
STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF SCHENECTADY

THE MINUTES

of a Regular Meeting of the Schenectady County Legislature held October 8, 2024 7:00 p.m. at Legislative Chambers Schenectady County Office Building, 620 State Street, Schenectady, New York

October 8, 2024

The invocation was given by Pastor Moore.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by Legislator Vellano.

Presentations

Chairman Hughes invited Legislator Frisoni, County Fire Coordinator Ken Almy, Deputy Fire Coordinator Dale, and representatives of the various fire companies present to the well. Craig Myers was awarded County Fire Chief of the Year, Daniel Herrgesell was awarded County Fire Officer of the Year, and John Lawyer was awarded County BLS of the Year.

The Chairman congratulated the award winners for their outstanding service to this community, and for their efforts that go above and beyond. Their selfless dedication to our safety and well-being makes this community a better place to live.

Chairman Hughes invited County Manager Rory Fluman to join him in the well to present awards to some long-term county employees within the County's Department of Social Resources. Patrick McCloskey and Jacquelyn Plumadore have worked for Schenectady County for 26 years, and Susanna Hurley and Edward Biittig have both working for Schenectady County for 25 years.

PUBLIC HEARING

Chairman Hughes called the Public Hearing of the Schenectady County Legislature to order and instructed the Clerk to call the roll.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: 10 (Ruzzo, Pratt, Frisoni, Cuomo, Patierne, Ostreich, Vellano, Hughes, Gatta, Fields)

Absent: 2 (Hess, Constantine)
 Excused: 3 (Samuel, Jasenski, McGill)
 Vacant: 0

The Clerk read the public hearing notice.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Schenectady County Legislature will meet at the Legislative Chambers in the Schenectady County Office Building, 620 State Street, Schenectady, New York at 7:00 p.m. on October 8, 2024 for the purpose of holding a Public Hearing on the Tentative Operating Budget of said County for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2025 and further, for the purpose of holding a Public Hearing on the Capital Improvement Program for the County of Schenectady for the years 2025 through 2030.

Chairman Hughes invited members of the public to speak at the public hearing.

There were no members of the public present to speak.

With no public comment, Chairman Hughes called the Public Hearing to a close.

LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

Chairman Hughes called the Legislative Conference of the Schenectady County Legislature to order and instructed the Clerk to call the roll.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: 10 (Ruzzo, Pratt, Frisoni, Cuomo, Patierne, Ostrellich, Vellano, Hughes, Gatta, Fields)

Absent: 2 (Hess, Constantine)
 Excused: 3 (Samuel, Jasenski, McGill)
 Vacant: 0

Meeting of Committee on Rules

Legislator Fields called the meeting of the Committee on Rules to order.

Legislator Gatta moved to report Rules Initiative 53-24 Legislator Patierne seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Legislator Gatta explained Rules Initiative 54-24

Legislator Gatta moved to report Rules Initiative 54-24 Legislator Patierne seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Schenectady County Commissioner of the Department of Social Services, Brandy Hillard-Bouldin, explained Rules Initiative 55-24.

Legislator Patierne moved to report Rules Initiative 55-24 Legislator Vellano seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Schenectady County Commissioner of the Department of Social Services, Brandy Hillard-Bouldin, explained Rules Initiative 56-24.

Legislator Ostrelich thanked the Commissioner and her staff for all their hard work on Rules Initiative 56-24.

Legislator Ostrelich moved to report Rules Initiative 56-24 Legislator Pratt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Schenectady County Manager, Rory Fluman explained Rules Initiative 57-24.

Legislator Vellano moved to report Rules Initiative 57-24 Legislator Gatta seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Schenectady County Senior Long-Term Care Manager, Adrienne Silva explained Rules Initiative 58-24.

Legislator Ostrelich moved to report Rules Initiative 58-24 Legislator Gatta seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Legislator Gatta moved to report Rules Initiative 59-24 Legislator Pratt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Privilege of the Floor

Christine Witkowski, of Scotia, spoke on the subject of the County Public Library, specifically the Joint Automation departure.

Ed Lavin of Schenectady spoke on his issues with Schenectady Civil Court proceedings and Schenectady City Court Judges.

REGULAR MEETING

Chairman Hughes called the Legislative Conference of the Schenectady County Legislature to order and instructed the Clerk to call the roll.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: 10 (Ruzzo, Pratt, Frisoni, Cuomo, Patierne, Ostrelich, Vellano, Hughes, Gatta, Fields)

Absent: 2 (Hess, Constantine)
 Excused: 3 (Samuel, Jasenski, McGill)
 Vacant: 0

Approval Minutes

Legislator Hughes made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 12th and October 2nd meetings. Legislator Hess seconded the motion. The motion was carried without objection.

Reports

We have received reports from: The Commissioner of Finance, the Department of Weights and Measures, and the County Clerk.

Committee Reports

Legislator Patierne reported the Committee on Economic Development and Planning met on October 8, 2024 and reported to the agenda Resolution 178.

Legislator Patierne reported the Committee on Public Facilities, Transportation and Infrastructure met on October 8, 2024 and reported to the agenda Resolutions 179.

Legislator Fields reported the Committee on Workforce Development met on October 8, 2024 and reported to the agenda Resolution 180.

Legislator Fields reported the Committee on Rules met earlier this evening and reported to the agenda Resolutions 171,172, 173, 174, 175, 176, and 177.

Legislator Fields reported the Committee on Ways and Means met on September 30, 2024 and reported to the agenda Resolutions 179, 180, 181, 182, and 183.

Resolutions

RESOLUTION 171-24

Sponsored by the Committee on Rules:

A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 2024 AS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, breast cancer is a substantial public health problem in the United States, where 1 in 8 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in her lifetime, and where over 4 million people are currently battling this terrible disease; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that in the United States, more than 310,720 women, and approximately 2,790 men, are diagnosed with invasive breast cancer annually

– remaining the second most common form of cancer, and the second leading cause of cancer related deaths among women in the United States with a staggering 42,250 lives lost each year; and

WHEREAS, the knowledge and understanding of human genetics have advanced in the last decade, and groundbreaking immunotherapies and other new treatments continue to contribute to the considerable progress being made in the fight against breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, self-breast examinations and mammography are among the most effective and widely available methods of early detection, which is one of the most important tools in changing the prognosis for so many; and

WHEREAS, we, as a community, support those who are courageously battling breast cancer, and honor the lives lost to this disease; and

WHEREAS, this body seeks to promote community and legislative awareness of breast cancer issues, as well as to improve access to breast cancer screening, diagnosis, treatment and care; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Schenectady County Legislature reaffirms its commitment to provide the resources needed to address issues related to breast cancer, and thus proclaims October 2024 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in Schenectady County.

10/8/2024: Reported from the Committee on Rules (R53)
10/8/2024: Adopted by the County Legislature

Ayes:	10.0582	(Cuomo, Fields, Frisoni, Gatta, Hughes, Ostrellich, Patierne, Pratt, Ruzzo, Vellano)
Nays:	0.0000	
Absent:	1.9097	(Constantine, Hess)
Abstain:	0.0000	
Excused:	3.0321	(Jasenski, McGill, Samuel)

RESOLUTION 172-24

Sponsored by the Committee on Rules:

A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE DESIGNATION OF A TOURISM PROMOTION AGENCY FOR SCHENECTADY COUNTY

BE IT ENACTED, by the Legislature of the County of Schenectady, as follows:

WHEREAS, this Body created the Schenectady County Tourism and Convention Bureau, Inc. as the designated tourism promotion agency in the County of Schenectady; and

WHEREAS, as a recognized tourism promotion agency, the Schenectady County Tourism and Convention Bureau, Inc. is authorized to make application for and receive grants for recognized advertising programs; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Schenectady County Legislature hereby authorizes the Schenectady County Tourism and Convention Bureau, Inc. to submit an "I LOVE New York" matching funds grant application for the County's 2025, 2026 and 2027 tourism and promotion programs; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that as Schenectady County's appointed tourism promotion agency, the Schenectady County Tourism and Convention Bureau, Inc., be and hereby is directed to notify the Schenectady County Legislature of any grant award.

10/8/2024: Reported from the Committee on Rules (R54)
10/8/2024: Adopted by the County Legislature

Ayes:	10.0582	(Cuomo, Fields, Frisoni, Gatta, Hughes, Ostrelch, Patierne, Pratt, Ruzzo, Vellano)
Nays:	0.0000	
Absent:	1.9097	(Constantine, Hess)
Abstain:	0.0000	
Excused:	3.0321	(Jasenski, McGill, Samuel)

RESOLUTION 173-24

Sponsored by the Committee on Rules:

A RESOLUTION TO CREATE AND ELIMINATE CERTAIN POSITIONS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

BE IT ENACTED, by the Legislature of the County of Schenectady, as follows:

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of the Department of Social Services by memorandum dated September 25, 2024 requests that two positions of Senior Caseworker (Child Welfare) be created within the Department of Social Services, and that two positions of Senior Caseworker be eliminated; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of the Department of Social Services further states that this change will provide increased efficiency and operations in the Department; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Human Resources by memorandum dated September 26, 2024 recommends the creation of two positions of Senior Caseworker (Child Welfare) in the Department of Social Services at CSEA grade 16, and advises that no action is necessary by the Schenectady County Civil Service Commission; and

WHEREAS, the County Manager by memorandum dated October 4, 2024 recommends that two positions of Senior Caseworker (Child Welfare) be created, and that two positions of Senior Caseworker be eliminated in the Department of Social Services, and that appropriate budgetary amendments be approved; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following positions in the Department of Social Services be and they hereby are created as follows:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Senior Caseworker (Child Welfare)	16
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; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that two positions of Senior Caseworker in the Department of Social Services be and they hereby are eliminated; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the 2024 Operating Budget be and it hereby is amended as follows:

Increase Expense Code by:

A516010._01738 – Senior Caseworker (Child Welfare) (Gr16) \$ 35,000.

Decrease Expense Code by:

A516010._01293 – Senior Caseworker (Gr15) \$ 35,000.

10/8/2024: Reported from the Committee on Rules (R55)

10/8/2024: Adopted by the County Legislature

Ayes: 10.0582 (Cuomo, Fields, Frisoni, Gatta, Hughes, Ostrelich, Patierne, Pratt, Ruzzo, Vellano)

Nays: 0.0000

Absent: 1.9097 (Constantine, Hess)

Abstain: 0.0000

Excused: 3.0321 (Jasenski, McGill, Samuel)

RESOLUTION 174-24

Sponsored by the Committee on Rules:

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT MONIES FROM THE NYS OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES FOR CHILD CARE SERVICES

BE IT ENACTED, by the Legislature of the County of Schenectady, as follows:

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of the Schenectady County Department of Social Services by memorandum dated September 27, 2024 advises that Schenectady County was recently awarded funds from the NYS Office of Children and Family Services from the NYS Child Care Block Grant that are to be used for ongoing child care services; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of the Schenectady County Department of Social Services further advises that Schenectady County is projected to receive \$3,340,000.00 in funding; and

WHEREAS, the Schenectady County Manager by memorandum dated October 4, 2024 recommends the acceptance of monies from the New York State Office of Children and Family Services, and that appropriate budgetary amendments be approved; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of these monies and utilization of these funds needs to be reflected in a resolution of this Legislature; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Legislature of the County of Schenectady hereby accepts the aforesaid grant monies from the NYS Office of Children and Family Services, and authorizes the utilization of such monies for the aforesaid purposes; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Manager be and he hereby is authorized, after approval of the County Attorney as to form and content, to enter into any necessary agreements, certifications, or reimbursement requests for the acceptance of such grant monies from the NYS Office of Children and Family Services; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the 2024 Operating Budget be and it hereby is amended as follows:

Increase Expense Code by:

A546055.400655 – Child Care Block Grant \$ 3,978,841.

Increase Revenue Code by:

A46055.4655 – Child Care Block Grant \$ 4,142,458.

Decrease Use of Fund Balance:

A.599 – Appropriated Fund Balance \$ 163,617.

10/8/2024: Reported from the Committee on Rules (R56)

10/8/2024: Adopted by the County Legislature

Ayes: 10.0582 (Cuomo, Fields, Frisoni, Gatta, Hughes, Ostrellich, Patierne, Pratt, Ruzzo, Vellano)

Nays: 0.0000

Absent: 1.9097 (Constantine, Hess)

Abstain: 0.0000

Excused: 3.0321 (Jasenski, McGill, Samuel)

RESOLUTION 175 -24

Sponsored by the Committee on Rules:

A RESOLUTION TO CREATE AND ELIMINATE CERTAIN POSITIONS AT THE SCHENECTADY COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER’S OFFICE

BE IT ENACTED, by the Legislature of the County of Schenectady, as follows:

WHEREAS, the Schenectady County Public Defender by an undated memorandum requests that a position of Assistant Public Defender IV be abolished, and that the position of Assistant Public Defender V be created; and

WHEREAS, the Schenectady County Public Defender further states that the creation of the new position is recommended to accommodate the experience and qualifications of a recently hired employee; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Human Resources by memorandum dated October 3, 2024 recommends the creation of a position of Assistant Public Defender V at a job classification of JC-11 in the Office of the Schenectady County Public Defender; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Human Resources advises that no additional action is necessary by the Schenectady County Civil Service Commission regarding the creation of the new position; and

WHEREAS, the County Manager by memorandum dated October 4, 2024 recommends that a position of Assistant Public Defender IV be eliminated at the Schenectady County Public Defender’s Office, that a position of Assistant Public Defender V be created at the Schenectady County Public Defender’s Office, and that appropriate budgetary amendments be approved; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the following position at the Schenectady County Public Defender’s Office be and it hereby is created as follows:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Classification</u>
Assistant Public Defender V	JC-11

; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the aforesaid position of Assistant Public Defender IV at the Schenectady County Public Defender’s Office be and it hereby is eliminated; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the 2024 Operating Budget be and it hereby is amended as follows:

Increase Appropriation Code by:

A511170._01802 – Assistant Public Defender V \$ 26,000.

Decrease Appropriation Code by:

A511170._01801 – Assistant Public Defender IV \$ 26,000.

10/8/2024: Reported from the Committee on Rules (R57)

10/8/2024: Adopted by the County Legislature

Ayes: 10.0582 (Cuomo, Fields, Frisoni, Gatta, Hughes, Ostreich, Patierne, Pratt, Ruzzo, Vellano)

Nays: 0.0000
Absent: 1.9097 (Constantine, Hess)

Abstain: 0.0000
Excused: 3.0321 (Jasenski, McGill, Samuel)

RESOLUTION 176-24

Sponsored by the Committee on Rules:

A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE ACCEPTANCE OF MONIES FROM THE NYS OFFICE FOR THE AGING

BE IT ENACTED, by the Legislature of the County of Schenectady, as follows:

WHEREAS, the Manager of the Schenectady County Department of Senior and Long Term Care Services by memorandum dated October 1, 2024 advises that Schenectady County was recently awarded additional funds for the Nutrition Services Incentive Program from the NYS Office for the Aging; and

WHEREAS, the Manager of the Schenectady County Department of Senior and Long Term Care Services further advises that Schenectady County is projected to receive \$800.00 in funding for the Health Insurance Information, Counseling and Assistance Volunteer Stipend Program; and

WHEREAS, the Deputy Director of the Division of Finance and Administration of the NYS Office for the Aging by an undated letter advises that Schenectady County was awarded a grant of \$ 800 for the Health Insurance Information, Counseling and Assistance Volunteer Stipend Program; and

WHEREAS, the Schenectady County Manager by memorandum dated October 4, 2024 recommends the acceptance of the aforesaid grant monies from the NYS Office for the Aging, and that appropriate budgetary amendments be approved; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of these monies and utilization of these funds needs to be reflected in a resolution of this Legislature; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Legislature of the County of Schenectady hereby accepts the aforesaid additional grant monies from the NYS Office for the Aging, and authorizes the utilization of such monies for the aforesaid purposes; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Manager be and he hereby is authorized, after approval of the County Attorney as to form and content, to enter into any necessary agreements, certifications, or reimbursement requests for the acceptance of such grant monies from the NYS Office for the Aging; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the 2024 Operating Budget be and it hereby is amended as follows:

Increase Expense Code by:

A546772.400431 – Health Ins Counsel Assist Prgm \$ 800.

Increase Revenue Code by:

A46772.477231 – Health Ins Counsel Assist Prgm \$ 800.

10/8/2024: *Reported from the Committee on Rules (R58)*

10/8/2024: *Adopted by the County Legislature*

Ayes: 10.0582 (Cuomo, Fields, Frisoni, Gatta, Hughes, Ostrellich, Patierne, Pratt, Ruzzo, Vellano)

Nays: 0.0000

Absent: 1.9097 (Constantine, Hess)
 Abstain: 0.0000
 Excused: 3.0321 (Jasenski, McGill, Samuel)

RESOLUTION 177-24

Sponsored by the Committee on Rules:

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF PERSONS TO THE SCHENECTADY COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

BE IT ENACTED by the Legislature of the County of Schenectady, as follows:

WHEREAS, the County of Schenectady has the need to appoint citizens to provide invaluable service to our community; and

WHEREAS, the County Manager has appointed, by memorandum dated October 4, 2024, the following named individuals to the positions and for the terms indicated, to wit:

<u>Schenectady County Environmental Advisory Council</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Amelia Keese (Replacing Grace Stearns)	June 30, 2025
Josh Johnson (Replacing Sydney Swedick)	June 30, 2025

; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the aforesaid appointments by the County Manager be and they hereby are confirmed and approved.

10/8/2024: Reported from the Committee on Rules (R59)
10/8/2024: Adopted by the County Legislature

Ayes: 10.0582 (Cuomo, Fields, Frisoni, Gatta, Hughes, Ostreich, Patierne, Pratt, Ruzzo, Vellano)
 Nays: 0.0000
 Absent: 1.9097 (Constantine, Hess)
 Abstain: 0.0000
 Excused: 3.0321 (Jasenski, McGill, Samuel)

Legislator Ruzzo Spoke positively about Resolution 178-24.

Legislator Fields spoke positively about Resolution 178-24.

RESOLUTION 178-24

Sponsored by Legislator Samuel:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AMENDMENT TO A PRELIMINARY AGREEMENT WITH SUNY SCHENECTADY AND ADIRONDACK AQUATIC CENTER FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF AN AQUATIC CENTER

BE IT ENACTED, by the Legislature of the County of Schenectady, as follows:

WHEREAS, the County Attorney by memorandum dated September 27, 2024 recommends that a tripartite agreement entered into between Schenectady County, SUNY Schenectady and the Adirondack Aquatics Center on May 14, 2024 regarding the construction and operation of an Aquatics Center be amended to further define that SUNY Schenectady has full authority over the operations of the Aquatic Center; and

WHEREAS, the County Manager by memorandum dated September 27, 2024 recommends that a preliminary agreement entered into by Schenectady County regarding the construction and operation of an Aquatics Center be modified to delineate that SUNY Schenectady has full authority over the operations of the Aquatic Center; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Manager be and he hereby is authorized, after approval of the County Attorney as to form and content, to enter into an amendment to a tripartite agreement between Schenectady County, SUNY Schenectady and the Adirondack Aquatics Center on May 14, 2024 regarding the construction and operation of an Aquatics Center to further define that SUNY Schenectady has full authority over the operations of the Aquatic Center.

10/8/2024: Reported from the Committee on Economic Development and Planning (EDP11)

10/8/2024: Adopted by the County Legislature

Ayes: 10.0582 (Cuomo, Fields, Frisoni, Gatta, Hughes, Ostrellich, Patierne, Pratt, Ruzzo, Vellano)

Nays: 0.0000

Absent: 1.9097 (Constantine, Hess)

Abstain: 0.0000

Excused: 3.0321 (Jasenski, McGill, Samuel)

RESOLUTION 179-24

Sponsored by Legislator Patierne:

**A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE ACCEPTANCE OF MONIES FROM
THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION AND THE NYS
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR TAXIWAY
IMPROVEMENTS AT THE SCHENECTADY COUNTY AIRPORT**

BE IT ENACTED, by the Legislature of the County of Schenectady, as follows:

WHEREAS, the Director of the Bureau of Engineering by memorandum dated August 8, 2024 advises that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the NYS Department of Transportation (DOT) are granting monies to Schenectady County for the rehabilitation of taxiways A (south) and B at the Schenectady County Airport; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Bureau of Engineering further advises that the federal funding for the project would be \$3,015,784.00, the DOT funding would be \$167,543.00 and the County contribution would be \$167,543.00; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Works by memorandum dated August 8, 2024 recommends the acceptance of grant monies from the FAA and DOT for the rehabilitation of taxiways A (south) and B; and

WHEREAS, the County Manager by memorandum dated September 27, 2024 recommends that Schenectady County accept the funding from the FAA and the DOT for the taxiway improvements to the Schenectady County Airport, and that the appropriate capital budgetary amendments be approved; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of these monies and utilization of these funds needs to be reflected in a resolution of this Legislature; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Legislature of the County of Schenectady hereby accepts the aforesaid grant monies from the Federal Aviation Administration and the NYS Department of Transportation, and authorizes the utilization of such monies for the aforesaid purposes; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Manager be and he hereby is authorized, after approval of the County Attorney as to form and content, to enter into any necessary agreements, certifications, or reimbursement requests for the acceptance of such grant monies from the Federal Aviation Administration and the NYS Department of Transportation; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the 2024 Capital Improvement Program be and it hereby is amended as follows:

CAPITAL BUDGET

Decrease Appropriation Code by:

H545610.401000	
5610240003-0001-040	\$ 649,127.

Decrease Revenue Codes by:

H93333.5710	
5610240003-5710-0000	\$ 32,457.

H33333.3592	
5610240003-3592-0000	\$ 32,454.

H43333.4592	
5610240003-4592-0000	\$ 584,216.

*10/8/2024: Reported from the Committee on Public Facilities,
Transportation and Infrastructure (PFTI19)
10/8/2024: Reported from the Committee on Ways and Means
Adopted by the County Legislature*

Ayes:	10.0582	(Cuomo, Fields, Frisoni, Gatta, Hughes, Ostrellich, Patierno, Pratt, Ruzzo, Vellano)
Nays:	0.0000	
Absent:	1.9097	(Constantine, Hess)
Abstain:	0.0000	
Excused:	3.0321	(Jasenski, McGill, Samuel)

RESOLUTION 180-24

Sponsored by Legislator McGill:

**A RESOLUTION TO CREATE AND ELIMINATE CERTAIN POSITIONS
AT THE SCHENECTADY COUNTY JOB TRAINING AGENCY**

BE IT ENACTED, by the Legislature of the County of Schenectady, as follows:

WHEREAS, the Director of Workforce Development by memorandum dated September 13, 2024 requests that a position of Principal Employment & Training Counselor be abolished at the Schenectady County Job Training Agency, and that a position of Employment and Training Counselor Trainee be created at such Agency; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Workforce Development further states that these changes will provide increased efficiency and operations within the Schenectady County Job Training Agency; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Human Resources by memorandum dated September 23, 2024 recommends that a position of Employment and Training

Counselor Trainee be created in the Schenectady County Job Training Agency at CSEA grade 13; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Human Resources advises that no additional action is necessary by the Schenectady County Civil Service Commission; and

WHEREAS, the County Manager by memorandum dated October 4, 2024 recommends that a position of Principal Employment & Training Counselor be eliminated at the Schenectady County Job Training Agency, that a position of Employment and Training Counselor Trainee be created in such Agency, and that appropriate budgetary amendments be approved; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following position in the Schenectady County Job Training Agency be and it hereby is created as follows:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Employment and Training Counselor Trainee	13

; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the aforesaid position of Principal Employment & Training Counselor in the Schenectady County Job Training Agency be and it hereby is eliminated; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the 2024 Operating Budget be and it hereby is amended as follows:

Increase Expense Code by:

A516290._02003 – Employment and Training Counselor Trainee \$ 12,090.

Decrease Expense Code by:

A516290._01274 – Principal Employment and Training Counselor \$ 33,310.

Decrease Revenue Code by:

A26290.281500 – Interfund Revenue: TANF \$ 21,220.

10/8/2024: *Reported from the Committee on Workforce Development (WD1)*

10/8/2024: *Reported from the Committee on Ways and Means Adopted by the County Legislature*

Ayes: 10.0582 (Cuomo, Fields, Frisoni, Gatta, Hughes, Ostrelich, Patierne, Pratt, Ruzzo, Vellano)

Nays: 0.0000
 Absent: 1.9097 (Constantine, Hess)
 Abstain: 0.0000
 Excused: 3.0321 (Jasenski, McGill, Samuel)

Legislator Ruzzo spoke positively about Resolution 180-24.

Legislator Vellano thanked all involved with Resolution 180-24.

RESOLUTION 181-24

Sponsored by Legislator Fields:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING CAPITAL BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN AQUATIC CENTER IN THE CITY OF SCHENECTADY

BE IT ENACTED, by the Legislature of the County of Schenectady, as follows:

WHEREAS, the County Manager by memorandum dated September 27, 2024 requests that Schenectady County’s 2024 Capital Improvement Program be amended to provide funding of \$42,000,000.00 for the construction of an aquatic center in the City of Schenectady; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the 2024 Capital Improvement Program be and it hereby is amended as follows:

Create/Increase Expense Code by:

H542401.401000 – Aquatic Center (2401240083-0001-0401)	\$ 42,000,000.
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Create/Increase Revenue Codes by:

H22401.2705 – Gifts and Donations	\$ 8,450,000.
H32401.3270 – State Aid – Community Colleges (DASNY)	\$ 8,450,000.
H33333.3797 – State Aid – Member Items	\$ 5,100,000.
H33333.3897 – State Aid – NY Swims Grant	\$ 10,000,000.
H43333.4897 – Federal Aid – Culture and Recreation	\$ 5,000,000.
H99901.503101 – Serial Bond Obligations	\$ 5,000,000.

Create/Increase Expense Code by:

A599950.906 – Transfer to Capital Fund	\$ 5,000,000.
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Increase Appropriated Surplus by:

A599 – Appropriated Fund Balance \$ 5,000,000.

10/8/2024: *Reported from the Committee on Ways and Means (WM11)*

10/8/2024: *Adopted by the County Legislature*

Ayes: 10.0582 (Cuomo, Fields, Frisoni, Gatta, Hughes, Ostreich, Patierne, Pratt, Ruzzo, Vellano)

Nays: 0.0000

Absent: 1.9097 (Constantine, Hess)

Abstain: 0.0000

Excused: 3.0321 (Jasenski, McGill, Samuel)

RESOLUTION 182-24

Sponsored by Legislator Fields:

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT MONIES FROM THE NYS BOARD OF ELECTIONS FOR TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION AND ELECTION RESOURCE INITIATIVES

BE IT ENACTED, by the Legislature of the County of Schenectady, as follows:

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of the Schenectady County Board of Elections by memorandum dated September 13, 2024 advise that Schenectady County was recently awarded additional funds in the form of three grants from the NYS Board of Elections for postage paid return envelopes/applications, upgrades of software and technology updates, and costs associated with increased activity during a Presidential election; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of the Schenectady County Board of Elections further advise that Schenectady County is projected to receive \$236,623.43 in additional funding; and

WHEREAS, the Schenectady County Manager by memorandum dated September 27, 2024 recommends the acceptance of the aforesaid grant monies from the NYS Board of Elections, and the approval of appropriate budgetary amendments; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of these monies and utilization of these funds needs to be reflected in a resolution of this Legislature; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Legislature of the County of Schenectady hereby accepts the aforesaid grant monies from the NYS Board of Elections, and authorizes the utilization of such monies for the aforesaid purposes; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Manager be and he hereby is authorized, after approval of the County Attorney as to form and content, to enter into any necessary agreements, certifications, or reimbursement requests for the acceptance of such grant monies from the NYS Board of Elections; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the 2024 Operating Budget be and it hereby is amended as follows:

Increase Expense Codes by:

A541450.415014 – 2024 General Election	\$ 45,435.03
A541450.415016 – Ballot by Mail	\$ 67,278.54

Increase Revenue Codes by:

A31450.308947 – 2024 General Election	\$ 45,435.03
A31450.308959 – Ballot by Mail	\$ 67,278.54

10/8/2024: *Reported from the Committee on Ways and Means (WM12)*

10/8/2024: *Adopted by the County Legislature*

Ayes:	10.0582	(Cuomo, Fields, Frisoni, Gatta, Hughes, Ostrellich, Patierne, Pratt, Ruzzo, Vellano)
Nays:	0.0000	
Absent:	1.9097	(Constantine, Hess)
Abstain:	0.0000	
Excused:	3.0321	(Jasenski, McGill, Samuel)

RESOLUTION 183-24

Sponsored by Legislator Fields:

A RESOLUTION REGARDING AMENDMENTS TO THE OPERATING BUDGET OF THE SCHENECTADY COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

BE IT ENACTED by the Legislature of the County of Schenectady, as follows:

WHEREAS, the Executive Vice President of Administration & Finance of SUNY Schenectady County Community College by memorandum dated September 24, 2024 advises that an adjustment to the SUNY Schenectady County Community College operating budget that was approved by this Governing Body on August 13, 2024 is necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Vice President of Administration & Finance of SUNY Schenectady County Community College further advises that the

amendments include an increase in State Aid of \$2,927.00, and due to a change made to the College’s chargeback rate calculation that resulted in a reduction of projected revenues an adjustment is required in the projected 2024-25 operating budget fund balance from \$707,413.00 to \$840,153.00; and

WHEREAS, the County Manager by memorandum dated September 27, 2024 recommends an amendment be made to the 2024-25 SUNY Schenectady County Community College operating budget to reflect an increase in State Aid of \$2,927.00, and an increase in the budgeted fund balance of \$132,740.00 to apply toward the decrease in projected revenues; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Legislature, as the local legislative body of Schenectady County, which is the local sponsor of said Community College, hereby approves and adopts the aforesaid amendments to the operational budget for the Board of Trustees of SUNY Schenectady, which total budgetary amount remains at \$28,072,403, to serve the operational needs of said Community College for the period commencing September 1, 2024 and ending August 31, 2025.

10/8/2024: Reported from the Committee on Ways and Means (WM13)

10/8/2024: Adopted by the County Legislature

Ayes:	10.0582	(Cuomo, Fields, Frisoni, Gatta, Hughes, Ostrelich, Patierne, Pratt, Ruzzo, Vellano)
Nays:	0.0000	
Absent:	1.9097	(Constantine, Hess)
Abstain:	0.0000	
Excused:	3.0321	(Jasenski, McGill, Samuel)

Adjournment

On the motion of Legislator Gatta, seconded by Legislator Patierne without objection, the regular meeting was adjourned.