

**Legislative Programs, Education and Community Services Committee  
Regular Meeting Minutes**

**DATE & TIME:** March 3, 2020 – 5:00pm  
**LOCATION:** Ulster County Office Building / Karen Binder Library  
244 Fair Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Kinston, New York 12401  
**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Chairman James Delaune  
**RECORDER:** Jerry Sheehan, Assistant to Vice Presidents of Academic Affairs &  
Enrollment Management, SUNY Ulster  
**PRESENT:** Legislators Criswell, Corcoran, Parete\*, Wawro\* [\*arrival was  
delayed / Parete 5:07pm; Wawro 5:22pm]  
**ABSENT:** Legislators Donaldson  
**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes  
  
**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Marc Rider, Deputy County Executive  
Dr. Alan Roberts, President, SUNY Ulster

Chairman Delaune called the meeting to order at 5:03pm

Note: Voting on Resolutions/Motions held in abeyance until quorum reached at 5:22pm when  
Legislator Wawro arrived.

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**Motion No 1:** Moved to Approve the Minutes of the February 4, 2020 Meeting

**Motion By:** Legislator Criswell  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Corcoran

**Discussion:** None

**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Delaune, Criswell, Corcoran, Parete, Wawro

**Voting Against:** None

**Votes in Favor:** 5

**Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Minutes Approved

**Motion No. 1** Moved to approve the meeting minutes of December 9, 2019

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**Resolutions for March 3, 2020 Session:**

**Resolution No. 103** – Authorizing the Chair of The Ulster County Legislature to Execute a  
Grant Application With Required Assurances For The Age Friendly Planning Program With The  
New York State Office For The Aging

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution pertains to a grant for The NYS Office for the Aging’s Age Friendly Planning Program to hire a Project Coordinator.

**Discussion:**

Judy Reilly, Deputy Director of The New York State Office for the Aging explained that the grant will advance Governor Cuomo’s initiative to make New York State the first Age Friendly State in the Nation. The funds will be used to hire a Project Coordinator whose duties and responsibilities will be to oversee policies for the Age Friendly Action Plan, reach out for input from community members and partners to refine and implement the plan, and oversee steering committees. Ms. Reilly advised that she has received letters of support for ARCAL, Ellenville Regional Hospital, Health Alliance and Live Well Kingston who have all agreed to form partnerships with the project. This is a 2 year position – 70% from Grant, 30% from County. Ms. Reilly anticipates the continuation of the position beyond 2 years.

**Motion By:** Legislator Parete  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Criswell

**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Delaune, Criswell, Corcoran, Parete, Wawro  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 5  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Resolution adopted

**Motion No. 2**                      **Moved to adopt Resolution No. 103**

**Resolution No. 119** – Approving the Execution Of A Contract Amendment In Excess Of \$50,000 Entered Into By The County – GTL Incorporated D/B/A Link To Life – Office For The Aging

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution pertains to an extension of the contract the Office for the Aging already has for the Personal Emergency Response System

**Discussion:**

Judy Reilly, Deputy Director of The New York State Office for the Aging explained that the request is for a one year extension of the contract Office for the Aging already has for the Personal Emergency Response System – the necklaces or bracelets worn by Seniors to alert of a fall or other emergency. There are 92 seniors waitlisted to become members of the service.

**Motion By:** Legislator Corcoran  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Criswell

**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Delaune, Criswell, Corcoran, Parete, Wawro  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 5

**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Resolution adopted

**Motion No. 3**                      **Moved to adopt Resolution No. 119**

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**Resolution No. 136** – Authorizing The Chair of The Ulster County Legislature to Enter Into An Agreement With Ulster County Community Action Committee, Inc For The 2020 Appropriation - Legislature

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution pertains to an agreement for funding to the Ulster County Community Action Committee, Inc.

**Discussion:**

Greg Howard, Executive Director Greg Howard presented with Suzie Henche, Program Director of Outreach Services. They maintain offices in Ellenville, Highland and Kingston which serve all the County. They help prevent individuals from falling further into poverty by assisting with utility payments, 1<sup>st</sup> month rent, back rent, and mortgage assistance to prevent foreclosure. Payments made directly to landlords or the utility companies.

**Motion By:** Legislator Parete  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Wawro

**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Delaune, Criswell, Corcoran, Parete, Wawro  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 5  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Resolution adopted

**Motion No. 4**                      **Moved to adopt Resolution No. 136**

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**Resolution No. 137** – Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With Arts Mid-Hudson, Inc For The 2020 Appropriation – Legislature

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution pertains to an agreement for funding to Arts Mid-Hudson, Inc.

**Discussion:**

Arts Mid Hudson Executive Director, Linda Marston-Reid presented with Grants Program Manager Lillian who works with artists across all Ulster County who are seeking grant funding. The funding from the county is used to grow and strengthen the organization in order to better promote arts and cultural programming throughout Ulster County. The organization assists artists with grant writing and proposal ideas. The organization works with artists one-on-one to create a

really strong proposal more likely to get funded. However, no funding recommendations are made; it is all accomplished by a rotating volunteer panel all of whom are Ulster County residents with expertise in the arts and its programming and marketing. A document showing the organizations grantees and funding allocations was shared with Legislators.

**Motion By:** Legislator Criswell

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Parete

**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Delaune, Criswell, Corcoran, Parete, Wawro

**Voting Against:** None

**Votes in Favor:** 5

**Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Resolution adopted

**Motion No. 5** **Moved to adopt Resolution No. 137**

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**Resolution No. 138** – Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With Cornell Cooperative Extension Association Of Ulster County For 2020 Appropriations - Legislature

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution pertains to an agreement for funding to Cornell Cooperative Extension Association Of Ulster County.

**Discussion:**

Cornell Cooperative Extension Association Of Ulster County Executive Director Jared Buono presented. Mr. Buono thanked the Legislators for past support. Appropriations primarily support agriculture and 4-H in Ulster County as well as nutrition and environmental work in some communities. There have been many changes in agriculture recently and the funding helps keep highly educated and skilled personnel in the office to assist those industries. Mr. Buono noted that according to the Brewers' Association, the farm brewery industry alone in Ulster County is worth \$85M in economic impact. There are well-attended new farmer classes being taught; continuing to support commercial horticulture working a lot on invasive species; working on attracting more 4-H Club leaders to keep the club program growing in Ulster County. Mr. Buono advised that he is seeking additional funding this year for an environmental program. Most Coperative Extensions have an environmental program. Ulster County's environmental program is limited exclusively to the New York City Watershed. Mr. Buono envisions an environment educator to bring the same level of education and information provided through the DEP NYC Watershed to the rest of Ulster County and reported that the job posting is public and shared it with the Legislators. Mr. Buono is working with Soil & Water to ensure there is no overlap/duplication of efforts.

**Motion By:** Legislator Wawro

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Criswell

**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Delaune, Criswell, Corcoran, Parete, Wawro  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 5  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Resolution adopted

**Motion No. 6**                      **Moved to adopt Resolution No. 138**

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New Business

- Update from Dr. Alan Roberts, President, SUNY Ulster

President Roberts reported that enrollment is coming in as projected and is looking good. The college is financially sound. President Roberts reported that the college was recently named the #1 Community College in New York State. President Roberts thanked the legislators for their support of the college.

Regarding capital projects, President Roberts reported that the water tank and waterline project are started and should be completed by early Fall/September.

The college just started our master plan which is required by SUNY every 10 years.

Chairman Delaune reported that President Roberts assured the County that the environmental studies at the college will continue. There will be a meeting between legislators and the college to advance the program and possibly establishing partnerships within the County for the benefit of future employment for students.

Legislator Criswell asked if the college is affected by the coronavirus. President Roberts reported that the situation is being monitored very closely but, as of yet, it has not.

President Roberts departs 5:34pm

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**Resolution No. 139 – 2020 Appropriation For The Ulster County Libraries Program**

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution pertains to an agreement for funding to The Ulster County Libraries Program.

**Discussion:**

Presentation made by Margie Menard and Julie Dempsey, the president and vice-president respectively of The Ulster County Library Association. Ms. Menard thanked the Legislators for their continued support of the library programs across Ulster County. It was reported that the funding provided goes towards on-line library resources including a new resource named Niche



**Disposition:** Motion adopted

**Motion No. 8** **Moved to block Resolutions No. 85 & 86**

**Motion By:** Legislator Criswell

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Corcoran

**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Delaune, Criswell, Corcoran, Parete, Wawro

**Voting Against:** None

**Votes in Favor:** 5

**Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Resolution adopted

**Motion No. 9** **Moved to approve blocked Resolutions No. 85 & 86**

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Chairman Delaune advised that the resolutions not heard will be heard at a future date. He asked if there was any other business, and hearing none;

### **Adjournment**

**Motion By:** Legislator Criswell

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Corcoran

**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Delaune, Criswell, Corcoran, Parete, Wawro

**Voting Against:** None

**Votes in Favor:** 5

**Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Motion approved

**Motion No. 10** **Moved to Adjourn**

Adjourned: 5:55pm

Respectfully submitted: Jerry Sheehan, Assistant to VP for Academic Affairs & VP for Enrollment Management, SUNY Ulster

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