

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

**DATE & TIME:** April 10, 2017 – 5:00 PM  
**LOCATION:** Cornell Cooperative Extension  
**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Chairman Mary Wawro  
**RECORDER:** Danielle Wayman, Program Assistant, Ulster County Community College  
**PRESENT:** Legislators Schwartz Berky, Delaune, Lopez, Deputy Chairman Donaldson, and Chairman Wawro  
**ABSENT:**  
**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes

**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Alan Roberts- President, Ulster County Community College, Chris Nguyen- Vice President for Administrative Services, Ulster County Community College, Lee Reidy- Executive Director, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County, Kenneth Crannell- Deputy County Executive, Evelyn Clarke- Director, Ulster County Youth Bureau, Teresa Brundage- Aide to Legislator Lopez

Chairman Wawro called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM and the pledge was recited.

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**Motion No. 1:** **Moved to Approve the Minutes of the March 6, 2017, meeting**

**Motion By:** Legislator Lopez  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Schwartz Berky

**Discussion:**  
None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Delaune, Schwartz Berky, Lopez, Donaldson, and Chairman Wawro

**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 5  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Minutes approved

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In an attempt to observe Passover, Chairman Wawro asked that the resolutions be presented and then she would ask President Roberts (SUNY Ulster) and Executive Director Lee Reidy (Cornell Cooperative Extension) to address the committee.

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Resolutions for the April 10, 2017, Session of the Legislative Programs, Education and Community Services Committee

**Resolution No. 104:** Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County- Litson Health Care, Inc. d/b/a Willcare- Office For The Aging

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution authorizes the execution of a contract in excess of \$50,000.00.

**Motion No. 2**                      **Moved to adopt Resolution No. 104**

**Motion By:**                      Legislator Schwartz Berky

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Lopez

**Discussion:**

Legislator Schwartz Berky stated that this resolution was postponed at the last meeting. Legislator Schwartz Berky asked to hear about the resolution and asked what the experience has been with Willcare. Deputy County Executive Kenneth Crannell stated that Willcare is one of four or five contractors that provide in home services for aging Ulster County residents. Deputy County Executive Crannell stated that Willcare is also providing enhanced in home services, he referenced case management and personal care, personal care being cooking, cleaning, and household chores. Deputy County Executive Crannell stated that the contract is standard and that the rates are set by The State of New York. The purpose of offering these types of services is to allow the aging to “age in place” and avoid more costly alternatives. Legislator Schwartz Berky asked about trends in regards to aging in place. Deputy County Executive Crannell stated that this contract is a major support for many residents who are aging in place. Legislator Schwartz Berky asked about shifting populations and how to track ways to keep people in their homes. Deputy County Executive Crannell stated that most of their clients are just above Medicaid eligibility but still relatively poor. The extra help they receive is the difference between remaining in their homes or moving into a nursing home. Legislator Lopez pointed out that it is significantly cheaper and the residents remain in their homes. Deputy County Executive Crannell stated that taxes are a major issue for many clients. Legislator Schwartz Berky asked if we are tracking these issues. Deputy County Executive Crannell stated that this is one component of comprehensive programming and explained that the Office for the Aging works with RUPCO, RCAL, etc. In addition case managers perform individual assessments. Chairman Wawro commented on how accessible the Office for the Aging is, stating that “everything is in one place”. Legislator Delaune asked how many people are served. Deputy County Executive Crannell stated that they serve hundreds and that there are always more, adding that these services are based on funding. Legislator Schwartz Berky asked about a reporting mechanism, so that the committee receives this information with their back up materials. Deputy County Executive Crannell stated that it is filed in the annual report that was submitted on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Voting In Favor:**                      Legislators Schwartz Berky, Delaune, Lopez, Donaldson, and Chairman Wawro

**Voting Against:**                      None

**Votes in Favor:**                      5

**Votes Against:**                      0

**Disposition:**                      Resolution adopted

**Resolution No. 143:** Confirming Reappointment Of A Member To The Ulster County Youth Board

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution confirms the reappointment of a member to the Ulster County Youth Board

**Motion No. 3**                    **Moved to adopt Resolution No. 143**

**Motion By:**                    Legislator Lopez

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Schwartz Berky

**Discussion:**

Chairman Wawro asked Evelyn Clarke, Director of the Ulster County Youth Bureau to address the committee. Director Clarke stated that Esther has been on the Board for about four years.

**Voting In Favor:**            Legislators Schwartz Berky, Delaune, Lopez, Donaldson, and Chairman Wawro

**Voting Against:**            None

**Votes in Favor:**            5

**Votes Against:**            0

**Disposition:**              Resolution adopted

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**Resolution No. 144:** Confirming Reappointment Of A Member To The Ulster County Youth Board

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution confirms the reappointment of a member to the Ulster County Youth Board

**Motion No. 4**                    **Moved to adopt Resolution No. 144**

**Motion By:**                    Legislator Schwartz Berky

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Lopez

**Discussion:**

Chairman Wawro asked Evelyn Clarke, Director of the Ulster County Youth Bureau to address the committee. Director Clarke stated that Ronald has been on the Board for a while and that he is an active member.

Director Clarke also reported that the Youth Development Program was cut from the State budget; the cut comes out to be about \$199,000.00. Director Clarke stated that she was waiting to hear how that would affect her programs. Director Clarke reported that there were three new programs that applied for funding, before the budget cut it was going to be difficult, but with the budget cut its almost impossible.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Schwartz Berky, Lopez, Delaune, Donaldson, and Chairman Wawro

**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 5  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Resolution adopted

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**Resolution No. 157:** Authorizing The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County- Sandhu Contracting Inc.- Ulster County Community College

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution authorizes the execution of a contract in excess of \$50,000.00.

**Motion No. 5**                    **Moved to adopt Resolution No. 157**

**Motion By:** Legislator Lopez

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Schwartz Berky

**Discussion:**

Chairman Wawro asked Chris Nguyen- Vice President for Administrative Services, Ulster County Community College to address the committee. Vice President Nguyen reported that this resolution is for the Kingston Center roof. Vice President Nguyen reported that the County just completed the bidding process and that Sandhu Contracting Inc. has won the bid. The project will cost slightly less than what the project was budgeted for. Vice President Nguyen reported that everything except for the invoicing is going through the County, because there is State money involved, everything has to go through the College in order to receive the matching funds. Deputy County Executive Crannell pointed out that the timing on this project allowed for a 50% match. President Roberts stated that we were leveraging State money to benefit the College and the County. Deputy County Executive Crannell asked how things were going at the Kingston Center of SUNY Ulster. President Roberts stated “We need another floor; we’re scrambling for space now that we are offering more adult programs” as space is being requested by faculty and department chairs.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Schwartz Berky, Delaune, Lopez, Donaldson, and Chairman Wawro

**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 5  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Resolution adopted

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**Resolution No. 158:** Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into Agreements With The New York State Office For The Aging For The Administration Of The NY Connects Program And The Balancing Incentive Program (BIP)- Office For The Aging

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution authorizes the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature to enter into agreements with the New York State Office For The Aging For The Administration Of The NY Connects Program And The Balancing Incentive Program (BIP).

**Motion No. 6**                      **Moved to adopt Resolution No. 158**

**Motion By:**                      Legislator Schwartz Berky

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Delaune

**Discussion:**

Chairman Wawro asked Deputy County Executive Crannell to address the committee. Deputy County Executive Crannell explained that this program is an expansion of the NY Connects, and will include the elderly and people with disabilities. Deputy County Executive Crannell reported that these dollars will expand services (RCAL & RUPCO). Unfortunately, the dollars assigned to these programs will be decreasing due to cuts in the State budget. Legislator Schwartz Berky asked if there was anything that could be done to lobby with their constituents. Deputy County Executive Crannell stated that there is not really anything to be done, as the State is going in a different direction.

**Voting In Favor:**                      Legislators Schwartz Berky, Delaune, Lopez, Donaldson, and Chairman Wawro

**Voting Against:**                      None

**Votes in Favor:**                      5

**Votes Against:**                      0

**Disposition:**                      Resolution adopted

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**Resolution No. 159:**    Providing For The Burial Of Spouses Of Veterans In The Ulster County Veterans' Cemetery- Veterans' Agency

**Resolution Summary:** Providing for the burial of spouses of Veterans in the Ulster County Veterans' Cemetery.

**Motion No. 7**                      **Moved to adopt Resolution No. 159**

**Motion By:**                      Legislator Schwartz Berky

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Lopez

**Discussion:**

Legislator Schwartz Berky stated that this is a lovely idea. Deputy County Executive Crannell added that this is the last piece of the process for the County cemetery to come up to National Veteran Standards. Deputy County Executive Crannell stated that this was budgeted into the 2017 budget. The expectations are about five spouses per year. Deputy County Executive Crannell added that the cemetery has the most beautiful view of the Ridge, there is a new sign and it's beautiful. Deputy County Executive Crannell acknowledged the Veteran groups and volunteers that put in their time to bring the cemetery up to Veterans standards. Deputy County Executive Crannell added that they will be doing a rededication ceremony sometime this year. Legislator Schwartz Berky asked how this would work. Deputy Executive Crannell briefly explained the support that was available to veterans' spouses and their minor children. Deputy Executive Crannell stated that previously veterans' spouses were allowed to purchase the plot next to their veteran spouse. Chairman Wawro shared what a difference this will make to the families of our veterans.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Schwartz Berky, Delaune, Lopez, Donaldson, and Chairman Wawro  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 5  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Resolution adopted

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Chairman Wawro thanked everyone for coming. Chairman Wawro asked SUNY Ulster President Alan Roberts to address the committee. President Roberts reported that summer enrollment is solid, and that the amount of applications for fall has increased. President Roberts reported that the College will receive \$50 in base aid from the State; he stated this was disappointing since we were hoping to receive more. President Roberts briefly discussed tuition free college, and stated that there are more questions than answer right now. Chairman Wawro asked about a date for the financial aid meeting for parents of new students coming in. President Roberts did not remember the date off hand.

Chairman Wawro asked Executive Director Lee Reidy to address the committee. Executive Director Reidy briefly discussed many of the programs currently running at Cornell Cooperative Extension. Executive Director Reidy stated that this year they asked the State Legislature to increase the cap for funding. Executive Director Reidy stated that the idea was well received, but unfortunately it did not make it into the State's approved budget. Executive Director Reidy discussed the 4-H public presentations. Executive Director Reidy thanked the judges and explained that the children's topics were developed around a topic they are interested in. Legislator Schwartz Berky asked who teaches the children how to present. Executive Director Reidy stated that the adults involved in 4-H are trained and then they train the trainer. Executive Director Reidy added that for the older kids they do a job interview program. Chairman Wawro stated that she "totally enjoyed that day" and discussed some of the topics that were presented. Legislator Schwartz Berky left at this time in observance of Passover (5:32 PM).

Executive Director Reidy briefly discussed other programming. Executive Director Reidy also thanked SUNY Ulster for their assistance with the Annual Garden Day. Executive Director Reidy briefly discussed some upcoming events. Executive Director Reidy mentioned the other two Cornell Cooperative Locations (Highland and Shokan). Chairman Wawro thanked Executive Director Reidy for hosting this meeting.

Chairman Wawro asked if there was any other business, and hearing none;

### **Adjournment**

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Lopez  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Donaldson  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 5  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**TIME:** 5:43 PM

**Respectfully Submitted: Danielle Wayman, Program Assistant, Ulster County Community College**  
**Minutes Approved: May 8, 2017**