee.*

**Resolution No. 731 of 2024** - Authorizing A One-Time Reimbursement To Ulster County 2024 Real Property Taxpayers  
*Postponed in Committee.*

**Resolution No. 52** - Adopting The Ulster County Fleet Vehicle Take-Home Policy  
*Postponed in Committee.*

**Resolution No. 80** - Amending The Rules Of Order As They Relate To The Scheduling And Rescheduling Of Legislative Committee Meetings  
*Postponed in Committee.*

**Resolution No. 81** - Confirming Appointment To The Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency  
*Postponed in Committee.*

**Resolution No. 82** - Confirming Appointment To The Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency  
*Postponed in Committee.*



84	<p><b>Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Intermunicipal Agreement With The Village Of New Paltz, As An Ulster County Grant Recipient, For Installation Of Solar Panels At The Village Of New Paltz Water Treatment Plant – Department Of Finance, Division Of Recovery And Resilience</b></p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 23                      NOES: 0</p>
86	<p><b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$360,150.00 Entered Into By The County – United Way Of Ulster County Inc. – Office Of Employment And Training</b></p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 23                      NOES: 0</p>
87	<p><b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$125,000.00 Entered Into By The County – United Way Of Ulster County Inc. – Office Of Employment And Training</b></p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 23                      NOES: 0</p>
88	<p><b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$650,000.00 Entered Into By The County – United Way Of Ulster County Inc. – Office Of Employment And Training</b></p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 23                      NOES: 0</p>

<b>90</b>	<b>Setting A Public Hearing As Required Under Article 25AA Of Agricultural Markets Law, On the Eight Year Review Of Agricultural District No. 3 And Providing Direct Notice To Affected Municipalities, To Be Held On April 15, 2025 At 7:05 PM, Or As Soon Thereafter As The Public Can Be Heard – Department Of Planning</b>  ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:  AYES: 23                      NOES: 0
<b>92</b>	<b>Appropriating Funding To Support And Strengthen The Local Food System And Foster Sustainability</b>  ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:  AYES: 22                      NOES: 0 (1 Abstention: Legislator Hewitt)
<b>93</b>	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$650,000.00 Entered Into By The County – RUPCO, Inc. – Department Of Planning</b>  ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:  AYES: 23                      NOES: 0
<b>94</b>	<b>Authorizing Execution And Submission Of A Grant Application To New York State Department Of Transportation To Apply, Accept And Administer The Zero-Emissions Transit Transition (ZETT) Program For Transit Electrification - Ulster County Area Transit (UCAT)</b>  ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:  AYES: 23                      NOES: 0

<p><b>96</b></p>	<p><b>Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Contract With The New York State Department Of Health To Enter Into A Data Use Agreement – Department Of Health</b></p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 23                      NOES: 0</p>
<p><b>97</b></p>	<p><b>Amending The 2025 Ulster County Budget To Fund A Deputy Medical Examiner (Medicolegal Investigation) Position - Amending The 2025 Ulster County Position Listing – Department Of Health</b></p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 23                      NOES: 0</p>
<p><b>98</b></p>	<p><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></p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 22                      NOES: 0 (1 Abstention: Legislator Nolan)</p>
<p><b>99</b></p>	<p><b>Amending The 2025 Ulster County Budget To Accept Additional Funding From The New York State Office Of Mental Health - Department Of Mental Health</b></p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 23                      NOES: 0</p>
<p><b>103</b></p>	<p><b>Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Agreement With The Department Of Justice For Asset Forfeiture - Ulster County Sheriff</b></p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 23                      NOES: 0</p>

<b>104</b>	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$5,586.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – New York Communications Company, Inc. – Ulster County Sheriff</b>  ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:  AYES: 23                      NOES: 0
<b>105</b>	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$52,760.00 Entered Into By The County – Cordata Healthcare Innovations, Inc. – Ulster County Sheriff</b>  ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:  AYES: 23                      NOES: 0
<b>106</b>	<b>Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute Two Agreements With The New York State Division Of Criminal Justice Services For \$100,000 Of State Aid To Fund An Anti-Violence Initiative In Connection To The District Attorney’s One Life Only Program - Amending The 2025 Ulster County Budget – District Attorney</b>  ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:  AYES: 23                      NOES: 0
<b>107</b>	<b>Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into A Lease Extension Agreement With O&amp;W Station, LLC, For The Family &amp; Child Advocacy Center - Department Of Public Works (Buildings And Grounds)</b>  ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:  AYES: 23                      NOES: 0

<b>108</b>	<b>Amending Capital Project No. 661 Bridge Superstructure Repairs – Amending The 2025 Ulster County Operating Budget - Amending The 2025 Capital Fund Budget - Department Of Public Works (Highways And Bridges)</b>  ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:  AYES: 23                      NOES: 0
<b>109</b>	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$1,649,000.00 Entered Into By The County – HVB Construction, Inc. – Department Of Public Works</b>  ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:  AYES: 23                      NOES: 0
<b>110</b>	<b>Appointing Chair Peter J. Criswell As The Ulster County Legislature’s Member To Serve On The County Jury Board</b>  ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:  AYES: 23                      NOES: 0
<b>111</b>	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – All States Construction, Inc. D/B/A Gorman Construction – Department Of Public Works</b>  ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:  AYES: 23                      NOES: 0
<b>112</b>	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – All States Construction, Inc. D/B/A Gorman Construction – Department Of Public Works</b>  ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:  AYES: 23                      NOES: 0

<b>113</b>	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – All States Construction, Inc. D/B/A Gorman Construction – Department Of Public Works</b>  ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:  AYES: 23                      NOES: 0
<b>114</b>	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – All States Construction, Inc. D/B/A Gorman Construction – Department Of Public Works</b>  ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:  AYES: 23                      NOES: 0
<b>115</b>	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Highway Rehabilitation Corp. – Department Of Public Works</b>  ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:  AYES: 23                      NOES: 0
<b>116</b>	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Peckham Road Corp. – Department Of Public Works</b>  ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:  AYES: 23                      NOES: 0
<b>117</b>	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$592,000.00 Entered Into By The County – J&amp;J Sass Electric, Inc. – Department Of Public Works</b>  ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:  AYES: 23                      NOES: 0

<b>118</b>	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$736,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Vamco Sheet Metal, Inc. – Department Of Public Works</b>  ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:  AYES: 23                      NOES: 0
<b>120</b>	<b>Authorizing The Conveyance Of County-Owned Property To The Former Owner – Department Of Finance</b>  ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:  AYES: 23                      NOES: 0
<b>121</b>	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$29,689.19, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. – Department Of Information Services</b>  ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:  AYES: 23                      NOES: 0
<b>122</b>	<b>Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 2 Of 2025, A Local Law Amending The Code Of The County Of Ulster, Chapter 232 Living Wage, Definitions, In Relation To Youth Employment Programs, To Be Held On Tuesday, April 15, 2025 At 7:10 PM</b>  ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:  AYES: 23                      NOES: 0
<b>123</b>	<b>Authorizing Director Of Budget To Make Certain Transfers Of Funds – Department Of Budget</b>  ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:  AYES: 23                      NOES: 0

	<b>Non- Consent</b>
<b>83</b>	<p>Legislator Kovacs requested division of Resolution No. 83 and Chair Criswell granted the division.</p> <p><b>Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Extend The Service Agreement With The Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AYES: 23                      NOES: 0</p>
<b>83A</b>	<p><b>Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Amendment To The Service Agreement With The Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AYES: 15                      NOES: 8  (Noes: Legislators Corcoran, Hansut, Kitchen, Kovacs, Litts, Lopez, Maloney, and Roberts)</p>
<b>89</b>	<p><b>Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into A Lease Agreement With iPark 87 Commercial LLC. For The Ulster County Office Of Employment &amp; Training - Department Of Public Works (Buildings And Grounds)</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AYES: 20                      NOES: 3  (Noes: Legislators Lopez, Maloney, and Roberts)</p>
<b>94</b>	<p><b>Authorizing Execution And Submission Of A Grant Application To New York State Department Of Transportation To Apply, Accept And Administer The Zero-Emissions Transit Transition (ZETT) Program For Transit Electrification - Ulster County Area Transit (UCAT)</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">MOVED TO CONSENT</p>

<p><b>95</b></p>	<p><b>Appointing Members To The Transit Riders’ And Intermodal Advisory Committee</b></p> <p>ADOPTED AS AMENDED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 23                      NOES: 0</p> <p>Legislator Uchitelle motioned, seconded by Legislator Roberts, to amend the Resolution to appoint Michael Kondrasky as an at-large member to the Ulster County Transit Riders’ Intermodal Advisory Committee, as indicated above.</p> <p>MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 23                      NOES: 0</p>
<p><b>119</b></p>	<p><b>Adopting The Ulster County Parental Leave Program</b></p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 19                      NOES: 4        (Noes: Legislators Kovacs, Lopez, Maloney, and Roberts)</p>
<p><b>124</b></p>	<p><b>Establishing A Policy Requiring Vendor Reporting As A Component Of Executing Certain Contract Extensions On Behalf Of Ulster County For Professional Services</b></p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 22                      NOES: 1        (Noes: Legislator Nolan)</p>

**PUBLIC COMMENT** (on subjects *not* currently before the Legislature): There were 6 speakers signed up for public comment.

1. Meg Carey – Spoke in support of the CMRR.
2. Vinny Nigro – Spoke in support of the CMRR.
3. Larry Roth – Spoke in support of CMRR & Trails.
4. Tane Woods – Spoke in support of Resolution No. 119 – Parental Leave Program.

5. Tina Buono – Spoke in support of Resolution No. 119 – Parental Leave Program.
6. Harrison Beldeth, CMRR employee – Spoke in support of rails with trails.

**MEETING ADJOURNED IN MEMORY OF:** Read by Legislator Kovacs

Kevin Rohrbach, Milton  
June Jennison, Milton  
Mary Connor, Marlboro  
Angelo Secreto, Highland  
Karlton D. Bowers, Marbletown  
Herbert F. Morehouse, Sr., Hurley  
Dennis Helm, Connelly

Eugene Slater, Marlboro  
Frank Pascariello, Milton  
Anthony Aurigemma, Marlboro  
William Gaffney, Ulster  
Lois J. Petramale, Ulster  
Frances Ficco, Lake Katrine

**CLOSING WORDS** – Chair Criswell called upon Legislator Gina Hansut, District 10, to offer closing words. Theme – Women’s History Month

**NEXT MEETING:**

The next Regular Meeting of the Ulster County Legislature will be held on Tuesday, April 15, 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, March 19, 2025.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 9:27 PM  
Motion made by Legislator Litts  
Seconded by Majority Leader Uchitelle



# ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

1<sup>ST</sup> PUBLIC HEARING: AS REQUIRED UNDER ARTICLE 25AAA OF THE AGRICULTURE AND  
MARKETS LAW, ON THE ULSTER COUNTY AGRICULTURAL AND FARMLAND PROTECTION  
DRAFT PLAN

TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2025

LEGISLATIVE CHAMBERS, 244 FAIR STREET, KINGSTON, NY

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Hello, my name is Jules Farr and I am from the Farmer Housing Working Group, which is a network of Hudson Valley farmers, affordable housing organizations, community land trusts, cooperative development groups, farm service providers, and members of local government that came together to understand and address the need for affordable housing for workers on small farms.

Hudson Valley growers are the ones behind the scenes who make this area so sought-after, supplying restaurants and farmers markets with fresh local food and stewarding scenic landscapes. Unfortunately, with all of the demand to experience this lifestyle from visitors and newcomers, the very people who make it so special are no longer able to afford to live here.

With workers unable to find housing, and farms unable to find and retain workers, small farms are downsizing, reducing productivity, or shuttering altogether. These extraordinary pressures put the agricultural nature of our region in serious question.

We need to respond now, in time to establish dedicated, affordable farmer housing. We support the recommendation in the Ulster County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan under Supportive Infrastructure Recommendations section D: which states:

Pursue the development of farmworker housing. A summary of the bullets that follow are:

1. Evaluate the feasibility of developing a suitable site in Ulster County as a pilot farmworker housing project. Another alternative would be providing development support to these farms.
2. Add farmworker housing to the list of project types eligible for support through Ulster County's existing Housing Action Fund.
3. When the Ulster County Housing Action Plan is updated, include information on farm employment and farmworker housing and provide recommendations to address the affordable housing needs of farm employees and laborers.
4. Educate municipal leaders and planning board members on New York State Agriculture and Markets rules related to farmworker housing and assist communities in updating local zoning to allow for farmworker housing within NYS Agricultural Districts. Manufactured homes, modulars, traditional stick-built and other home types should be allowed for farmworker housing.

The Farmer Housing Working Group recommends that the Ulster County Legislature adopt the Ulster County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan so that these recommendations can be implemented.

The Farmer Housing Working Group is interested in participating in the implementation of the farmworker housing goals of this plan.



# ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

PUBLIC COMMENT: On Resolutions Currently Before the Legislature

TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2025

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