



ULSTER COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY BOARD

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County Executive

Eric Kight
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Ulster County Traffic Safety Board

December 4, 2023 Minutes

Location: Ulster County Legislative Chambers

Approved February 5, 2024

<u>Members In Attendance:</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Lou Klepner, Town of Saugerties	Giovanna Russo, MHV School Transp. Supervisors Assoc.
Egido Tinti, City of Kingston Chief of Police	Sgt. Robert Vedder, Ulster County Sheriff's Dept.
Tom Polk, Bicycle Program Dir, Kingston/Ulster YMCA	Robert Lucchesi, Town/Village of New Paltz Chief of Police
Rosemary Quinn, Upstate Regional Rep, Families for Safe Streets/City of Kingston resident	
Steven Rice, Trails Adv. Committee	
Eric Kight, NYCDEP, Chair	
David Corrigan NYSDOT, Vice Chair	
Brendan Masterson, Ulster County DPW Commissioner	
Joseph Sinagra, NYS Assoc. of Chiefs of Police Traffic Safety Board	
<u>Advisory Members</u>	
Brian Slack, Coordinator of Traffic Safety	
Eric Paulding, Ulster County District Attorney's Office Accident Investigation Team	
<u>Guests</u>	
Tanya Garment	
John Grossbohlen	
Kevin Smith	

I. Welcome and Introductions

II. Approval of the November 06, 2023 Draft Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve made by Mr. Rice; second by Mr. Sinagra. No discussion. All in favor/none opposed.
Motion carried.

III. Public Comments

Public comment made by Tanya Garment inquiring about the Ulster County Planning Department's application for Transportation Alternative Program funds for Washington Avenue. Mr. Slack provided a brief update during the UCTC Member Update.

IV. Member Updates

No action items resulted from Member Updates; please refer to audio for detailed member updates.

V. Old Business (Open Items)

- a. Ulster County Bicycle and Pedestrian Policy – no updates
- b. Public Education Subcommittee
 - i. Education and Outreach Proposal to UCTC – Slack
 - 1. No written proposal has been completed at this time; Mr. Slack provided a verbal presentation of the general proposal to the UCTC Policy Committee at the 11/28 meeting; the Policy Committee was initially supportive of the approach.
- c. Bicycle Gardens – Quinn/Russo
 - i. Item to be tabled until new updates are provided
- d. O&W Rail Trail & Washington Avenue, Rte 28 at Shokan Station
 - i. No action; items temporarily resolved at this time and will be tabled until new information provided
- e. Winter Public Safety Message – Slack
 - i. Mr. Slack requested input on a winter safety message; based on input, he will provide a revised final draft for TSB review

VI. New Business

- a. Election of Officers – All
 - i. Nominations will be accepted from the floor for the following positions.
 - 1. Secretary (currently vacant).
 - a. No nominations offered to the floor; position remains vacant
 - 2. Vice Chair (currently D. Corrigan)
 - a. Nomination to reappoint Mr. Corrigan to the position of Vice Chair in 2024 offered by Mr. Rice; second by Ms. Quinn. No discussion; all in favor; none opposed. Motion carried.
 - 3. Chair (currently E. Kight)
 - a. Nomination to reappoint Mr. Kight to the position of Chair in 2024 offered by Mr. Sinagra; second by Ms. Quinn. No discussion; all in favor; none opposed. Motion carried.
- b. 2024 Annual Report – All
 - i. Mr. Slack requested major topics for consideration; he will strive to include an annual summary of traffic safety statistics in this iteration. Draft will be developed in early 2024; Ulster County Charter requires an annual report to be presented to the Legislature and County Executive on or before March 1 of each year
- c. NYS Safe Streets Coalition: Policy on 25MPH Speed Limits – Rosemary Quinn
 - i. Policy paper was presented to the TSB; Ms. Quinn requested that members consider supporting the policy at the next meeting. No action.
- d. NYS Institute of Traffic Safety Management and Research Data – Rosemary Quinn
 - i. Agenda item was tabled due to technical difficulties.
- e. 2024 School Bus Driver of the Year & Charlie Schaller Awards – All
 - i. SBDotY award will be coordinated with Dutchess TSB later in 2024; the Charlie Schaller Award is open to any Ulster County first responder or citizen who has been outstanding in the field of traffic safety.

VII. Other Business

Mr. Slack mentioned that Rhonda Barangan indicated a need to resign her position at UCC as Traffic Safety Coordinator; her family will be moving to Connecticut.

Mr. Slack requested a review of meeting frequency in 2024 and indicated that his work load may not allow him to continue supporting the TSB at the same level of service as in previous months.

VIII. Adjourn

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 8, 2024 due to the New Years Day holiday.

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Mr. Klepner; second by Mr. Sinagra. All in favor (8:05pm)