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STATE OF NEW YORK  
COUNTY OF SCHENECTADY

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**THE MINUTES**

of a Regular Meeting of the Schenectady County Legislature held December 10, 2024, 7:00 p.m. at Legislative Chambers Schenectady County Office Building, 620 State Street, Schenectady, New York

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**December 10, 2024**

The Invocation was given by Father Yusko.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Legislator Fields.

Ceremonial Resolutions

Chairman Hughes invited Legislator McGill to the well to present proclamations to the Schenectady Belmont Pop Warner 8U, 9U, 11U, 10U Girls, and 13U Girls team members and their coaches. Legislator McGill read and presented a Ceremonial Resolution to Dr. Nicole Jean-Simon, honoring her contributions to the community.

Legislator Ostrelich presented a Ceremonial Resolution to the Schenectady Downtown Ambassadors celebrating the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Downtown Ambassadors Program.

The Chairman presented a Ceremonial Resolution recognizing and honoring Sharon Jordan for her hard work and dedication to the community and for her many years of public service. They were joined in the well by members of the Schenectady County Public Library Board.

Chairman Hughes indicated that a Ceremonial Resolution congratulating the Daily Gazette on the occasion of its 130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary will be presented at a later date.

Chairman Hughes and County Manager Rory Fluman met in the well to present an award to one of the County's long-term employees within the Purchasing Department. Margaret Aragosa has worked for the County for 25 years.

**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:	12	(Samuels, Ruzzo, Hughes, McGill, Constantine, Frisoni, Patierne, Ostrelich, Fields, Hess, Cuomo, Gatta)
Absent:	2	(Pratt, Vellano)
Excused:	1	(Jasenski)
Vacant:	0	

### Meeting of Committee on Rules

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

Legislator McGill moved to report Rules Initiative 65-24. Legislator Gatta seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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Legislator McGill moved to report Rules Initiative 67-24. Legislator Gatta seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Legislator McGill moved to report Rules Initiative 68-24. Legislator Gatta seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Legislator McGill moved to report Rules Initiative 69-24. Legislator Gatta seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Legislator Ostrelich moved to report Rules Initiative 70-24. Legislator Gatta seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Legislator Gatta moved to report Rules Initiative 71-24. Legislator Samuel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Legislator Ostrelich moved to report Rules Initiative 72-24. Legislator Samuel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Legislator McGill moved to report Rules Initiative 73-24. Legislator Gatta seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### Privilege of the Floor

Lorraine, Cox of Schenectady, spoke in support of the Hamilton Hill Arts Center (HHAC).

Kim Plaufker, of Schenectady, spoke in support of the Hamilton Hill Arts Center. (HHAC)

Chairman Hughes spoke in support of and provided details on funding for the Hamilton Hill Arts Center. Chairman Hughes stated that the Schenectady County Legislature looks forward to seeing the Hamilton Hill Arts Center's efforts in securing a State Match.

## **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:	12	(Samuels, Ruzzo, Hughes, McGill, Constantine, Frisoni, Patierne, Ostrelch, Fields, Hess, Cuomo, Gatta)
Absent:	2	(Pratt, Vellano)
Excused:	1	(Jasenski)
Vacant:	0	

### Approval Minutes

Legislator Patierne made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 12<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting. Legislator Frisoni 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 Frisoni reported the Committee on Labor and Civil Services met on December 2, 2024 and reported to the agenda Resolution 211.

Legislator Patierne reported the Committee on Public Facilities, Transportation and Infrastructure met on December 2, 2024, and reported to the agenda Resolutions 212, 213, 214, and 215.

Legislature Constantine reported the Committee on Public Safety met on December 2, 2024, and reported to the agenda Resolutions 216, 217, and 218.

Legislator Fields reported the Committee on Rules met earlier in the evening on December 10, 2024, and reported to the agenda Resolutions 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 222.

Legislator Fields reported the Committee on Ways and Means met on December 2, 2024, and reported to the agenda Resolutions 211, 212, 213, 214, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, and 221.

**Resolutions**

**RESOLUTION 203-24**

*Sponsored by the Committee on Rules:*

**A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING SCHENECTADY BELMONT  
POP WARNER 8U FOOTBALL TEAM FOR AN EXTREMELY  
SUCCESSFUL 2024 SEASON**

**WHEREAS**, participation in organized sports offers numerous benefits, including promoting a healthy lifestyle, enhancing physical fitness and motor skills, building self-confidence, teaching teamwork, fostering social skills, and encouraging lasting friendships; and

**WHEREAS**, the Schenectady Belmont 8U Pop Warner Youth Football Team demonstrated remarkable resilience and determination, overcoming an early season loss to improve steadily through the hard work and dedication of players and coaches alike; and

**WHEREAS**, after a strong winning streak, the team captured the Capital District Super Bowl Championship, defeated the SouthWest Colts to become New York State Champions, and triumphed over the Northampton Indians in the Eastern Region semifinals; and

**WHEREAS**, in a thrilling Eastern Regional Championship game, the team secured a victory over the Upland Hurricanes, becoming the first-ever Eastern Regional Champions in program history; and

**WHEREAS**, this historic achievement crowns the 8U Schenectady Belmont team as the best in the Eastern Region, which includes teams from New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, and Washington, D.C., marking a proud moment for Schenectady; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Schenectady County Legislature hereby congratulates the Schenectady Belmont 8U Pop Warner Youth Football Team for their extraordinary season, their dedication, and their historic achievement as Eastern Regional Champions, and extends its heartfelt appreciation for their hard work and exemplary sportsmanship.

12/10/2024: *Reported from the Committee on Rules (R65)*  
 12/10/2024: *Adopted by the County Legislature*

Ayes:	12.1791	(Constantine, Cuomo, Fields, Frisoni, Gatta Hess, Hughes, McGill, Ostrellich, Patierne, Ruzzo, Samuel)
Nays:	0.0000	
Absent:	1.9097	(Pratt, Vellano)
Abstain:	0.0000	
Excused:	0.9112	(Jasenski)

### **RESOLUTION 204-24**

*Sponsored by the Committee on Rules:*

#### **A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING SCHENECTADY BELMONT POP WARNER 9U FOOTBALL TEAM FOR AN EXTREMELY SUCCESSFUL 2024 SEASON**

**WHEREAS**, participation in organized sports offers numerous benefits, including promoting a healthy lifestyle, enhancing physical fitness and motor skills, building self-confidence, teaching teamwork, fostering social skills, and encouraging lasting friendships; and

**WHEREAS**, the Schenectady Belmont 9U Pop Warner Youth Football Team has shown incredible perseverance and determination, using previous seasons' setbacks as motivation to achieve success; and

**WHEREAS**, this dedicated team of athletes, having been together for several years, dominated the Capital Region 9U Division, winning every game by a wide margin, and displaying exceptional teamwork and skill throughout the season; and

**WHEREAS**, the team's hard work and unwavering commitment culminated in their well-deserved victory as the 2024 Capital Region Pop Warner 9U Champions; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Schenectady County Legislature extends its heartfelt congratulations to the Schenectady Belmont 9U Pop Warner Youth Football Team for their outstanding achievement in becoming the 2024 Capital Region Champions, recognizing their dedication, perseverance, and exceptional sportsmanship throughout the season.

12/10/2024: *Reported from the Committee on Rules (R66)*  
12/10/2024: *Adopted by the County Legislature*

Ayes: 12.1791 (Constantine, Cuomo, Fields, Frisoni, Gatta Hess, Hughes, McGill, Ostrellich, Patierne, Ruzzo, Samuel)  
Nays: 0.0000  
Absent: 1.9097 (Pratt, Vellano)  
Abstain: 0.0000  
Excused: 0.9112 (Jasenski)

**RESOLUTION 205-24**

*Sponsored by the Committee on Rules:*

**A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING SCHENECTADY BELMONT POP WARNER 11U FOOTBALL TEAM FOR AN EXTREMELY SUCCESSFUL 2024 SEASON**

**WHEREAS**, participation in organized sports offers numerous benefits, including promoting a healthy lifestyle, enhancing physical fitness and motor skills, building self-confidence, teaching teamwork, fostering social skills, and encouraging lasting friendships; and

**WHEREAS**, the Schenectady Belmont 11U Pop Warner Youth Football Team entered the season as defending champions, demonstrating a strong commitment to excellence and a desire to repeat their previous success; and

**WHEREAS**, the team hit the ground running, winning week after week with impressive performances and showcasing their dedication and skill throughout the season; and

**WHEREAS**, the Schenectady Belmont 11U team’s hard work and determination culminated in securing their second consecutive Capital Region Super Bowl Championship, reaffirming their position as one of the region’s top teams; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Schenectady County Legislature congratulates the Schenectady Belmont 11U Pop Warner Youth Football Team for their outstanding achievement in becoming the 2024 Capital Region Super Bowl Champions and celebrates their exceptional sportsmanship, teamwork, and dedication to excellence.

12/10/2024: *Reported from the Committee on Rules (R67)*  
12/10/2024: *Adopted by the County Legislature*

Ayes: 12.1791 (Constantine, Cuomo, Fields, Frisoni, Gatta Hess,  
Hughes, McGill, Ostrelich, Patierne, Ruzzo,  
Samuel)  
Nays: 0.0000  
Absent: 1.9097 (Pratt, Vellano)  
Abstain: 0.0000  
Excused: 0.9112 (Jasenski)

**RESOLUTION 206-24**

*Sponsored by the Committee on Rules:*

**A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING SCHENECTADY BELMONT  
AND ROTTERDAM RAIDERS 10U GIRLS FLAG FOOTBALL TEAM  
FOR AN EXTREMELY SUCCESSFUL 2024 SEASON**

**WHEREAS**, participation in organized sports offers numerous benefits, including promoting a healthy lifestyle, enhancing physical fitness and motor skills, building self-confidence, teaching teamwork, fostering social skills, and encouraging lasting friendships; and

**WHEREAS**, in just the second year of Capital District Pop Warner Girls Flag Football, the newly merged Schenectady Belmont and Rotterdam Raiders 10U Girls Flag Football Team made history with an undefeated season; and

**WHEREAS**, this year’s team dominated all of their opponents, showcasing exceptional skill, teamwork, and determination throughout the season; and

**WHEREAS**, their remarkable performance culminated in the team becoming the first-ever 10U Girls Flag Football Champions in Capital District Pop Warner history, setting a new standard for future teams; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Schenectady County Legislature congratulates the Schenectady Belmont and Rotterdam Raiders 10U Girls Flag Football Team for their groundbreaking achievement as the 2024 Capital District Pop Warner 10U Girls Flag Football Champions, celebrating their dedication, hard work, and historic success.

12/10/2024: *Reported from the Committee on Rules (R68)*  
12/10/2024: *Adopted by the County Legislature*

Ayes: 12.1791 (Constantine, Cuomo, Fields, Frisoni, Gatta Hess, Hughes, McGill, Ostrellich, Patierne, Ruzzo, Samuel)  
Nays: 0.0000  
Absent: 1.9097 (Pratt, Vellano)  
Abstain: 0.0000  
Excused: 0.9112 (Jasenski)

**RESOLUTION 207-24**

*Sponsored by the Committee on Rules:*

**A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING SCHENECTADY BELMONT AND ROTTERDAM RAIDERS 13U GIRLS FLAG FOOTBALL TEAM FOR AN EXTREMELY SUCCESSFUL 2024 SEASON**

**WHEREAS**, participation in organized sports offers numerous benefits, including promoting a healthy lifestyle, enhancing physical fitness and motor skills, building self-confidence, teaching teamwork, fostering social skills, and encouraging lasting friendships; and

**WHEREAS**, the Schenectady Belmont and Rotterdam Raiders 13U Girls Flag Football Team, undeterred by a few regular-season losses, displayed incredible resilience, determination, and teamwork, ultimately setting their sights on becoming champions; and

**WHEREAS**, this team entered the postseason with a strong sense of purpose and grit, overcoming every challenge on their path to victory; and

**WHEREAS**, the team achieved an impressive 32-0 victory in the championship game, making history as the first-ever Capital District Pop Warner 13U Girls Flag Football Champions; and

**RESOLVED**, that the Schenectady County Legislature congratulates the Schenectady Belmont and Rotterdam Raiders 13U Girls Flag Football Team for their remarkable achievement in becoming the 2024 Capital District Pop Warner 13U Girls Flag Football Champions, celebrating their resilience, determination, and historic success.

12/10/2024: *Reported from the Committee on Rules (R69)*  
 12/10/2024: *Adopted by the County Legislature*

Ayes: 12.1791 (Constantine, Cuomo, Fields, Frisoni, Gatta Hess,  
 Hughes, McGill, Ostrelich, Patierne, Ruzzo,  
 Samuel)  
 Nays: 0.0000  
 Absent: 1.9097 (Pratt, Vellano)  
 Abstain: 0.0000  
 Excused: 0.9112 (Jasenski)

**RESOLUTION 208-24**

*Sponsored by the Committee on Rules:*

**A RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE 15TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
 DOWNTOWN AMBASSADORS PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the Schenectady County Legislature is proud to honor organizations and initiatives that embody the spirit of service, community, and transformation in our region; and

**WHEREAS**, the Schenectady Downtown Ambassadors Program, established by the City Mission in 2009, is celebrating 15 years of service, during which over 100 participants have fostered a welcoming atmosphere in Downtown Schenectady while navigating challenges and contributing to community vibrancy; and

**WHEREAS**, the program has provided workforce development opportunities, empowering Ambassadors to gain valuable skills, advance to new employment, and uplift themselves, their families, and the broader community; and

**WHEREAS**, Downtown Ambassadors serve dual roles: Hospitality Ambassadors ensure a welcoming and safe environment for visitors with their assistance and friendly presence, while Outreach Ambassadors address pressing community needs by connecting individuals with essential resources, supporting local businesses, and maintaining a secure and vibrant downtown; and

**WHEREAS**, this milestone anniversary reflects the collective effort of the City Mission, under the leadership of Executive Director Mike Saccocio, and the strong support of community partners such as MVP Health Care, the Downtown Schenectady Improvement Corporation, The Capital Region Chamber, and

Discover Schenectady, all of whom recognize and celebrate the vital role the Ambassadors play in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Downtown Ambassadors were recently recognized as Grand Marshals of the 55th Annual Holiday Parade, an honor that highlights their significant contributions and the positive impact they have made over the years, embodying the parade’s theme of celebrating community and the holiday spirit; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Schenectady County Legislature does hereby celebrate and honor the 15th Anniversary of the Schenectady Downtown Ambassadors Program, commending its participants, leaders, and supporters for their unwavering commitment to creating a welcoming environment and transforming lives in our community.

*12/10/2024: Reported from the Committee on Rules (R70)*

*12/10/2024: Adopted by the County Legislature*

Ayes: 12.1791 (Constantine, Cuomo, Fields, Frisoni, Gatta Hess, Hughes, McGill, Ostrelich, Patierne, Ruzzo, Samuel)

Nays: 0.0000

Absent: 1.9097 (Pratt, Vellano)

Abstain: 0.0000

Excused: 0.9112 (Jasenski)

**RESOLUTION 209-24**

*Sponsored by the Committee on Rules:*

**A RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 130TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DAILY GAZETTE**

**WHEREAS**, the Schenectady County Legislature is proud to recognize institutions that have significantly contributed to the historical, cultural, and civic fabric of our community; and

**WHEREAS**, for 130 years, the Daily Gazette has fulfilled its mission to provide consistently accurate reporting, serving as a trusted “first rough draft of history” for Schenectady and the surrounding areas; and

**WHEREAS**, the Daily Gazette was founded on October 1, 1894, by Gerardus Smith and a small group of investors who saw the need for a daily newspaper to

complement the city’s existing publications, the Evening Star and the Daily Union, thereby enriching local journalism and community discourse; and

**WHEREAS**, under Smith’s leadership, the Gazette grew into a cornerstone of Schenectady’s civic life, moving to a new downtown location on State Street in 1899 and officially adopting the name “Daily Gazette” in 1902, further cementing its identity as a vital community resource; and

**WHEREAS**, for generations, the Gazette has remained a family-owned enterprise, guided by the stewardship of the Smith, Green, and Hume families, including notable contributions from David C. Hume and John E.N. Hume, who led the paper into the modern era with major expansions and innovations such as the launch of a Sunday edition and the move to the Maxon Road facility in 1990; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2023, the Gazette embarked on a new chapter under the ownership of John DeAugustine, its publisher and president since 2013, who is committed to maintaining the paper’s legacy of local journalism while expanding its reach through acquisitions such as The Recorder, the Leader-Herald, the Daily Mail, and the Register-Star, forming the Daily Gazette Family of Newspapers; and

**WHEREAS**, the Gazette’s steadfast commitment to impactful, local journalism continues to thrive under the leadership of DeAugustine, Editor Miles Reed, and a talented staff dedicated to informing and serving the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Daily Gazette’s enduring legacy is a testament to the dedication of its founders, families, and current stewards, ensuring that Schenectady’s stories are told with integrity and depth for future generations; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Schenectady County Legislature hereby recognizes and honors the Daily Gazette on the occasion of its 130th anniversary, celebrating its contributions to the community, its resilience in the face of challenges, and its unwavering commitment to excellence in journalism.

*12/10/2024: Reported from the Committee on Rules (R71)*  
*12/10/2024: Adopted by the County Legislature*

Ayes:	12.1791	(Constantine, Cuomo, Fields, Frisoni, Gatta Hess, Hughes, McGill, Ostrelich, Patierne, Ruzzo, Samuel)
Nays:	0.0000	
Absent:	1.9097	(Pratt, Vellano)
Abstain:	0.0000	

Excused: 0.9112 (Jasenski)

**RESOLUTION 210-24**

*Sponsored by the Committee on Rules:*

**A RESOLUTION OF THE SCHENECTADY COUNTY LEGISLATURE  
RECOGNIZING AND HONORING SHARON JORDAN FOR HER HARD  
WORK AND DEDICATION TO THE COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC  
SERVICE**

**WHEREAS**, Sharon Jordan, born and raised in West Lafayette, Indiana, has devoted her life to education, public service, and community development, bringing exceptional leadership and dedication to each role she has undertaken; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Jordan earned a Bachelor’s Degree in Education from Purdue University and pursued graduate studies at the University of Illinois, which laid the foundation for her career in teaching and public service; and

**WHEREAS**, her professional journey began as a 4th-grade teacher in Racine, Wisconsin, before moving to Schenectady in 1969, where she embarked on a remarkable career that has had a profound and lasting impact on the community; and

**WHEREAS**, Sharon has been an integral part of the Schenectady County Public Library (SCPL), serving as a member of the Board of Trustees from 2007 to 2024 and as Building Chairperson from 2008 to 2024, during which she was instrumental in planning and constructing two inner-city branch libraries, Bornt and Mont Pleasant, as well as rehabilitating the Scotia Branch Library; and

**WHEREAS**, due to her outstanding service to SCPL, Sharon was recognized with the Community Service Award from the Schenectady County Democratic Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, Sharon has contributed significantly to the Metroplex Development Authority Board since 2004, serving as Treasurer, Secretary, Chair of the Governance Committee, and member of the Finance Committee, and advancing economic growth in Schenectady County; and

**WHEREAS**, Sharon provided exemplary leadership as Chief of Staff to Mayor Brian Stratton from 2004 to 2011, was named a City of Schenectady Patron in 2011 for her service and commitment to the city. Additionally, Sharon served as Executive Director of the Schenectady Municipal Housing Authority from 1987

to 2003, and as the Legislative Chairperson of the New York State Public Housing Authorities Directors Association, advocating for federal housing funds in Washington, D.C., from 1995 to 2002; and

**WHEREAS**, Sharon Jordan has further demonstrated her dedication to community service through her work with the Schenectady Community Action Program (SCAP) from 1973 to 1981, the Amsterdam Housing Authority as Executive Director from 1982 to 1987, and as a founding member and Vice President of Better Community Neighborhoods, Inc., from 2020 to 2022; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Schenectady County Legislature extends its heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to Sharon Jordan for her exceptional service, leadership, and unwavering dedication to the betterment of Schenectady County and its residents; and therefore, be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Schenectady County Legislature honors Sharon Jordan's remarkable achievements and lasting legacy as a role model for public service and community engagement, wishing her continued success and fulfillment in all her future endeavors.

*12/10/2024: Reported from the Committee on Rules (R72)*  
*12/10/2024: Adopted by the County Legislature*

Ayes:	12.1791	(Constantine, Cuomo, Fields, Frisoni, Gatta Hess, Hughes, McGill, Ostrellich, Patierne, Ruzzo, Samuel)
Nays:	0.0000	
Absent:	1.9097	(Pratt, Vellano)
Abstain:	0.0000	
Excused:	0.9112	(Jasenski)

### **RESOLUTION 211-24**

*Sponsored by Legislator Frisoni:*

#### **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 November 21, 2024 requests that three positions of Caseworker Trainee be created within the Department of Social Services, and that three positions of Caseworker (Child Welfare) 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 November 21, 2024 recommends the creation of three positions of Caseworker Trainee in the Department of Social Services at CSEA grade 13, and advises that no action is necessary by the Schenectady County Civil Service Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Manager by memorandum dated November 27, 2024 recommends that three positions of Caseworker Trainee be created, and that three positions of Caseworker (Child Welfare) 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>
Caseworker Trainee	13
Caseworker Trainee	13
Caseworker Trainee	13

; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, that three positions of Caseworker (Child Welfare) 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.\_01232 – Caseworker Trainee \$ 10,020.

Decrease Expense Code by:

A516010.\_01739 – Caseworker (Child Welfare) \$ 10,020.

12/10/2024: *Reported from the Committee on Labor and Civil Service (LCS24)*

*Ways and Means*

12/10/2024: *Adopted by the County Legislature*

Ayes:	12.1791	(Constantine, Cuomo, Fields, Frisoni, Gatta Hess, Hughes, McGill, Ostrelich, Patierne, Ruzzo, Samuel)
Nays:	0.0000	
Absent:	1.9097	(Pratt, Vellano)
Abstain:	0.0000	
Excused:	0.9112	(Jasenski)

**RESOLUTION 212-24**

*Sponsored by Legislator Patierne:*

**A RESOLUTION REGARDING A CHANGE ORDER FOR AN ELECTRICAL RENOVATION PROJECT AT SUNY SCHENECTADY**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Director of Facilities by memorandum dated November 15, 2024 requests that a change order be approved for an electrical renovation project in the Elston Hall lobby and Community Rooms at SUNY Schenectady that would increase the current contract (#24-539) with the contractor, Empire Electric New York LLC, by \$50,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Director of Facilities advises that this request incorporates all necessary labor and materials required to replace the cloth coated wiring, add ground wiring, and replace the existing panel box servicing the affected area; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Manager by memorandum dated November 27, 2024 advises that the amount of the requested change order exceeds the maximum cost that he can approve, and he recommends the approval of the requested change order in the amount of \$50,000.00 by this Governing Body; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the aforesaid change order in the amount of \$50,000.00 for the electrical renovation project in the Elston Hall lobby and Community Rooms at SUNY Schenectady (Contract #24-539) at SUNY Schenectady be and it is hereby approved and authorized.

*12/10/2024: Reported from the Committee on Public Facilities, Transportation and Infrastructure (PFTI23)*  
*12/10/2024: Reported from the Committee on Ways and Means Adopted by the County Legislature*

Ayes:	12.1791	(Constantine, Cuomo, Fields, Frisoni, Gatta Hess, Hughes, McGill, Ostrelich, Patierne, Ruzzo, Samuel)
Nays:	0.0000	





**A RESOLUTION REGARDING AN AGREEMENT WITH T. WILSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC FOR ASSISTING WITH THE AQUATIC CENTER PROGRAM REVIEW AND STAFFING PLAN**

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

**WHEREAS**, the County Manager by memorandum dated November 27, 2024 recommends that Schenectady County enter into a multi-year agreement with T. Wilson & Associates, LLC for the purposes of assisting with the Aquatic Center’s program and feasibility review, design and construction, and project close-out services; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Manager advises that the costs for the aforesaid services would be no more than \$73,896.00, and the term of the agreement would be from November of 2024 to about August of 2026; 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 negotiate and to execute an agreement with T. Wilson & Associates, LLC for the purposes of assisting with the Aquatic Center’s program and feasibility review, design and construction, and project close-out services consistent with the provisions of this Resolution.

*12/10/2024: Reported from the Committee on Public Facilities, Transportation and Infrastructure (PFTI26)*

*12/10/2024: Adopted by the County Legislature*

Ayes: 12.1791 (Constantine, Cuomo, Fields, Frisoni, Gatta Hess, Hughes, McGill, Ostrelich, Patierne, Ruzzo, Samuel)

Nays: 0.0000

Absent: 1.9097 (Pratt, Vellano)

Abstain: 0.0000

Excused: 0.9112 (Jasenski)

**RESOLUTION 216-24**

*Sponsored by Legislator Constantine:*

**A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE ACCEPTANCE OF MONIES FROM THE NYS DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES FOR ANTI-VIOLENCE INITIATIVES AIMED AT REDUCING GUN VIOLENCE IN THE COUNTY OF SCHENECTADY**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Schenectady County Sheriff advises by an undated memorandum that Schenectady County was recently awarded funds from the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services for the reduction of gun violence within Schenectady County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Schenectady County Sheriff further advises that Schenectady County is projected to receive \$50,000.00 in funding; and

**WHEREAS**, the Schenectady County Manager by memorandum dated November 27, 2024 recommends the acceptance of \$50,000.00 in grant monies from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice 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 Division of Criminal Justice 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 Division of Criminal Justice Services; and, be it further

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

Increase Expense Code By:

A543110.415010 -- Anti-Violence 1Life2Live \$ 37,500.

Increase Revenue Code By:

A33110.338911 – Anti-Violence 1Life2Live \$ 37,500.

12/10/2024: *Reported from the Committee on Public Safety (PS11)*

12/10/2024: *Reported from the Committee on Ways and Means Adopted by the County Legislature*

Ayes: 12.1791 (Constantine, Cuomo, Fields, Frisoni, Gatta Hess, Hughes, McGill, Ostrellich, Patierne, Ruzzo, Samuel)

Nays: 0.0000

Absent:	1.9097	(Pratt, Vellano)
Abstain:	0.0000	
Excused:	0.9112	(Jasenski)

**RESOLUTION 217-24**

*Sponsored by Legislator Constantine:*

**A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE ACCEPTANCE OF MONIES FROM THE NYS DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT EQUIPMENT AND PERSONNEL SERVICES**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Director of the Office of Emergency Management by a memorandum dated November 4, 2024 advises that Schenectady County was recently awarded monies from the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services that will be used for emergency management personnel and supplies; and

**WHEREAS**, the Director of the Office of Emergency Management further advises that Schenectady County is projected to receive \$60,642.00 in funding; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioner of the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services by letter dated November 1, 2024 advises that Schenectady County has been awarded \$60,642.00 in funding from the FY2024 Emergency Management Performance Grant; and

**WHEREAS**, the Schenectady County Manager by memorandum dated November 27, 2024 recommends the acceptance of the aforesaid monies from the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services; 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 Division of Homeland Security and Emergency 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 Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services.

12/10/2024: *Reported from the Committee on Public Safety  
(PS12)*

12/10/2024: *Reported from the Committee on Ways and Means  
Adopted by the County Legislature*

Ayes: 12.1791 (Constantine, Cuomo, Fields, Frisoni, Gatta Hess,  
Hughes, McGill, Ostrelich, Patierne, Ruzzo,  
Samuel)

Nays: 0.0000

Absent: 1.9097 (Pratt, Vellano)

Abstain: 0.0000

Excused: 0.9112 (Jasenski)

**RESOLUTION 218-24**

*Sponsored by Legislator Constantine:*

**A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE ACCEPTANCE OF MONIES FROM  
THE NYS DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY  
SERVICES FOR EMERGENCY AND SECURITY PROGRAMS**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Director of the Office of Emergency Management by a memorandum dated November 4, 2024 advises that Schenectady County was recently awarded monies from the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services that will be used for emergency management planning and personnel, public health planning and personnel, purchasing interoperable communication equipment, and upgrading emergency management equipment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Director of the Office of Emergency Management further advises that Schenectady County is projected to receive \$273,459.00 in funding; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioner of the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services by letter dated November 1, 2024 advises that Schenectady County is awarded \$273,459.00 in funds from the FY2024 State Homeland Security Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Schenectady County Manager by memorandum dated November 27, 2024 recommends the acceptance of the aforesaid monies from the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services; 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 Division of Homeland Security and Emergency 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 Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services.

*12/10/2024: Reported from the Committee on Public Safety (PS13)*  
*12/10/2024: Reported from the Committee on Ways and Means Adopted by the County Legislature*

Ayes: 12.1791 (Constantine, Cuomo, Fields, Frisoni, Gatta Hess, Hughes, McGill, Ostrellich, Patierne, Ruzzo, Samuel)  
Nays: 0.0000  
Absent: 1.9097 (Pratt, Vellano)  
Abstain: 0.0000  
Excused: 0.9112 (Jasenski)

**RESOLUTION 219-24**

*Sponsored by Legislator Fields:*

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXTENSION OF RETURNED SCHOOL TAXES ON THE APPLICABLE TOWN TAX ROLLS**

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

**WHEREAS**, certain information has been filed as required by law pertaining to the extension of returned school taxes; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that pursuant to statutes applicable thereto, this County Legislature authorizes the extension of the following school taxes on the applicable rolls of the several towns of the County:

**School Taxes Returned**

**Duanesburg:**

Duanesburg Central	\$ 345,881.82
Schalmon Central	\$ 157,265.41
Schoharie Central	\$ 6,800.54

**Glenville:**

Scotia Glenville Central	\$ 1,286,876.89
Burnt Hills Ballston Lake Central	\$ 340,431.11
Niskayuna Central	\$ 129,963.30
Galway Central	\$ 1,657.61

**Niskayuna:**

South Colonie Central	\$ 127,895.83
Niskayuna Central	\$ 1,124,302.30

**Princetown:**

Schalmon Central	\$ 137,126.52
Duanesburg Central	\$ 0.0

**Rotterdam:**

Schalmon Central	\$ 1,035,738.02
Mohonasen Central	\$ 1,127,462.47

; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Commissioner of Finance be and she hereby is authorized to adjust the aforesaid totals in order to reflect payment received on any of the aforesaid delinquent taxes and interest and penalties provided for by law.

*12/10/2024: Reported from the Committee on Ways and Means (WM18)*

*12/10/2024: Adopted by the County Legislature*

Ayes:	12.1791	(Constantine, Cuomo, Fields, Frisoni, Gatta Hess, Hughes, McGill, Ostrelich, Patierne, Ruzzo, Samuel)
Nays:	0.0000	
Absent:	1.9097	(Pratt, Vellano)
Abstain:	0.0000	
Excused:	0.9112	(Jasenski)

**RESOLUTION 220-24**

*Sponsored by Legislator Fields:*

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REPORT OF FORM AND FOOTING AND ADOPTING THE TAX APPORTIONMENT BASIS**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioner of Finance has filed a memorandum dated November 19, 2024 outlining the need to adopt values for tax levy and tax apportionment purposes; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the report of the Ways and Means Committee relative to the form and footing of the assessment rolls of the City of Schenectady and the several towns of Schenectady County, presented to the Legislature for approval, be and hereby are approved and adopted as follows:

**Assessed Values for Tax Levy Purposes**

Town of Duaneburg	\$ 178,409,284.
Town of Glenville	\$ 2,151,541,303.
Town of Niskayuna	\$ 2,573,131,365.
Town of Princetown	\$ 73,767,799.
Town of Rotterdam	\$ 2,467,273,579.
City of Schenectady	\$ 2,498,566,213.

**TOTAL**                    **\$ 9,942,689,543.**

; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the following assessed values be and hereby are approved and adopted for apportionment purposes:

**Assessed Values for Apportionment Purposes**

Town of Duaneburg	\$ 186,133,537.
Town of Glenville	\$ 2,225,020,993.
Town of Niskayuna	\$ 2,651,196,034.
Town of Princetown	\$ 76,484,225.
Town of Rotterdam	\$ 2,628,520,152.
City of Schenectady	\$ 2,829,856,758.

**TOTAL:**                    **\$ 10,597,211,699.**

12/10/2024:                    *Reported from the Committee on Ways and Means (WM19)*  
12/10/2024:                    *Adopted by the County Legislature*

Ayes: 12.1791 (Constantine, Cuomo, Fields, Frisoni, Gatta Hess, Hughes, McGill, Ostrelich, Patierne, Ruzzo, Samuel)  
 Nays: 0.0000  
 Absent: 1.9097 (Pratt, Vellano)  
 Abstain: 0.0000  
 Excused: 0.9112 (Jasenski)

**RESOLUTION 221-24**

*Sponsored by Legislator Fields:*

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXTENSION OF RETURNED VILLAGE TAXES ON THE APPLICABLE TOWN TAX ROLLS**

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

**WHEREAS**, certain information has been filed as required by law pertaining to the extension of returned village taxes; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that pursuant to statutes applicable thereto, this County Legislature authorizes the extension of the following villages’ taxes on the applicable rolls of the several towns of the County:

Village of Delanson	\$ 9,579.04
Village of Scotia	\$ 296,378.33

; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Commissioner of Finance be and she hereby is authorized to adjust the aforesaid totals in order to reflect payment received on any of the aforesaid delinquent taxes.

*12/10/2024: Reported from the Committee on Ways and Means (WM20)*

*12/10/2024: Adopted by the County Legislature*

Ayes: 12.1791 (Constantine, Cuomo, Fields, Frisoni, Gatta Hess, Hughes, McGill, Ostrelich, Patierne, Ruzzo, Samuel)  
 Nays: 0.0000  
 Absent: 1.9097 (Pratt, Vellano)  
 Abstain: 0.0000  
 Excused: 0.9112 (Jasenski)

**RESOLUTION 222-24**

*Sponsored by the Committee on Rules:*

**A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING DR. NICOLE D. JEAN-SIMON FOR HER CONTRIBUTIONS TO THIS COMMUNITY**

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Nicole D. Jean-Simon, affectionately known as Pastor Nikki, has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to community service, spiritual leadership, and social justice throughout her life and career; and

**WHEREAS**, A native of Asbury Park, New Jersey, she earned a Bachelor's Degree in Primary Education with a minor in Theater from Delaware State University in 2002 and authored the gospel musical *In the Final Hour*, performed at Newark Symphony Hall in 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, Pastor Nikki demonstrated her dedication to public service as President and Vice President of the Asbury Park Board of Education (2013–2016) and through leadership in ministries and church organizations across New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, answering a call to ministry in 2011, Pastor Nikki pursued theological studies, earning her Master of Divinity from Drew University in 2018 and her Doctor of Ministry from United Theological Seminary in 2024, while excelling as a theologian, educator, and advocate; and

**WHEREAS**, during her time at Drew University, Pastor Nikki completed an internship at the Church Center for the United Nations in New York City under the mentorship of Rev. Dionne Boissiere, the first African American Chaplain to the United Nations, and enriched her ministry through cross-cultural studies in South Africa; and

**WHEREAS**, since her appointment in July 2019, she has served as pastor of Duryee Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church in Schenectady, NY, where her leadership has fostered spiritual growth, unity, and community engagement; and

**WHEREAS**, Pastor Nikki's commitment to civil rights and social justice has been exemplified through her role as President of the Schenectady Branch of the NAACP, where she has championed equity, inclusion, and advocacy on behalf of the underserved; and

**WHEREAS**, recognition for her outstanding leadership includes the St. John A.M.E. Zion Church Woman of the Year Award, the Dr. Martin Luther King Leadership Award, and the Outstanding Young Adult Award for the Northeastern Episcopal District; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Schenectady County Legislature hereby recognizes and commends Dr. Nicole D. Jean-Simon for her outstanding contributions to this community, her dedicated service as a pastor, leader, and advocate, and her tireless work to promote justice and equality; now, therefore be it further

**RESOLVED**, that this Legislature extends its heartfelt gratitude and best wishes to Pastor Nikki as she embarks on all future endeavors, knowing that her work has left an indelible mark on Schenectady County and beyond.

12/10/2024:

*Reported from the Committee on Rules (R73)*

12/10/2024:

*Adopted by the County Legislature*

Ayes:	12.1791	(Constantine, Cuomo, Fields, Frisoni, Gatta Hess, Hughes, McGill, Ostrellich, Patierne, Ruzzo, Samuel)
Nays:	0.0000	
Absent:	1.9097	(Pratt, Vellano)
Abstain:	0.0000	
Excused:	0.9112	(Jasenski)

### **Adjournment**

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