

## **Ways & Means Committee Regular Meeting Minutes**

**DATE & TIME:** November 27, 2018 – 2:00  
**LOCATION:** Legislative Chambers, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, County Office Building,  
244 Fair Street, Kingston, NY  
**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Richard Gerentine, Chairman  
**LEGISLATIVE STAFF:** Amber Feaster  
**PRESENT:** Legislators Laura Petit, Lynn Archer, Tracey Bartels, Craig  
V. Lopez, Mary Beth Maio (arrived at 2:58 PM), James F.  
Maloney, and Joseph Maloney  
**ABSENT:** None  
**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes  
**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Legislators Jonathan Heppner, Herbert Litts III, Kathy Nolan,  
Hector Rodriguez, and Brian Woltman; Marc Rider, Deputy  
County Executive; Ken Crannell, Deputy County Executive;  
Evan Gallo, Deputy Comptroller; Christopher DeMeo, Director  
of Internal Audit Control; Rashida Tyler, County Attorney; Tom  
Kadgen, League of Women Voters; Patricia Doxsey, Daily  
Freeman; Michael Jubie, Don't Be a Monster; Gina Carbonari,  
Ulster County SPCA; Gabrielle Burton-Hill, The Restorative  
Center; Caryn Sobel, No Hate Here

- **Chairman Gerentine called the meeting to order at 2:05 PM**
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**Legislator Rodriguez** spoke from 2:05 – 2:15 PM advocating for additional Restorative Justice services to expand the scope of programs offered beyond youth. Gabrielle Burton-Hill from The Restorative Center provided a brief description of her Organization, the programs that they offer, and the success of the programs.

**Legislator Petit** spoke from 2:15 – 2:29 PM to request funding in the amount of \$10,000.00 for Don't Be a Monster, an anti-bullying program. Michael Jubie spoke on the program, the services they provide, the program's outreach throughout the community, and the program's success.

**Legislator Petit** spoke from 2:30 – 2:33 PM to request \$30,000.00 to fund RCAL to supplement an educational program and to provide public access to free or low cost durable medical supplies.

**Legislator Petit** spoke from 2:33 – 2:42 PM in support of increasing the County's current contract with the Ulster County SPCA in the amount of \$8,500.00 for spaying/neutering and microchipping. Gina Carbonari of the Ulster County SPCA explained how far the current funding gets the Organization through the year and the additional services the Organization could provide with the proposed increase in funding.

**Legislator Bartels** spoke from 2:42 – 2:46 PM to request that the Legislature conduct a Nutritional Evaluation at the Ulster County Jail, providing reasons for this need.

**Legislator Bartels** spoke from 2:46 – 2:55 PM proposing a new position within the Office of the Comptroller, requesting that this position require a CPA licensure and asking that the Legislature exercise its ability to request and direct audits and performance studies from the Office.

**Legislator Heppner** spoke from 2:55 – 3:02 PM requesting amendment to the regular pay of three positions within the Clerk of the Legislature, stating the reasons for each of these positions.

**Legislator Maloney (Joseph)** spoke from 3:02 – 3:06 PM explaining sponsorship of District Attorney Holley Carrright’s request for regular pay increases for two positions, providing reasons for the amounts being proposed.

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**Motion No. 1: To adjourn for the purpose of taking a brief recess and transferring locations**

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Archer

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Maio

**Discussion:** Chairman Gerentine explained that the Committee must take a brief recess to relocate into another room for the scheduled presentation of Forensic IT Investigation services completed by EisnerAmper.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gerentine, Petit, Archer, Bartels, Lopez, Maio, Maloney (James), and Maloney (Joseph)

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 8

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Approved

The Committee took a brief recess from 3:07 – 3:15 PM.

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**LOCATION:** KL Binder Library, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, County Office Building, 244 Fair Street, Kingston, NY

**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Richard Gerentine, Chairman

**LEGISLATIVE STAFF:** Amber Feaster

**PRESENT:** Legislators Laura Petit, Lynn Archer, Tracey Bartels, Craig V. Lopez, Mary Beth Maio, and James F. Maloney

**ABSENT:** Joseph Maloney

**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes

**OTHER ATTENDEES:**

Legislators Jonathan Heppner, Kathy Nolan, Hector Rodriguez, and Brian Woltman; Nicholas Pascale, Legislative Counsel; Kyle Barnett, Legislative Counsel; Chris Ragucci, Minority Counsel; Marc Rider, Deputy County Executive; Ken Crannell, Deputy County Executive; Evan Gallo, Deputy Comptroller; Christopher DeMeo, Director of Internal Audit Control; Tom Kadgen, League of Women Voters; Patricia Doxsey, Daily Freeman; Michael Imber, EisnerAmper; Jerry Ravi, Steve Konecny, Dave Thompson, and Kevin Brady, EisnerAmper (via teleconference)

- **Chairman Gerentine reconvened the meeting at 3:15 PM**

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**Motion No. 2: To enter Executive Session at 3:28 PM** with the following individuals being authorized to join: Legislators Jonathan Heppner, Kathy Nolan, Hector Rodriguez, and Brian Woltman; Legislative Counsel Nicholas Pascal and Kyle Barnett; Minority Counsel Chris Ragucci; and representatives from EisnerAmper, Michael Imber, Jerry Ravi, Steve Konecny, Dave Thompson, and Kevin Brady

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Maloney (James)

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Maio

**Discussion:** Chairman Gerentine introduced EisnerAmper, providing an overview of the services the Organization was hired to perform. Legislative Counsel, Nicholas Pascale provided the reasons Executive Session is required. Discussion pursued on the necessity of Executive Session.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gerentine, Petit, Archer, Bartels, Lopez, Maio, and Maloney (James)

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 3: To exit Executive Session at 3:29 PM**

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Maio

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Maloney (James)

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gerentine, Petit, Archer, Bartels, Lopez, Maio, and Maloney (James)

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 4: To enter Executive Session at 3:29 PM** with the added inclusion of Legislative staff members: Jah Mahler, Deputy Clerk of the Legislature and Amber Feaster, Legislative Fiscal Analyst

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Maloney (James)  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Maio

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gerentine, Petit, Archer, Bartels, Lopez, Maio, and Maloney (James)

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Approved

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Legislator Rodriguez left at 5:15 PM.

Legislator Lopez and Minority Counsel Ragucci left at 5:20 PM.

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**Motion No. 5: To exit Executive Session at 5:28 PM**

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Maloney (James)  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Maio

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gerentine, Petit, Archer, Bartels, Lopez, Maio, and Maloney (James)

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Approved

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Committee members thanked EisnerAmper for all their hard work.

Chairman Gerentine announced that no action was taken during Executive Session.

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**New Business:** None

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**Old Business:** None

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Chairman Gerentine asked if there was any other business or questions. There being no further business before the Committee, a motion was made to adjourn.

### **Adjournment**

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Maio  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Bartels  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 6  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Time:** 5:29 PM

**Respectfully submitted:** Amber Feaster  
**Minutes Approved:** December 11, 2018