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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 January 14, 2025 7:00 p.m. at Legislative Chambers Schenectady County Office Building, 620 State Street, Schenectady, New York

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**January 14, 2025**

Call to Order

Chairman Hughes called to order the Legislative Caucus.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: 10 (Cuomo, Frisoni, Hess, Hughes, Ostreich,  
Patierne, Pratt, Ruzzo, Samuel, Constantine)  
Absent: 2 (Gatta, McGill)  
Excused: 2 (Jasenski, Vellano)  
Vacant: 1

Reading of the Notice of Legislative Caucus

Chairman Hughes instructed the Clerk to read the notice.

**TAKE NOTICE** that pursuant to section 2.05 of Article II of the Charter of the County of Schenectady, there is hereby called a Caucus of the County Legislators by Chair Anthony Jasenski Sr., to wit:

**THERE SHALL BE** a Caucus of the Schenectady County Legislature on Monday, January 14, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. by the call of Anthony Jasenski Sr. to be held in the Chambers of the Schenectady County Legislature located at 620 State Street, Schenectady, New York, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, for the purpose of filling a legislative vacancy created by the resignation of Legislator Jeffrey McDonald.

**LEGISLATIVE CAUCUS**

Chairman Hughes opened the floor to nominations to fill the Legislative vacancy.

Legislator Patierne nominated Rajnikant Ishmael to fill the vacancy, Legislator Samuel seconded the nomination.

Chairman Hughes opened the floor for discussion on the nominations.

Chairman Hughes, hearing no additional nominations, stated that nominations are now closed. By unanimous vote, Rajnikant Ishmael was appointed to fill the Legislative vacancy.

Mr. Ishmael was sworn in by Assemblyman Angelo Santabarbara.

Legislator Ishmael gave opening remarks.

Chairman Hughes instructed the Clerk please read the certificate designating the Hon. Richard Ruzzo, to Deputy Chairperson of the Schenectady County Legislature.

Legislator Ruzzo joined the Chairman in the well for the administration of the oath of office for the position of Deputy Chair of the County Legislature.

Legislator Ruzzo gave inaugural remarks.

Chairman Hughes called for a motion to adjoin the Legislative Caucus.

Legislator Patierne made a motion, Legislator Samuel seconded the motion.

Chairman Hughes called for a brief recess before starting the Legislative Conference.

The invocation was given by Father Yusko.

### Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Legislator Ishmael.

Before commencing with the Legislative meeting Chairman Hughes asked that we take a moment of silence to honor the passing of Schenectady's basketball legend, long-time judge Barry Kramer.

### Ceremonial Resolutions

Chairman Hughes invited Legislator Gatta to the well to honor the recipients of the 55<sup>th</sup> Holiday Parade Awards. Best Holiday Theme was awarded to the New York State Thruway, Best Live Performance was awarded to Mohonasen H.S. Marching Band, Best Overall Entry was awarded to National Grid, Best Movement and Dance was awarded to Ferra Dance Studio, and The Red Suspenders Award was given to Niskayuna Fire District 2.

The Chairman presented a proclamation to the Daily Gazette commemorating their 130<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

## **LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE**

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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: 13 (Constantine, Cuomo, Ishmael, Frisoni, Gatta, Hess,  
Hughes, Samuel, McGill, Ostrellich, Patierne, Pratt, Ruzzo)  
Absent: 0  
Excused: 2 (Jasenski, Vellano)  
Vacant: 0

#### Meeting of Committee on Rules Initiative

Legislator Ruzzo called the meeting of the Committee on Rules Initiative to order.

Legislature Gatta moved to report Rules Initiative 1-25. Legislator Patierne seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

County Manager Rory Fluman explained Rules Initiative 2-25.

Legislature Hess moved to report Rules Initiative 2-25. Legislator Patierne seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Director of Emergency Management, Mark Laviolette, explained Rules Initiative 3-25.

Legislature Gatta moved to report Rules Initiative 3-25. Legislator Frisoni seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

County Auditor, Julie McDonnell, explained Rules Initiative 4-25.

Legislature Ostrellich moved to report Rules Initiative 4-25. Legislator Gatta seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Director of Schenectady County Public Health Services, Keith Brown, explained Rules Initiative 5-25.

Legislature Gatta moved to report Rules Initiative 5-25. Legislator Samuel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### Privilege of the Floor

Jai N. Misir, of Schenectady, prayed in his native language for Legislator Ishmael.

Seth Brough - National Grid Regional Manager, introduced himself to the legislative body.

Nancy Gifford, of Scotia, spoke on the Public Library Systems.

## **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:	13	(Constantine, Cuomo, Ishmael, Frisoni, Gatta, Hess, Hughes, Samuel, McGill, Ostrellich, Patierne, Pratt, Ruzzo)
Absent:	0	
Excused:	2	(Jasenski, Vellano)
Vacant:	0	

### Approval Minutes

Legislator Gatta made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 10<sup>th</sup>, and December 18<sup>th</sup> 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 Samuel reported the Committee on Economic Development and Planning met on January 6, 2025 and reported to the agenda Resolution 6.

Legislator Frisoni reported the Committee on Fire Fighting and EMS met on January 6, 2025 and reported to the agenda Resolutions 7 and 8.

Legislator Frisoni reported the Committee on Labor and Civil Service met on January 6, 2025 and reported to the agenda Resolutions 9, 10, 11 and 12.

Legislator Ruzzo reported the Committee on Rules met on January 6, 2025 and reported to the agenda Resolutions 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.

Legislator Fields reported the Committee on Ways and Means met on January 6, 2025 and reported to the agenda Resolutions 7, 9, 11, 12, 13, 15 and 16.

### Resolutions

## **RESOLUTION 1-25**

*Sponsored by the Committee on Rules:*

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENTS OF PERSONS TO VARIOUS BOARDS, COUNCILS OR COMMISSIONS**

**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 January 10, 2025, the following named individuals to the positions and for the terms indicated, to wit:

**Schenectady County Public Library System Board of Trustees**

**Term Expires**

Brenda Schworm

12/31/2029

**OFFICE OF THE AGING ADVISORY BOARD**

**Term Expires**

April Hall

12/31/2026

Dr. Bill Vacca

12/31/2026

Rosa Roman Rodriguez

12/31/2026

Pauline Williams

12/31/2026

Arthur Butler

12/31/2026

Cheyenne Lovell

12/31/2026

Betsy Sandberg

12/31/2025

Gordon Zuckerman

12/31/2025

Barbara Brown

12/31/2025

Susan Austin

12/31/2025

; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the aforesaid appointments by the County Manager be and they hereby are confirmed and approved; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the following individual is hereby appointed and confirmed for service on the respective Commission, as follows:

**Schenectady County Human Rights Commission**

**Term Expires**

Omar McGill

12/31/2027

1/14/2025:

*Reported from the Committee on Rules (R1)*

1/14/2025:

*Adopted by the County Legislature*

Ayes: 13.1776 (Constantine, Cuomo, Frisoni, Gatta, Hess, Hughes, Ishmael, McGill, Ostrelich, Patierne, Pratt, Ruzzo, Samuel)

Nays: 0.0000

Absent: 0.0000

Abstain: 0.0000

Excused: 1.8224 (Jasenski, Vellano)

**RESOLUTION 2-25**

*Sponsored by the Committee on Rules:*

**A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE ACCEPTANCE OF MONIES FROM THE NYS DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR THE DOMESTIC TERRORISM PREVENTION PROGRAM**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Schenectady County Sheriff by memorandum dated January 3, 2025 advises that Schenectady County was recently awarded monies from the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services to support the County's efforts to prevent targeted violence and domestic terrorism through the utilization of Threat Assessment Management (TAM) Teams and the development of comprehensive Domestic Terrorism Plans; and

**WHEREAS**, the Schenectady County Sheriff further advises that Schenectady County is projected to receive \$172,413.00 in funding; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioner of the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services by letter dated October 3, 2024 advises that Schenectady County is being awarded \$172,413.00 in funding from the Domestic Terrorism Prevention Grant Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Schenectady County Manager by memorandum dated January 10, 2025 recommends the acceptance of monies from the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency 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 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; and, be it further

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

Increase Expense Code By:

A543110.415784

Domestic Terrorism Prevention \$ 10,000

Increase Revenue Code By:

A33110.338909

Domestic Terrorism Prevention \$ 27,342

1/14/2025: *Reported from the Committee on Rules (R2)*

1/14/2025: *Adopted by the County Legislature*

Ayes: 13.1776 (Constantine, Cuomo, Frisoni, Gatta, Hess, Hughes, Ishmael, McGill, Ostrelich, Patierne, Pratt, Ruzzo, Samuel)

Nays: 0.0000

Absent: 0.0000

Abstain: 0.0000

Excused: 1.8224 (Jasenski, Vellano)

**RESOLUTION 3-25**

*Sponsored by the Committee on Rules:*

**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 January 9, 2025 advises that Schenectady County was recently awarded additional monies from the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services that will be used for the purchase of emergency equipment, ongoing expenses of election and cyber security projects, and emergency personnel expenses; and

**WHEREAS**, the Director of the Office of Emergency Management further advises that Schenectady County is projected to receive \$152,642.00 in funding; and

**WHEREAS**, the Schenectady County Manager by memorandum dated January 10, 2025 recommends the acceptance of the aforesaid monies from the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services; 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 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; and, be it further

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

**Increase Revenue Codes By:**

<b>A33640.308974</b>	<b>NYS Homeland Security 2024</b>	<b>\$ 92,000.</b>
<b>A33640.308911</b>	<b>Emergency Mgmt Plan Grant 24</b>	<b>\$60,642.</b>

**Increase Expense Code By:**

<b>A543640.415324</b>	<b>NYS Homeland Security 2024</b>	<b>\$ 92,000.</b>
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*1/14/2025: Reported from the Committee on Rules (R3)*

*1/14/2025: Adopted by the County Legislature*

Ayes: 13.1776 (Constantine, Cuomo, Frisoni, Gatta, Hess, Hughes, Ishmael, McGill, Ostrellich, Patierne, Pratt, Ruzzo, Samuel)

Nays: 0.0000

Absent: 0.0000

Abstain: 0.0000

Excused: 1.8224 (Jasenski, Vellano)

**RESOLUTION 4-25**

*Sponsored by the Committee on Rules:*

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**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH UHY LLP  
FOR INDEPENDENT AUDITING SERVICES**

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

**WHEREAS**, the County Auditor has recommended by memorandum dated January 6, 2025 that Schenectady County enter into two multi-year agreements with UHY LLP to conduct independent audits of the Glendale Nursing Home and the County's financial statements for the years ending 2024, 2025 and 2026 (both agreements would have two one-year renewals upon the concurrence of both parties); and

**WHEREAS**, the County Auditor advises that the County-wide services of UHY LLP would include the following: an examination and report of the County's general purpose financial statements, preparing combining statements of other governmental funds, preparing other required supplemental information and a management letter, issuing federal single audit reports on major federal programs, and issuing a New York State single audit report on NYS Department of Transportation funds; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Auditor further advises that the Glendale Nursing Home services would include the following: examining and issuing an opinion on the Nursing Home's financial statements, preparing other required supplemental information and a management letter, and auditing and certifying the consolidated fiscal report; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Auditor further advises that UHY LLP's costs for the County-wide services would be \$94,450.00 in 2024, \$96,400.00 in 2025, and \$98,350.00 in 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Auditor further advises that UHY LLP's costs for the Glendale Nursing Home services would be \$37,450.00 in 2024, \$38,650.00 in 2025, and \$39,850.00 in 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Manager has recommended by memorandum dated January 10, 2025 that Schenectady County enter into two multi-year agreements with UHY LLP to conduct independent audits of the Glendale Nursing Home and the County's financial statements for the years ending 2024, 2025 and 2026 (with two one-year renewals); and

**WHEREAS**, section 6.02 of the Schenectady County Charter requires the County Legislature to designate a professional accounting firm to conduct external audits at intervals not exceeding four years; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that this County Legislature does hereby designate UHY LLP to conduct the annual external audit of the books and records for Schenectady

County and the Glendale Nursing Home for calendar years ending 2024, 2025 and 2026; 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 two agreements with UHY LLP for the aforesaid services for calendar years ending in 2024, 2025, and 2026 (with two one-year renewals) consistent with the provisions of this Resolution.

*1/14/2025: Reported from the Committee on Rules (R4)*

*1/14/2025: Adopted by the County Legislature*

Ayes: 13.1776 (Constantine, Cuomo, Frisoni, Gatta, Hess, Hughes, Ishmael, McGill, Ostrelich, Patierne, Pratt, Ruzzo, Samuel)

Nays: 0.0000

Absent: 0.0000

Abstain: 0.0000

Excused: 1.8224 (Jasenski, Vellano)

**RESOLUTION 5-25**

*Sponsored by the Committee on Rules:*

**A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT MONIES FROM THE NATIONAL WIC ASSOCIATION FOR AN AHEAD 2.0: TRANSLATION OF MATERIALS SUB-GRANT PROGRAM**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Public Health Director by memorandum dated January 9, 2025 advises that Schenectady County was recently awarded a grant from the National WIC Association’s AHEAD 2.0: Translation of Materials Sub-grant program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Public Health Director further advises that Schenectady County is projected to receive \$4,100.00 in funding for the translation of WIC educational resources into multiple languages to ensure adequate and sufficient access to public health services for all residents of Schenectady County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Schenectady County Manager by memorandum dated January 10, 2025 recommends the acceptance of the grant from the National WIC Association’s AHEAD 2.0: Translation of Materials Sub-grant program, 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 National WIC Association from its AHEAD 2.0: Translation of Materials Sub-grant program, 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 National WIC Association; and, be it further

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

Create/Increase Appropriation Code by:

A544082.415021 – AHEAD 2.0: Translation Material \$ 4,100.

Create/Increase Revenue Code by:

A14082.168907 – AHEAD 2.0: Translation Material \$ 4,100.

1/14/2025: *Reported from the Committee on Rules (R5)*

1/14/2025: *Adopted by the County Legislature*

Ayes: 13.1776 (Constantine, Cuomo, Frisoni, Gatta, Hess, Hughes, Ishmael, McGill, Ostrelich, Patierne, Pratt, Ruzzo, Samuel)

Nays: 0.0000

Absent: 0.0000

Abstain: 0.0000

Excused: 1.8224 (Jasenski, Vellano)

**RESOLUTION 6-25**

*Sponsored by Legislator Samuel:*

**A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY FROM 151 ERIE BOULEVARD, LLC**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Schenectady County Attorney by memorandum dated January 2, 2025 recommends that Schenectady County enter into a contract for the purchase and sale of real estate with 151 Erie Boulevard, LLC for the purchase of a parcel of real property located in the City of Schenectady (151 Erie Blvd. -- S/B/L: 39.71-3-33) for \$420,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Schenectady County Attorney advises that the real property to be purchased is necessary for the construction of the Aquatic Center in collaboration with SUNY Schenectady; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Manager by memorandum dated January 3, 2025 recommends that Schenectady County enter into a contract for the purchase and sale of real estate with 151 Erie Boulevard, LLC. for \$420,000.00 for the purchase of real property located at 151 Erie Blvd. in the City of Schenectady; 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 a contract for the purchase and sale of real estate for the aforesaid parcel located in the City of Schenectady for \$420,000.00, and to execute any and all documents necessary for the acceptance of the aforesaid real property by Schenectady County.

*1/14/2025: Reported from the Committee on Economic Development and Planning (EDP1)*  
*1/14/2025: Adopted by the County Legislature*

Ayes: 13.1776 (Constantine, Cuomo, Frisoni, Gatta, Hess, Hughes, Ishmael, McGill, Ostrellich, Patierne, Pratt, Ruzzo, Samuel)  
Nays: 0.0000  
Absent: 0.0000  
Abstain: 0.0000  
Excused: 1.8224 (Jasenski, Vellano)

**RESOLUTION 7-25**

*Sponsored by Legislator Jasenski:*

**A RESOLUTION REGARDING AN AGREEMENT WITH IAMRESPONDING FOR EMERGENCY DISPATCH AND MAPPING SERVICES**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Director of the Office of Emergency Management by memorandum dated December 11, 2024 recommends that Schenectady County enter into a multi-year agreement with Iamresponding for purposes of assisting first responders with dispatch information and mapping services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Director of the Office of Emergency Management advises that the costs for the aforesaid services would be \$314.00 per agency for the first year,

and then increased by 2.5% per year per agency for the remaining four years of the contract; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Manager by memorandum dated January 6, 2025 recommends that Schenectady County enter into a multi-year agreement with Iamresponding for the purposes of assisting first responders with dispatch information and mapping services; 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 Iamresponding for the purposes of assisting first responders with dispatch information and mapping services consistent with the provisions of this Resolution.

*1/14/2025: Reported from the Committee on Firefighting and EMS (FE1)*  
*1/14/2025: Reported from the Committee on Ways and Means*  
*Adopted by the County Legislature*

Ayes: 13.1776 (Constantine, Cuomo, Frisoni, Gatta, Hess, Hughes, Ishmael, McGill, Ostrelich, Patierne, Pratt, Ruzzo, Samuel)  
Nays: 0.0000  
Absent: 0.0000  
Abstain: 0.0000  
Excused: 1.8224 (Jasenski, Vellano)

**RESOLUTION 8-25**

*Sponsored by Legislator Jasenski:*

**A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE SCHENECTADY COUNTY FIRE MUTUAL AID PLAN**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Director of the Office of Emergency Management by memorandum dated December 18, 2024 recommends that this Governing Body approve the Schenectady County Fire Mutual Aid Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Director of the Office of Emergency Management advises that the Schenectady County Fire Mutual Aid Plan is a strategic plan that outlines the assistance and protection measures to be taken for all communities within Schenectady County during fire and other emergencies where outside assistance is necessary to assist with terminating the adverse incident; and

**WHEREAS**, a copy of the aforesaid Schenectady County Fire Mutual Aid Plan was officially filed with the Clerk of this Legislature on January 3, 2025, and it was distributed to each member of this Governing Body at the Committee Meeting of the Committee on Firefighting and EMS that was held on January 3, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Manager by memorandum dated January 3, 2025 recommends that this Governing Body approve the Schenectady County Fire Mutual Aid Plan; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that this Governing Body approves the Schenectady County Fire Mutual Aid Plan that was filed with the Clerk of this Legislature on January 3, 2025.

*1/14/2025: Reported from the Committee on Firefighting and EMS (FE2)*

*1/14/2025: Adopted by the County Legislature*

Ayes: 13.1776 (Constantine, Cuomo, Frisoni, Gatta, Hess, Hughes, Ishmael, McGill, Ostrelich, Patierne, Pratt, Ruzzo, Samuel)

Nays: 0.0000

Absent: 0.0000

Abstain: 0.0000

Excused: 1.8224 (Jasenski, Vellano)

### **RESOLUTION 9-25**

*Sponsored by Legislator Patierne:*

### **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 Commissioner of the Department of Social Services by memorandum dated December 12, 2024 requests that a position of Eligibility Clerk be created within the Department of Social Services, and that a position of Information Processing Specialist I be eliminated; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioner of the Department of Social Services 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 2, 2025 recommends the creation of a position of Eligibility Clerk in the Department

of Social Services at CSEA grade 8, and advises that no action is necessary by the Schenectady County Civil Service Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, the Director of the Schenectady County Unified Communications Center by memorandum dated December 13, 2024 requests that a position of Radio Technical Support Specialist (Part-Time) be created within the Schenectady County Unified Communications Center, and that a position of Radio Technical Support Specialist (Full-Time) be eliminated; and

**WHEREAS**, the Director of the Schenectady County Unified Communications Center further states that this change will provide increased efficiency and operations within the Department; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Manager by memorandum dated January 3, 2025 recommends that a position of Eligibility Clerk be created and that a position of Information Processing Specialist I be eliminated within the Department of Social Services, that a position of Radio Technical Support Specialist (P/T) be created and that a position of Radio Technical Support Specialist (F/T) be eliminated within the Schenectady County Unified Communications Center, and that appropriate budgetary amendments be approved; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the following position in the Department of Social Services be and it hereby is created as follows:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Eligibility Clerk	8

; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the following position in the Schenectady County Unified Communications Center be and it hereby is created as follows:

Position

Radio Technical Support Specialist (Part-Time)

; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, that a position of Information Processing Specialist I in the Department of Social Services, and a position of Radio Technical Support Specialist (Full-Time) in the Schenectady County Unified Communications Center be and they hereby are eliminated; and, be it further

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

Increase Expense Code by:

A513022.112 – Hourly Rated Wages	\$ 35,000.
A516010._01115 – Eligibility Clerk	\$ 42,324.

Decrease Expense Code by:

A513022._01020 – Radio Technical Support Specialist	\$ 61,322.
A516010._01243 – Information Processing Specialist I	\$ 37,094.

Decrease Use of Fund Balance by:

A.599 – Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 21,092.
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*1/14/2025: Reported from the Committee on Labor and Civil Service (LCSI)*

*1/14/2025: Reported from the Committee on Ways and Means Adopted by the County Legislature*

Ayes: 13.1776 (Constantine, Cuomo, Frisoni, Gatta, Hess, Hughes, Ishmael, McGill, Ostrelich, Patierne, Pratt, Ruzzo, Samuel)

Nays: 0.0000

Absent: 0.0000

Abstain: 0.0000

Excused: 1.8224 (Jasenski, Vellano)

**RESOLUTION 10-25**

*Sponsored by Legislator Patierne:*

**A RESOLUTION REGARDING AN AGREEMENT WITH GOVERNMENTJOBS.COM, INC. (D/B/A NEOGOV) FOR VARIOUS ONBOARDING AND TRAINING SOFTWARE SERVICES**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Director of Human Resources by memorandum dated December 18, 2024 recommends that Schenectady County enter into a multi-year agreement with Governmentjobs.com, Inc. (d/b/a NEOGOV) for onboarding and training modules that will integrate with the eGov Civil Service software currently provided to Schenectady County through Governmentjobs.com, Inc.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Director of Human Resources advises that the costs for the aforesaid services would be \$62,197.29, and there would be a three-year maintenance agreement with an option for years four and five for a total contract amount of \$371,641.67; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Manager by memorandum dated January 3, 2025 recommends that Schenectady County enter into a multi-year agreement (1/20/2025–12/31/2029) with Governmentjobs.com, Inc. (d/b/a NEOGOV) for onboarding and training modules software; 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 a multi-year agreement with Governmentjobs.com, Inc. (d/b/a NEOGOV) for onboarding and training modules software consistent with the provisions of this Resolution.

*1/14/2025: Reported from the Committee on Labor and Civil Service (LCS2)*

*1/14/2025: Adopted by the County Legislature*

Ayes: 13.1776 (Constantine, Cuomo, Frisoni, Gatta, Hess, Hughes, Ishmael, McGill, Ostrelich, Patierne, Pratt, Ruzzo, Samuel)

Nays: 0.0000

Absent: 0.0000

Abstain: 0.0000

Excused: 1.8224 (Jasenski, Vellano)

**RESOLUTION 11-25**

*Sponsored by Legislator Patierne:*

**A RESOLUTION REGARDING BUDGETARY AMENDMENTS FOR THE OFFICE OF THE SCHENECTADY COUNTY ATTORNEY**

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

**WHEREAS**, the County Attorney by memorandum dated January 2, 2025 recommends that the Operating Budget of the Office of the Schenectady County Attorney be amended to provide funding for a salary increase from \$96,599.00 to \$120,000.00 for a position of Deputy County Attorney; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Manager by memorandum dated January 3, 2025 recommends that the Operating Budget of the Office of the Schenectady County Attorney be amended to provide funding for the aforesaid salary increase for a position of Deputy County Attorney in the Child Protective Services Unit; now, therefore, be it

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

Increase Expense Code by:

A511420.\_01362 – Deputy County Attorney \$ 23,401.

Increase Use of Fund Balance by:

A.599 – Appropriated Fund Balance \$ 23,401.

1/14/2025: *Reported from the Committee on Labor and Civil Service (LCS3)*

1/14/2025: *Reported from the Committee on Ways and Means Adopted by the County Legislature*

Ayes: 13.1776 (Constantine, Cuomo, Frisoni, Gatta, Hess, Hughes, Ishmael, McGill, Ostrelich, Patierne, Pratt, Ruzzo, Samuel)

Nays: 0.0000

Absent: 0.0000

Abstain: 0.0000

Excused: 1.8224 (Jasenski, Vellano)

**RESOLUTION 12-25**

*Sponsored by Legislator Patierne:*

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF A PERSON TO THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS/WEIGHTS AND MEASURES**

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

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to sections 3.01 and 21.05 of the Charter of the County of Schenectady, the County Manager is vested with the authority to appoint all department heads subject to the confirmation by the County Legislature, which includes the Director of the Office of Consumer Affairs/Weights and Measures; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Manager by memorandum dated January 3, 2025 has appointed James R. D’Allaird as Director of the Office of Consumer Affairs/Weights and Measures, effective January 27, 2025, and subject to confirmation by this Legislature; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Manager has provided that the 2025 base salary for James R. D’Allaird as Director of the Office of Consumer Affairs/Weights and Measures is to be \$79,135.00; now therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Schenectady County Legislature hereby confirms the County Manager's appointment of James R. D’Allaird as Director of the Office of Consumer Affairs/Weights and Measures commencing January 27, 2025; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Schenectady County Legislature hereby sets the 2025 annual base salary for the Director of the Office of Consumer Affairs/Weights and Measures, James R. D’Allaird, at seventy-nine thousand one hundred thirty-five dollars (\$79,135.00).

*1/14/2025: Reported from the Committee on Labor and Civil Service (LCS4)*

*1/14/2025: Adopted by the County Legislature*

Ayes: 13.1776 (Constantine, Cuomo, Frisoni, Gatta, Hess, Hughes, Ishmael, McGill, Ostrelich, Patierne, Pratt, Ruzzo, Samuel)

Nays: 0.0000

Absent: 0.0000

Abstain: 0.0000

Excused: 1.8224 (Jasenski, Vellano)

**RESOLUTION 13-25**

*Sponsored by Legislator Patierne:*

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING CAPITAL BUDGET AMENDMENTS REGARDING THE AQUATIC CENTER IN THE CITY OF SCHENECTADY**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Schenectady County Manager by memorandum dated January 3, 2025 requests that Schenectady County’s 2025 Capital Improvement Program be amended to provide additional funding of \$10,000,000.00 to accommodate updates to the construction of the Aquatic Center in the City of Schenectady; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the 2025 Capital Improvement Program be and it hereby is amended as follows:

Increase Expense Code by:

H542401.401000 – Aquatic Center \$10,000,000.  
(2401240083-0001-0401)

Create/Increase Revenue Code by:

H32401.3270 – State Aid – Community Colleges  
 (DASNY) \$10,000,000.

1/14/2025: *Reported from the Committee on Ways and Means (WMI)*

1/14/2025: *Adopted by the County Legislature*

Ayes: 13.1776 (Constantine, Cuomo, Frisoni, Gatta, Hess, Hughes, Ishmael, McGill, Ostrellich, Patierne, Pratt, Ruzzo, Samuel)

Nays: 0.0000

Absent: 0.0000

Abstain: 0.0000

Excused: 1.8224 (Jasenski, Vellano)

**RESOLUTION 14-25**

*Sponsored by Legislator Patierne:*

**A RESOLUTION CORRECTING CLERICAL ERRORS ON THE MUNICIPAL TAX ROLL OF DUANESBURG**

**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 December 21, 2024 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 Duaneburg tax roll is corrected, to wit:

TOWN	OWNER S/B/L	REASON	AMOUNT OF TAXES BILLED	AMOUNT OF TAXES DUE
Duanesburg	Daly, William J Jr. 73.00-1-7.1	Clerical Error	\$4,398.18	\$1,428.42
			<b>Amount to Refund:</b>	<b>\$2,969.76</b>
Duanesburg	Klinker, Richard 73.00-1-8	Clerical Error	\$4,870.14	\$1,581.70
			<b>Amount to Refund:</b>	<b>\$3,288.44</b>

; 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.

*1/14/2025: Reported from the Committee on Ways and Means (WM2)*

*1/14/2025: Adopted by the County Legislature*

Ayes: 13.1776 (Constantine, Cuomo, Frisoni, Gatta, Hess, Hughes, Ishmael, McGill, Ostrelich, Patierne, Pratt, Ruzzo, Samuel)

Nays: 0.0000

Absent: 0.0000

Abstain: 0.0000

Excused: 1.8224 (Jasenski, Vellano)

**RESOLUTION 15-25**

*Sponsored by Legislator Patierne:*

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHARGEBACK OF UNCOLLECTIBLE TAXES TO CERTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioner of Finance advises by memorandum dated December 20, 2024 that some of the taxes previously reimbursed to certain school districts were ultimately determined to be erroneously levied and therefore uncollectible; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 558 of the Real Property Tax Law provides for the cancellation and chargeback of any such taxes re-levied by the County; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the following school districts shall be charged back the indicated amounts as provided for by law, to wit:

Scotia-Glenville Central School District	\$ 9.57
Schoharie Central School District	\$ 16,432.03
TOTAL	\$ 16,441.60

1/14/2025: *Reported from the Committee on Ways and Means (WM3)*

1/14/2025: *Adopted by the County Legislature*

Ayes: 13.1776 (Constantine, Cuomo, Frisoni, Gatta, Hess, Hughes, Ishmael, McGill, Ostrelich, Patierne, Pratt, Ruzzo, Samuel)

Nays: 0.0000

Absent: 0.0000

Abstain: 0.0000

Excused: 1.8224 (Jasenski, Vellano)

**RESOLUTION 16-25**

*Sponsored by Legislator Patierne:*

**A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE PROCESSING OF REAL PROPERTY TAX CORRECTIONS AND REFUNDS FOR THE 2025 CALENDAR YEAR**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioner of Finance advises by memorandum dated December 17, 2024 that sections 554 and 556 of the NYS Real Property Tax Law authorize this Governing Body to designate the Commissioner of Finance to approve all tax bill corrections, credits or refunds that do not exceed \$2,500.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioner of Finance further advises that this designated official must report monthly to this Governing Body (before the 15<sup>th</sup> day of each month) the details of each correction, credit or refund approved for the preceding month; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioner of Finance further advises that applications for corrections, credits or refunds that exceed \$2,500.00 would need approval of this Governing Body; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that this Governing Body hereby delegates to the Commissioner of Finance the authority to perform the duties of this Governing Body as provided in sections 554 and 556 of the NYS Real Property Tax Law during the 2025 calendar year, and such delegation of authority is applicable only where the recommended correction, credit or refund is twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2,500) or less, or such other sum not to exceed twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2,500); and be it further

**RESOLVED**, where the Commissioner of Finance denies the correction, refund or credit, in whole or in part, such Commissioner shall transmit to this Governing

Body for its review and disposition, pursuant to subdivision five of sections 554 and 556 of the NYS Real Property Tax Law, the written report of the investigation and recommendation of the Commissioner, together with both copies of the application and the reasons that the Commissioner denied the correction, refund or credit; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that on or before the fifteenth day of each month, the Commissioner of Finance shall submit a report to this Governing Body of the corrections, refunds or credits processed by such Commissioner during the preceding month, and such report shall indicate the name of each recipient, the location of the property and the amount of the correction, refund or credit.

*1/14/2025: Reported from the Committee on Ways and Means (WM4)*

*1/14/2025: Adopted by the County Legislature*

Ayes: 13.1776 (Constantine, Cuomo, Frisoni, Gatta, Hess, Hughes, Ishmael, McGill, Ostrelich, Patierne, Pratt, Ruzzo, Samuel)

Nays: 0.0000

Absent: 0.0000

Abstain: 0.0000

Excused: 1.8224 (Jasenski, Vellano)

Adjournment

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