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LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Invocation
4. Pledge of Allegiance
5. Presentation of Ceremonial Resolutions
6. Presentation of Awards
7. Meeting of the Rules Committee
8. Privilege of the Floor
9. Communications from the Chair

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

10. Call to Order of Regular Monthly Meeting
11. Roll Call
12. Approval of the Minutes
13. Reports
14. Communications
15. Reports from Standing Committees
16. Certificates and Awards
17. Ceremonial Resolutions

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Resolution 18-25 The Committee on Rules (R7) A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND HONORING BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2025 IN SCHENECTADY COUNTY

18. Resolution 19-25 The Committee on Rules (R8) A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT A PERSON TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LAND REUTILIZATION CORPORATION OF THE CAPITAL REGION

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29. Adjournment



RESOLUTION 17-25

Sponsored by Legislator Ostrellich:

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND HONORING THE SCHENECTADY COUNTY FOOD COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Schenectady County Food Council (SCFC) is a collaborative group that unites local farmers, health professionals, business leaders, policymakers, and residents to address food insecurity and advocate for policies and changes that build a strong, healthier, more equitable, sustainable, and community-driven food system in Schenectady County; and

WHEREAS, through community engagement, advocacy, and collaboration, the Schenectady County Food Council strives to ensure a space for identifying community-driven solutions that help cultivate a locally rooted, accessible, nourishing and resilient food system; and

WHEREAS, the SCFC serves a crucial purpose by providing a platform for community members and stakeholders to engage in local food system issues, advocating for policies that improve well-being and accessibility, assessing the effectiveness of the local food system, and promoting community-informed policies and practices; and

WHEREAS, the SCFC is composed of a dedicated fourteen person Steering Committee, three Working Groups that include sixty members, as well as general members who regularly attend Food Council events, embodying the collaborative spirit necessary to address systemic challenges in food security and access; and

WHEREAS, based on insights from the Food & Poverty Speak-Out and feedback from the Community Advocates, the Schenectady County Food Council identified four key advocacy priorities for 2025: increasing the SNAP minimum benefit to \$100, fully funding HPNAP & Nourish New York at \$75 million each, clarifying SNAP eligibility interpretations, and improving SNAP application processing times; and

WHEREAS, in partnership with the Schenectady Foundation, Messiah Lutheran Church, the Rotterdam Community Center, and the Sycamore Collaborative, the Schenectady County Food Council launched a Community Advocates Program, a 10-week course designed to empower residents with lived experience in food insecurity; and

WHEREAS, this program, which concluded in August, provided eleven participants with essential public speaking and advocacy skills, equipping them to become effective voices for their communities, and at the October General Community Gathering, these advocates shared

powerful testimonies, inspiring attendees, and reinforcing the importance of community-driven advocacy in addressing food insecurity; and

WHEREAS, the creation of the SCFC marks a significant step forward in fostering community-driven solutions and systemic change to ensure equitable access to nourishing food for all residents of Schenectady County; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Schenectady County Legislature recognizes and celebrates the creation of the Schenectady County Food Council and commends its mission and the work it has done to foster a just, equitable, and sustainable food system; and, now therefore be it further

RESOLVED, that the Schenectady County Legislature honors the commitment of the Schenectady County Food Council and its partners to empower residents, address systemic inequities, and inspire collective action for a more nourishing future.



RESOLUTION 18-25

Sponsored by Legislator McGill:

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND HONORING BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2025 IN SCHENECTADY COUNTY

WHEREAS, Black History Month is an annually declared month in the United States that highlights the tremendous contributions of African Americans to events in history and contemporary society; and

WHEREAS, the rich cultural traditions of African Americans in Schenectady County have significantly shaped and continue to enrich our community; and

WHEREAS, in 1926 historian and author Dr. Carter G. Woodson initiated the first “Negro History Week” in the month of February as it included the birthdays of President Abraham Lincoln and Fredrick Douglass, two influential figures in the history of African Americans; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month was first officially recognized by President Gerald Ford in 1976, later enacted into law by Congress in 1986, and has since been celebrated nationwide as an essential time to honor, reflect on, and educate others about the significant contributions of African Americans to our history, culture, and society; and

WHEREAS, we must honor and recognize the generations of individuals who faced adversity, risked their lives in the pursuit of justice, bravely fought against seemingly insurmountable challenges, persevered with unwavering determination, and remained steadfast in their pursuit of equality and the American Dream; and

WHEREAS, every year, the month of February provides us with a chance to honor the many heroes both known and unknown, named, and unnamed, who have contributed greatly to the struggle for freedom and justice for all; and

WHEREAS, the Schenectady County Legislature recognizes the significance of Black History Month as both an opportunity for reflection on the important and tremendous contributions of African Americans throughout history, and a chance to continue to look forward to progress in the future; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Schenectady County Legislature recognizes and celebrates Black History Month, February 2025, to honor and celebrate the achievements and contributions of African Americans to our history, culture, and community.



RESOLUTION 19-25

Sponsored by the Committee on Rules:

A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT A PERSON TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LAND REUTILIZATION CORPORATION OF THE CAPITAL REGION

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, Article 16 of the Not for Profit Corporation Law entitled “The Land Bank Act” authorizes this Governing Body to appoint two members to the board of directors of the Land Reutilization Corporation of the Capital Region; and

WHEREAS, this Governing Body received a recommendation for an appointment from the Chair of the County Legislature for a member of the board of directors of the Land Reutilization Corporation of the Capital Region; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that this Governing Body agrees with the Chair’s recommendation and appoints the following person as a member of the board of directors of the Land Reutilization Corporation of the Capital Region:

Individual

County Legislator Richard Patierne

Term Ends

March 31, 2027



RESOLUTION 20-25

Sponsored by the Committee on Rules:

A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE ACCEPTANCE OF MONIES FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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

WHEREAS, the Schenectady County District Attorney by memorandum dated February 4, 2025 advises that Schenectady County was recently awarded funds from the United States Department of Justice to support overtime pay for an employee assigned to the Street Crimes Task Force; and

WHEREAS, the Schenectady County District Attorney further advises that Schenectady County is projected to receive \$35,711.00 in funding; and

WHEREAS, the Schenectady County Manager by memorandum dated February 7, 2025 recommends the acceptance of \$35,711.00 in grant monies from the United States Department of Justice; 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 United States Department of Justice, 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 United States Department of Justice.



RESOLUTION 21-25

Sponsored by the Committee on Rules:

A RESOLUTION TO CREATE AND ELIMINATE CERTAIN POSITIONS AT THE OFFICE OF THE SCHENECTADY COUNTY CLERK

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

WHEREAS, the Schenectady County Clerk by letter dated January 30, 2025 requests that a position of Pistol Permit Operations Manager be created, and that two positions of Clerical Aide be eliminated in the Office of the County Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the Schenectady County Clerk states that the requested changes will improve overall operations in the Office of the Schenectady County Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Human Resources by memorandum dated February 7, 2025 recommends that the position of Pistol Permit Operations Manager at the Office of the County Clerk be created at CSEA Grade 14; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Human Resources anticipates that all necessary action by the Civil Service Commission will occur at its next meeting on February 20, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the County Manager by memorandum dated February 7, 2025 recommends that two positions of Clerical Aide be eliminated, and that the position of Pistol Permit Operations Manager be created at the Office of the Schenectady County Clerk, and that appropriate budgetary amendments be approved;

RESOLVED, that the following position at the Office of the Schenectady County Clerk be and it hereby is created as follows:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Pistol Permit Operations Manager	14

; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that two positions of Clerical Aide at the Office of the Schenectady County Clerk be and they hereby are eliminated; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the 2025 Operating Budget be and it hereby is amended as follows:

Create/Increase Expense Code By:

A511410._01838	Pistol Permit Operations Manager (CS14/1)	\$49,600
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Increase Expense Code By:

A511410._01367	Deputy County Clerk	\$21,550
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Remove/Decrease Expense Code By:

A511410._01225	Clerical Aide (CS4/1) – 2 positions	\$71,150
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RESOLUTION 22-25

Sponsored by Legislator Samuel:

A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SCHENECTADY COUNTY AGRICULTURAL AND FARMLAND PROTECTION BOARD REGARDING AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT 1

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

WHEREAS, section 303-b of the Agriculture and Markets Law of the State of New York requires the legislative body of any county containing a certified agricultural district to designate an annual thirty-day period whereby a land owner can request that certain lands be included within such certified agricultural district; and

WHEREAS, in compliance with such requirement, the Schenectady County Legislature has designated December 1st to December 31st of each year as the period whereby a land owner can submit requests to this Legislature that certain lands be included within the Schenectady County Agricultural District; and

WHEREAS, during such designated period the County received two applications for certain parcels to be included within the Schenectady County Agricultural District; and

WHEREAS, the parcels requested to be included within the Schenectady County Agricultural District are as follows:

<u><i>Town</i></u>	<u><i>S/B/L</i></u>	<u><i>Owner</i></u>
Glenville	1.-1-3 .22	Ken Vitus
Glenville	29.-4-30.21	Andrew & Margaret Fagan

; and

WHEREAS, the Schenectady County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board met to review such applications, and finds that the aforementioned parcels consist predominantly of “viable agricultural lands” and/or timber harvesting forests, and the inclusion of such lands would serve the public interest by assisting in maintaining a viable agricultural industry within the district; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of the Department of Economic Development and Planning by memorandum dated January 16, 2025 recommends that the County Legislature conduct a public hearing to consider the recommendations of the Schenectady County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board; and

WHEREAS, the County Manager by memorandum dated January 31, 2025 recommends that the County Legislature conduct a public hearing to consider the recommendations of the Schenectady County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that pursuant to section 303-b of the Agriculture and Markets Law, this Governing Body hereby declares that it will conduct a public hearing to be held before the Legislature of the County of Schenectady, in the Legislative Chambers in the County Office Building, 620 State Street, Schenectady, New York on the 3rd day of March, 2025 at 7:00 pm for the purpose of hearing all interested persons on the recommendation of the Schenectady County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Schenectady County Legislature is hereby authorized to publish a notice of such public hearing, as outlined in section 303-b of the Agriculture and Markets Law, in a newspaper having a general circulation within Schenectady County, and to send a written notice of such public hearing to appropriate officials of the municipalities in the County for posting within the respective municipality.



RESOLUTION 23-25

Sponsored by Legislator Ostrelch:

A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE ACCEPTANCE OF MONIES FROM THE NYS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR ARTICLE 6 ELIGIBLE SERVICES

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

WHEREAS, the Public Health Director by memorandum dated January 17, 2025 advises that Schenectady County was recently awarded a performance incentive grant from the NYS Department of Health to be used to support costs associated with Article 6 eligible services; and

WHEREAS, the Public Health Director further advises that Schenectady County is projected to receive \$23,286.00 in funding; and

WHEREAS, the Public Health Director further advises that the funding will be used to support ongoing disease prevention efforts, specifically by the promotion of physical activity; and

WHEREAS, the Schenectady County Manager by memorandum dated January 31, 2025 recommends the acceptance of the grant monies from the New York State Department of Health for ongoing disease prevention efforts, and the approval of the 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 Department of Health, 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 Department of Health; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the 2025 Operating Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Increase Expense Code by:

A544012.415198 – NYS Performance Incentive Initiative	\$ 23,286.
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Increase Revenue Code by:

A34012.340142 – NYS Performance Incentive Initiative	\$ 23,286.
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RESOLUTION 24-25

Sponsored by Legislator Ostrellich:

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 January 23, 2025 advises that Schenectady County was recently awarded funds 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 the following funding for the identified programs:

1. Title IIIC-1 -- \$48,443.00
2. Title IIID -- \$11,287.49
3. Title IIIE -- \$16,413.00; and

WHEREAS, the Manager of the Schenectady County Department of Senior and Long-Term Care Services further advises that the aforesaid monies will be allocated to the appropriate programs; and

WHEREAS, the Schenectady County Manager by memorandum dated January 31, 2025 recommends the acceptance of the aforesaid grant monies from the NYS Office for the Aging, 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 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 2025 Operating Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Increase Expense Codes by:

A546772.415391 – IIIIC American Rescue Plan	\$ 48,443.
A546772.415393 – IIID American Rescue Plan	\$ 11,288.
A546772.415394 – IIIE American Rescue Plan	\$ 16,413.

Increase Revenue Codes by:

A46772.477216 – IIIIC American Rescue Plan	\$ 36,277.
A46772.477218 – IIID American Rescue Plan	\$ 9,415.

Increase Use of Fund Balance:

A.599 – Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 30,452.
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RESOLUTION 25-25

Sponsored by Legislator Frisoni:

A RESOLUTION TO CREATE AND ELIMINATE CERTAIN POSITIONS IN VARIOUS COUNTY OFFICES, AGENCIES OR DEPARTMENTS

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

WHEREAS, the Director of the Department of Probation by memorandum dated January 17, 2025 requests that a position of Information Processing Specialist I be eliminated; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Department of Probation further states that this change will provide increased efficiency and operations within the Department; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Human Resources by memorandum dated January 28, 2025 recommends the elimination of a position of Information Processing Specialist I in the Department of Probation, and advises that no action is necessary by the Schenectady County Civil Service Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Schenectady County Manager by memorandum dated January 31, 2025 requests that a position of Confidential Assistant to the Commissioner of Economic Development and Planning be created within the Department; and

WHEREAS, the Schenectady County Manager further states that this change will provide increased efficiency and operations within the Department; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Human Resources by memorandum dated January 28, 2025 recommends the creation of a position of Confidential Assistant to the Commissioner of Economic Development and Planning in the Department of Economic Development and Planning, and advises that no action is necessary by the Schenectady County Civil Service Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Engineering and Public Works by memorandum dated January 28, 2025 requests that a position of Principal Account Clerk be created and that a position of Junior Civil Engineer be eliminated within the Department of Engineering and Public Works; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Engineering and Public Works further states that this change will provide increased efficiency and operations within the Department; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Human Resources by memorandum dated January 28, 2025 recommends the creation of a position of Principal Account Clerk in the Department of Engineering and Public Works at a CSEA Grade 11, and advises that no action is necessary by the Schenectady County Civil Service Commission; and

WHEREAS, the County Manager by memorandum dated January 31, 2025 recommends that a position of Information Processing Specialist I be eliminated within the Department of Probation, that a position of Confidential Assistant to the Commissioner of Economic Development and Planning be created within the Department of Economic Development and Planning, that a position of Principal Account Clerk be created and that a position of Junior Civil Engineer be eliminated within the Department of Engineering and Public Works, and that appropriate budgetary amendments be approved; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following position in the Department of Economic Development and Planning be and it hereby is created as follows:

Position

Confidential Assistant to the Commissioner of Economic Development and Planning

; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the following position in the Department of Engineering and Public Works be and it hereby is created as follows:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Principal Account Clerk	11

; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that a position of Information Processing Specialist I in the Department of Probation and a position of Junior Civil Engineer in the Department of Engineering and Public Works be and they hereby are eliminated; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the 2025 Operating Budget be and it hereby is amended as follows:

Create/Increase Expense Codes by:

A518020._01836 – Confidential Assistant to the Commissioner of Economic Development and Planning	\$ 25,000.
E515130._01263 – Principal Account Clerk	\$ 51,876.

Increase Expense Code by:

A599901.904 – Transfer to Road Machinery	\$ 51,876.
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Decrease Expense Codes by:

A513140._01243 – Information Processing Specialist I	\$ 40,990.
A513140.130000 – Longevity	\$ 7,000.
A511440._01458 – Junior Civil Engineer	\$ 73,080.



RESOLUTION 26-25

Sponsored by Legislator Constantine:

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING MONIES FROM THE NYS GOVERNOR'S TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE FOR THE SCHENECTADY COUNTY STOP-DWI PROGRAM

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 Governor's Traffic Safety Committee for STOP-DWI initiatives throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, the Schenectady County Sheriff further advises that Schenectady County is to receive \$21,500.00 in grant monies; and

WHEREAS, the Schenectady County Manager by memorandum dated January 31, 2025 recommends the acceptance of the aforesaid monies from the NYS Governor's Traffic Safety Committee, and that appropriate budgetary amendments be made; 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 monies from the NYS Governor's Traffic Safety Committee, 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 with the

NYS Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee for the acceptance of such monies; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the 2025 Operating Budget be and it hereby is amended as follows:

Increase Expense Code by:

A543315.415019 – Aid to Localities Stop-DWI \$ 21,500.

Increase Use of Fund Balance:

A.599 -- Appropriated Fund Balance \$ 21,500.



RESOLUTION 27-25

Sponsored by Legislator Patierne:

A RESOLUTION CORRECTING CLERICAL ERRORS ON THE MUNICIPAL TAX ROLLS OF GLENVILLE AND ROTTERDAM

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

WHEREAS, Section 554 of the Real Property Tax Law provides that this County Legislature shall consider applications for correction of tax rolls when there are clerical errors, unlawful entries, or certain errors in essential facts; and

WHEREAS, this Legislature can either accept or reject the aforesaid applications; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has reviewed the hereinafter indicated applications and has recommended by memorandum dated January 24, 2025 acceptance of same; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that, pursuant to the provisions of the Real Property Tax Law the applications are approved and the Glenville and Rotterdam tax rolls are corrected, to wit:

<u>TOWN</u>	<u>OWNER S/B/L</u>	<u>REASON</u>	<u>AMOUNT OF TAXES BILLED</u>	<u>AMOUNT OF TAXES DUE</u>
Glenville	Hadi, Maldara & Ahmad Aziz 23.13-3-35	Clerical Error	\$18,769.89	\$ 3,742.31
			Amount to Cancel: \$15,027.58	
Rotterdam	Marra Lane Mgmt, LLC 71.6-5-5.2	Clerical Error	\$29,955.61	\$26,841.37
			Amount to Cancel: \$3,114.24	

; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of Finance and/or the Director of the Real Property Tax Service Agency be and they are hereby authorized to take appropriate action as authorized by law to implement the provisions of this Resolution.



RESOLUTION 28-25

Sponsored by the Committee on Rules:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S UNION, ASSOCIATION OF LEGAL AID ATTORNEYS – UAW LOCAL 2325

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

WHEREAS, the County Attorney by memorandum dated February 7, 2025 advises that Schenectady County and the Association of Legal Aid Attorneys (UAW Local 2325), representing a new bargaining unit in the Office of the Schenectady County Public Defender, have reached a Tentative Agreement with such employee organization regarding terms and conditions of employment; and

WHEREAS, after extensive negotiations between representatives of the County and said union, a tentative agreement has been reached upon the terms of a collective bargaining agreement commencing January 1, 2025 and ending on December 31, 2027; and

WHEREAS, the County Attorney further advises that the members of the new bargaining unit in the Office of the Schenectady County Public Defender have ratified the Tentative Agreement on February 6, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the County Attorney further advises that the major provisions that are included in the Tentative Agreement are as follows:

1. Pay Increases:
 - a. For calendar year 2025 – 3% plus \$3,000 in base salary
 - b. For calendar year 2026 – 3.5%
 - c. For calendar year 2027 – 3.5%

2. Promotional Opportunities

- a. The Tentative Agreement provides for five different promotional opportunities, and each position includes a 10% differential
3. Counsel at First Appearance payment
 - a. Each week two members of the bargaining unit are required to be on-call for all necessary court appearances, and the payment for such duty is increased from \$1,000 per week to \$1,650 per week
 4. Health Care, Disciplinary Procedures, and Vacation and Sick Time
 - a. These items are similar to the provisions in the current CSEA contract

; and

WHEREAS, the County Manager by memorandum dated February 7, 2025 recommends that the County enter into a collective bargaining agreement with the Public Defender's Union, Association of Legal Aid Attorneys (UAW Local; 2325), representing a new bargaining unit in the Office of the Schenectady County Public Defender; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the County Manager be and he hereby is authorized to enter into a collective bargaining agreement with the Public Defender's Union, Association of Legal Aid Attorneys, Local 2325, subject to the approval of the County Attorney, and consistent with the provisions of this resolution and in accordance with the terms and conditions of employment spelled out in the Tentative Agreement (dated February 6, 2025) between the County and the aforesaid union for the calendar years of 2025, 2026, and 2027, for all county employees in the bargaining unit represented by the aforesaid union.



RESOLUTION 29-25

Sponsored by the Committee on Rules:

A RESOLUTION REGARDING BUDGETARY AMENDMENTS FOR THE OFFICE OF THE SCHENECTADY COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER

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

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of the Department of Finance by memorandum dated February 11, 2025 recommends that the Operating Budget of the Office of the Schenectady County Public Defender be amended to provide funding for salary increases outlined in the Tentative Agreement (dated February 6, 2025) between Schenectady County and the Public Defender's Union, Association of Legal Aid Attorneys (UAW Local 2325), and that certain positions be created and eliminated in the Office of the Schenectady County Public Defender to implement the provisions of the aforesaid Tentative Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the County Manager by memorandum dated February 7, 2025 recommends that the County enter into a collective bargaining agreement with the Public Defender's Union, Association of Legal Aid Attorneys (UAW Local; 2325), representing a new bargaining unit in the Office of the Schenectady County Public Defender; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the 2025 Operating Budget be and it hereby is amended as follows:

Create/Increase Expense Code By:

A511170._01840	Assistant Public Defender VI	\$232,600
A511170._01841	Assistant Public Defender VII	\$858,837
A511170.131100	Shift & Supervisor Differential (Chief Pay)	\$24,700

Increase Expense Code By:

A511170._01798	Assistant Public Defender I	\$16,200
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A511170._01799	Assistant Public Defender II	\$5,550
A511170._01801	Assistant Public Defender IV	\$41,580
A511170.131300	On Call-Public Defender/Stipend	\$68,000
A511170.130000	Longevity	\$950

Decrease Expense Code By:

A511170._01800	Assistant Public Defender III	\$64,050
A511170._01802	Assistant Public Defender V	\$672,519
A511170._01418	Chief Assistant Public Defender	\$123,435

Increased Use of Fund Balance

A.599	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$388,413
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; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the following positions be and they are hereby created, reclassified, retitled or abolished, and the 2025 Operational Budget is amended to reflect such changes as follows:

- (i) create two positions of Assistant Public Defender VI and seven positions of Assistant Public Defender VII (2 full-time and 5 part-time) in the Office of the Schenectady County Public Defender; and
- (ii) abolish one position of Chief Assistant Public Defender, one position of Assistant Public Defender III, and seven positions of Assistant Public Defender V (2 full-time and 5 part-time) in the Office of the Schenectady County Public Defender.