



Sullivan County

Executive Committee

Meeting Minutes - Final

Chairman Nadia Rajsz
Vice Chairman Joesph Perrello
Committee Member Matt McPhillips
Committee Member Brian McPhillips
Committee Member Nicholas Salomone Jr.
Committee Member Catherine Scott
Committee Member Luis Alvarez
Committee Member Amanda Ward
Committee Member Terry Blosser-Bernardo

Thursday, July 25, 2024

9:00 AM

Government Center

Call To Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Rajsz called the Executive Committee meeting to order at 9:10AM.

Roll Call

Michelle Huck, Robert Freehill, Tom Cawley, Dan Hust, Heather Brown, Ed McAndrew, Nancy Buck, Shannan Armburst, Anna Novello, Julie Diescher, Kathleen Lara

Drescher & Melecki

Star Hesse, Lise Kennedy, Lou Setren, Alex K. Ruby R.

Present: Nadia Rajsz, Joseph Perrello, Matt McPhillips, Brian McPhillips, Nicholas Salomone Jr., Catherine Scott, Luis Alvarez, Amanda Ward and Terry Blosser-Bernardo

Presentation: Drescher & Malecki - Auditors

Drescher & Malecki Audit Results

[ID-6652](#)

Attachments: [Drescher & Malecki](#)

Public Comment

Lise Kennedy public comment

[ID-6653](#)

Attachments: [lisekennedypubcommjuly25](#)

Resolutions:

1. Amend the Rules of the Legislature

[ID-6121](#)

Attachments: [legrules2024 red lined](#)

A motion was made by District 5 Legislator Catherine Scott, seconded by District 1 Legislator Matt McPhillips, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 7/25/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chairman Rajs, Vice Chairman Perrello, District 1 Legislator McPhillips, District 3 Legislator McPhillips, District 4 Legislator Salomone, District 5 Legislator Scott, District 6 Legislator Alvarez, District 8 Legislator Ward and District 9 Legislator Blosser-Bernardo

2. RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO ESTABLISH A REPORTING CRIMINAL CHARGES AND CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS POLICY [ID-6520](#)

Attachments: [Reporting Criminal Charges and Convictions Policy](#)

Cat Scott moved to approve, seconded by Matt McPhillips for discussion. After a brief discussion, Chair Rajs called the question on the resolution, resolution FAILS 1-8 with Matt McPhillips, Nadia Rajs, Brian McPhillips, Nicholas Salomone, Catherine Scott, Luis Alvarez, Joseph Perrello and Amanda Ward opposed.

A motion was made by District 5 Legislator Catherine Scott, seconded by District 1 Legislator Matt McPhillips, that this Resolution be denied. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chairman Rajs, Vice Chairman Perrello, District 1 Legislator McPhillips, District 3 Legislator McPhillips, District 4 Legislator Salomone, District 5 Legislator Scott, District 6 Legislator Alvarez and District 8 Legislator Ward

Nay: District 9 Legislator Blosser-Bernardo

3. The Legislative Discretionary Funding program is designed to assist Sullivan County and County-oriented entities with achieving such goals as public safety, public health, youth services, community development, and economic development [ID-6542](#)

A motion was made by District 1 Legislator Matt McPhillips, seconded by District 4 Legislator Nicholas Salomone Jr., that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 7/25/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chairman Rajs, Vice Chairman Perrello, District 1 Legislator McPhillips, District 3 Legislator McPhillips, District 4 Legislator Salomone, District 5 Legislator Scott, District 6 Legislator Alvarez and District 9 Legislator Blosser-Bernardo

Abstain: District 8 Legislator Ward

4. To continue with a more restrictive Bonus Payment for the Adult Care Center employees through December 31, 2024 who volunteer to pick up additional shifts during specific days/times and to amend Resolution No. 416-23 to change the period of time ending August 1, 2024. [ID-6543](#)

A motion was made by District 5 Legislator Catherine Scott, seconded by District 1 Legislator Matt McPhillips, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 7/25/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chairman Rajs, Vice Chairman Perrello, District 1 Legislator McPhillips, District 3 Legislator McPhillips, District 4 Legislator Salomone, District 5 Legislator Scott, District 6 Legislator Alvarez, District 8 Legislator Ward and District 9 Legislator Blosser-Bernardo

- 5. Adopt the Strategic Plan for Sullivan County, specifically targeting 2025 and 2026 [ID-6557](#)

Attachments: [2024 Strategic PlanB&W](#)

A motion was made by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, seconded by District 1 Legislator Matt McPhillips, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 7/25/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chairman Rajs, Vice Chairman Perrello, District 1 Legislator McPhillips, District 3 Legislator McPhillips, District 4 Legislator Salomone, District 5 Legislator Scott, District 6 Legislator Alvarez, District 8 Legislator Ward and District 9 Legislator Blosser-Bernardo

- 6. Set Public Hearing for August 15, 2024 at 10:10AM to Amend the Ethics Law [ID-6564](#)

A motion was made by District 1 Legislator Matt McPhillips, seconded by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 7/25/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chairman Rajs, Vice Chairman Perrello, District 1 Legislator McPhillips, District 3 Legislator McPhillips, District 4 Legislator Salomone, District 5 Legislator Scott, District 6 Legislator Alvarez, District 8 Legislator Ward and District 9 Legislator Blosser-Bernardo

7. RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO AUTHORIZE FORMER OWNERS TO REPURCHASE PARCELS

[ID-6602](#)

WHEREAS, the County of Sullivan filed a judgment of foreclosure on various parcels by virtue of tax foreclosure proceedings dated the 2nd day of May, 2024 and recorded in the Sullivan County Clerk's Office on the 6th day of May, 2024 as Instrument #2024-118; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Resolution of the Sullivan County Legislature passed on March 21, 2024 as Resolution #179-24, the County has received applications requesting certain parcels on Schedule "A" attached hereto, be reacquired by the former owner(s) in consideration for the amount of delinquent taxes, interest and penalties; and

WHEREAS, once a court order is executed, the County's judgment on the parcels indicated on Schedule "A" will be removed and any and all liens upon the parcels on Schedule "A" shall be reinstated, nunc pro tunc.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Sullivan County Legislature hereby approves the repurchases of the properties listed on Schedule "A" for the total sum of the delinquent taxes, interest, and penalties.

Attachments: [2024 Repurchase 1](#)

A motion was made by District 5 Legislator Catherine Scott, seconded by Vice Chairman Joseph Perrello, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 7/25/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chairman Rajs, Vice Chairman Perrello, District 1 Legislator McPhillips, District 3 Legislator McPhillips, District 4 Legislator Salomone, District 5 Legislator Scott, District 6 Legislator Alvarez, District 8 Legislator Ward and District 9 Legislator Blosser-Bernardo

8. To accept LGRMIF grant and expend funds

[ID-6606](#)

A motion was made by District 5 Legislator Catherine Scott, seconded by Vice Chairman Joseph Perrello, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 7/25/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chairman Rajs, Vice Chairman Perrello, District 1 Legislator McPhillips, District 3 Legislator McPhillips, District 4 Legislator Salomone, District 5 Legislator Scott, District 6 Legislator Alvarez, District 8 Legislator Ward and District 9 Legislator Blosser-Bernardo

9. Set Public Hearing 8/15/24 at 9:50AM for a Local Law amending the County's Installment Agreement Law

[ID-6610](#)

A motion was made by District 5 Legislator Catherine Scott, seconded by District 1 Legislator Matt McPhillips, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 7/25/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chairman Rajsz, Vice Chairman Perrello, District 1 Legislator McPhillips, District 3 Legislator McPhillips, District 4 Legislator Salomone, District 5 Legislator Scott, District 6 Legislator Alvarez, District 8 Legislator Ward and District 9 Legislator Blosser-Bernardo

10. Set Public Hearing for 8/15/24 at 10:00AM for a Local Law amending the County's sale of real property law [ID-6611](#)

A motion was made by District 5 Legislator Catherine Scott, seconded by District 1 Legislator Matt McPhillips, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 7/25/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chairman Rajsz, Vice Chairman Perrello, District 1 Legislator McPhillips, District 3 Legislator McPhillips, District 4 Legislator Salomone, District 5 Legislator Scott, District 6 Legislator Alvarez, District 8 Legislator Ward and District 9 Legislator Blosser-Bernardo

11. Authorizes execution of an agreement with Sullivan-Warwarsing REAP Zone Board to provide funding to offset the Sullivan-Warwarsing REAP Zone Board expenses. [ID-6613](#)

A motion was made by District 5 Legislator Catherine Scott, seconded by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 7/25/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chairman Rajsz, Vice Chairman Perrello, District 1 Legislator McPhillips, District 3 Legislator McPhillips, District 4 Legislator Salomone, District 5 Legislator Scott, District 6 Legislator Alvarez, District 8 Legislator Ward and District 9 Legislator Blosser-Bernardo

12. To apply for and accept the New York State Department of Local Government Services NY SWIMS Lifeguard Grant program and to enter into contract with local municipalities within Sullivan County that provide public swimming areas. [ID-6614](#)

A motion was made by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, seconded by District 1 Legislator Matt McPhillips, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 7/25/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chairman Rajsz, Vice Chairman Perrello, District 1 Legislator McPhillips, District 3 Legislator McPhillips, District 4 Legislator Salomone, District 5 Legislator Scott, District 6 Legislator Alvarez, District 8 Legislator Ward and District 9 Legislator Blosser-Bernardo

13. The Neversink Crossing project is located in the Town of Fallsburg and was identified as a priority project in the 2019 feasibility study conducted for the O&W Rail Trail. With \$2.66 million in Federal, State and private funds secured to support the project and an estimated construction cost of \$3.2 million, a funding gap of approximately \$550,000 must be addressed before the project can move forward. This resolution commits Sullivan County to provide the funds needed to cover the gap. [ID-6615](#)

A motion was made by District 1 Legislator Matt McPhillips, seconded by District 5 Legislator Catherine Scott, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 7/25/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chairman Rajs, Vice Chairman Perrello, District 1 Legislator McPhillips, District 3 Legislator McPhillips, District 4 Legislator Salomone, District 5 Legislator Scott, District 6 Legislator Alvarez, District 8 Legislator Ward and District 9 Legislator Blosser-Bernardo

14. RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO AUTHORIZE AN AGREEMENT WITH PUBLIC EMPLOYER RISK MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION (PERMA) AS A THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATOR FOR WORKERS' COMPENSATION ADMINISTRATION [ID-6616](#)

A motion was made by District 5 Legislator Catherine Scott, seconded by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 7/25/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chairman Rajs, Vice Chairman Perrello, District 1 Legislator McPhillips, District 3 Legislator McPhillips, District 4 Legislator Salomone, District 5 Legislator Scott, District 6 Legislator Alvarez, District 8 Legislator Ward and District 9 Legislator Blosser-Bernardo

15. RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO AMEND RESOLUTION 458-23 RATIFYING A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF SULLIVAN, SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF, AND THE SULLIVAN COUNTY PATROLMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION [ID-6617](#)

Attachments: [Attachment A - MOA - Promotional Pay - 7.15.24](#)

A motion was made by District 5 Legislator Catherine Scott, seconded by District 6 Legislator Luis Alvarez, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 7/25/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chairman Rajs, Vice Chairman Perrello, District 1 Legislator McPhillips, District 3 Legislator McPhillips, District 4 Legislator Salomone, District 5 Legislator Scott, District 6 Legislator Alvarez, District 8 Legislator Ward and District 9 Legislator Blosser-Bernardo

16. Resolution to authorize the County Manager to execute a Modification Agreement with Chianis + Anderson Architects, PLLC for additional scope of work for Housing Gateway Center funding application [ID-6619](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Joseph Perrello, seconded by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 7/25/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chairman Rajs, Vice Chairman Perrello, District 1 Legislator McPhillips, District 3 Legislator McPhillips, District 4 Legislator Salomone, District 5 Legislator Scott, District 6 Legislator Alvarez, District 8 Legislator Ward and District 9 Legislator Blosser-Bernardo

17. To authorize award to recipient through the Legislative Discretionary Funding Program. [ID-6623](#)

A motion was made by District 5 Legislator Catherine Scott, seconded by District 4 Legislator Nicholas Salomone Jr., that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 7/25/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chairman Rajs, Vice Chairman Perrello, District 1 Legislator McPhillips, District 3 Legislator McPhillips, District 4 Legislator Salomone, District 5 Legislator Scott, District 6 Legislator Alvarez, District 8 Legislator Ward and District 9 Legislator Blosser-Bernardo

18. To temporarily amend Resolution No. 129-11 regarding the transfer of accrued time from one employee to another to whole days. [ID-6625](#)

Cat Scott moved to amend by adding "hour for an hour", seconded by Matt McPhillips. Chair Rajs called the question on the amendment, all in favor 9-0, and on the resolution as amended, all in favor 9-0.

A motion was made by District 5 Legislator Catherine Scott, seconded by District 1 Legislator Matt McPhillips, that this Resolution be carried at Committee as Amended to the County Legislature. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chairman Rajs, Vice Chairman Perrello, District 1 Legislator McPhillips, District 3 Legislator McPhillips, District 4 Legislator Salomone, District 5 Legislator Scott, District 6 Legislator Alvarez, District 8 Legislator Ward and District 9 Legislator Blosser-Bernardo

19. Rescind Resolution No. 282-24 and Amend Resolution No. 325-24 (referred from Man & Bud) [ID-6629](#)

After much discussion, the Executive Committee concurred to refer this resolution back to Management and Budget. Please see video for details.

A motion was made by District 5 Legislator Catherine Scott, seconded by District 8 Legislator Amanda Ward, that this Resolution be referred to Committee to the Management & Budget Committee meeting on 8/8/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chairman Rajs, Vice Chairman Perrello, District 1 Legislator McPhillips, District 3 Legislator McPhillips, District 4 Legislator Salomone, District 5 Legislator Scott, District 6 Legislator Alvarez, District 8 Legislator Ward and District 9 Legislator Blosser-Bernardo

20. Appoint Joseph Perrello to the IDA Board [ID-6630](#)

After a brief discussion, the Executive Committee concurred to put this on next month's Executive Committee agenda.

A motion was made by District 8 Legislator Amanda Ward, seconded by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, that this Resolution be referred to Committee to the Executive Committee meeting on 8/15/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chairman Rajs, Vice Chairman Perrello, District 1 Legislator McPhillips, District 3 Legislator McPhillips, District 4 Legislator Salomone, District 5 Legislator Scott, District 6 Legislator Alvarez, District 8 Legislator Ward and District 9 Legislator Blosser-Bernardo

21. Amend Resolution No. 288-24 [ID-6633](#)

A motion was made by District 9 Legislator Terry Blosser-Bernardo, seconded by District 5 Legislator Catherine Scott, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 7/25/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chairman Rajs, Vice Chairman Perrello, District 1 Legislator McPhillips, District 3 Legislator McPhillips, District 4 Legislator Salomone, District 5 Legislator Scott, District 6 Legislator Alvarez and District 8 Legislator Ward

Nay: District 9 Legislator Blosser-Bernardo

22. Authorize contract with SCVA for providing tourism events and transportation services for the County of Sullivan for the Fall 2024 NYSAC Conference as the host county. [ID-6641](#)

A motion was made by District 5 Legislator Catherine Scott, seconded by District 6 Legislator Luis Alvarez, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 7/25/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chairman Rajs, Vice Chairman Perrello, District 1 Legislator McPhillips, District 3 Legislator McPhillips, District 4 Legislator Salomone, District 5 Legislator Scott, District 6 Legislator Alvarez, District 8 Legislator Ward and District 9 Legislator Blosser-Bernardo

Chamber Board Member Les Kristt introduced the new President/CEO of the Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce, Ashley Leavitt.

At this point, Chair Rajs presented Certificates of Special Recognition to the following Beauty Pageant winners see attached.

List of Beauty Pageant Winners

[ID-6654](#)

Attachments: [beauty Pageant List](#)

Executive Session

Cat Scott moved to go into Executive Session at 10:47AM to discuss the performance of a particular employee, seconded by Joseph Perrello, all in favor 9--0.

Matt McPhillips moved to come out of Executive Session at 10:53AM, seconded by Nicholas Salomone all in favor.

Adjourn

The Executive Committee reconvened at 10:46AM.

There being no further business, Cat Scott moved to adjourn, seconded by Matt McPhillips. The Executive Committee adjourned at 10:56AM.