



Sullivan County

County Legislature

Meeting Minutes - Final

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

Thursday, May 15, 2025

10:30 AM

Government Center

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Rajsz called the Full Board Meeting to order at 10:56AM.

Roll Call of Legislators

Present:

- Chairman Nadia Rajsz
- Vice Chairman Joseph Perrello
- District 1 Legislator Matt McPhillips
- District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips
- District 5 Legislator Catherine Scott
- District 4 Legislator Nicholas Salomone Jr.
- District 8 Legislator Amanda Ward
- District 9 Legislator Terry Blosser-Bernardo
- District 6 Legislator Luis Alvarez

Presentations - LGBTQIA2S+ Pride Month**SULLIVAN COUNTY LEGISLATIVE
PROCLAMATION****Proclamation Designating June as LGBTQIA2S+ Pride Month**

Whereas, the Legislature of the County of Sullivan recognizes the right of every citizen to experience equality and freedom from discrimination; and

Whereas, all people regardless of age, race, creed, color, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, military status, sex, marital status, or disability have the right to be treated on the basis of their intrinsic value as human beings; and

Whereas, the County of Sullivan welcomes people of diverse backgrounds and believes a diverse population leads to a more vibrant and accepting community; and

Whereas, the County of Sullivan commits to advocating for a fair and equitable society, free from institutional injustice, prejudice, bigotry, and bias, and to foster a society that allows individuals to freely display their personal expression and identity; and

Whereas, the County of Sullivan commits to support and uplift the LGBTQIA2S+ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and/or Gender Expansive, Queer and/or Questioning, Intersex, Asexual, Two-Spirit and others who self identify) community every day of the year; and

Whereas, the County of Sullivan condemns the rise in acts of violence against the LGBTQIA2S+ community and the increasing attacks on the rights and freedoms of the LGBTQIA2S+ community across our country; and

Whereas, each year the month of June represents LGBTQIA2S+ Pride Month to honor the June 28, 1969 Stonewall Uprising and the work of Marsha P. Johnson, Sylvia Rivera, Stormé DeLarverie and other LGBTQIA2S+ activists and to celebrate the accomplishments and contributions of the LGBTQIA2S+ community; and

Whereas, to acknowledge the efforts to bring awareness to the LGBTQIA2S+ community the County of Sullivan will display the Progress Pride Flag at the Sullivan County Government Center for the month of June; and

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that the Legislature of the County of Sullivan does hereby proclaim June 2025 LGBTQIA2S+ Pride Month in Sullivan County and affirms its commitment of support to the LGBTQIA2S+ community.

Dated: May 15, 2025

Nadia Rajs, Chair
Sullivan County Legislature

Catherine Scott, Chair
Health and Human Services Committee

Communications**APRIL AND MAY 2025 COMMUNICATIONS**

Records Destruction Notifications in accordance with LGS-01 filed by the following departments:

Center for Workforce dated March 13th
Human Resources dated March 24th
Probation Department dated March 31st
OFA RSVP dated April 30th
Foster Care/Preventive Care dated April 4th
Public Health dated April 8th
DFS Children's Services dated April 8th
CPS/APS/HEAP dated April 9th
DSS Child Support dated April 10th
Foster Care/Preventive Care dated April 10th
DSS Contracts/Accounting dated April 14th
TA/SNAP/MA/CC Units dated April 14th
Risk Management dated April 15th
Preventive care dated April 15th
Foster Care dated April 15th
OFA/RSVP dated April 15th
Human Resources dated April 15th
APS dated April 17th
Audit and Control dated April 18th
Risk Management dated April 21st
Services Department dated April 21st
County Clerk dated April 21st
Foster Care/Preventive Care/APS dated April 28th
Probation Department dated April 28th
DMV dated April 28th
Community Services dated April 29th
CPS/APS/HEAP dated April 29th
OFA/RSVP dated May 2nd
Public Health dated May 2nd
DFS Accounting/SIU/Contracts dated May 9th
TA/SNAP/MA/CC Units dated May 12th

Letter dated April 21st from Sullivan County Visitors Association announcing the appointment of Michael Martelon as their new President and Chief Executive Officer

Memorandum dated April 23rd from Julie Diescher, Commissioner of HR/Personnel Officer regarding Rules for the Classified Civil Services of the County of Sullivan

Public Hearing Notice dated May 7th, from the Town of Mamakating regarding a local law entitled “Adding Permitted Uses to IC Zoning District and Economic Zone Overlay Districts”

Copy of Resolution 89-25 adopted by the Greene County Legislature opposing NYS Governor Hochul’s Executive Order #47.3 concerning county hiring of former employees of NYS Dept of Corrections & Community Supervision

Public Comment

1. Ken Walter made a public comment.

Resolutions

1. Resolution Introduced by the Economic Development Committee to [ID-7416](#)
Authorize an Agreement with the Workforce Development Board for One
Stop Operator Services.

Catherine Scott moved Resolutions !1-#5 in a block, seconded by Matt McPhillips, 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 adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Rajs, Perrello, McPhillips, McPhillips, Scott, Salomone, Ward,
Blosser-Bernardo, and Alvarez
Enactment No: 217-25

2. TO ADOPT AN AMENDED AND RESTATED DEPARTMENT OF [ID-7418](#)
GRANTS ADMINISTRATION - GRANTS BEST PRACTICES GUIDE
AND RESCIND RESOLUTION NO. 103-24

Attachments: [2025 REVISED Sullivan County Grants Best Practices Guide](#)

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

Aye: Rajs, Perrello, McPhillips, McPhillips, Scott, Salomone, Ward,
Blosser-Bernardo, and Alvarez
Enactment No: 218-25

3. TO ADOPT THE SULLIVAN COUNTY AFFIRMATIVELY [ID-7419](#)
FURTHERING FAIR HOUSING PLAN

Attachments: [Sullivan County AFFH Plan](#)

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

Aye: Rajs, Perrello, McPhillips, McPhillips, Scott, Salomone, Ward,
Blosser-Bernardo, and Alvarez
Enactment No: 219-25

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4. To authorize a MOU between the Department of Community Services and the Sullivan BOCES Restart program for Toxicology Testing. [ID-7424](#)

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

Aye: Rajs, Perrello, McPhillips, McPhillips, Scott, Salomone, Ward,
Blosser-Bernardo, and Alvarez
Enactment No: 220-25

5. To authorize the Child Advocacy Center to accept a donation of supplies. [ID-7431](#)

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

Aye: Rajs, Perrello, McPhillips, McPhillips, Scott, Salomone, Ward,
Blosser-Bernardo, and Alvarez
Enactment No: 221-25

6. Set Public Hearing for June 19, 2025 at 10:15AM for long-term lease of County Owned property [ID-7435](#)

Catherine Scott moved to approve, seconded by Matt McPhillips.

Terry Blosser-Bernardo Rule 40, seconded by Nicholas Salomone., overruled 7-2 by a Roll Call Vote (Blosser-Bernardo and Salomone)

After a lengthy discussion there was a Roll Call Vote to set the public hearing, resolution failed 1 to 8 with Catherine Scott solely in favor of this resolution.

7. To adopt guidelines for the Remove Unsafe Structures (RUSSt) Program. [ID-7438](#)

Attachments: [RUSSt Guidelines \(2025\) Final.docx](#)

Amanda Ward moved Resolutions #7-#22 in a block, seconded by Brian McPhillips, all in favor 9-0.

A motion was made by District 8 Legislator Amanda Ward, seconded by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Rajs, Perrello, McPhillips, McPhillips, Scott, Salomone, Ward,
Blosser-Bernardo, and Alvarez
Enactment No: 222-25

8. To Amend Resolution # 187-25 to include extension and grant amount awarded [ID-7443](#)

A motion was made by District 8 Legislator Amanda Ward, seconded by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Rajs, Perrello, McPhillips, McPhillips, Scott, Salomone, Ward,
Blosser-Bernardo, and Alvarez

Enactment No: 223-25

9. To authorize the County Manager to enter into a contract amendment with the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services and modification agreements with Sullivan Legal Aid Panel, Inc., Sullivan County Conflict Legal Aid, Inc; and personnel changes in accordance with the second Statewide Expansion of Hurrell-Harring settlement agreement reforms. [ID-7412](#)

A motion was made by District 8 Legislator Amanda Ward, seconded by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Rajs, Perrello, McPhillips, McPhillips, Scott, Salomone, Ward, Blosser-Bernardo, and Alvarez
Enactment No: 224-25

10. To adopt an Employee Notification of Disciplinary Records Request under FOIL Policy for the County of Sullivan. [ID-7415](#)

Attachments: [Sullivan County Policy on Employee Notification of Disciplinary Records.pdf](#)

A motion was made by District 8 Legislator Amanda Ward, seconded by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Rajs, Perrello, McPhillips, McPhillips, Scott, Salomone, Ward, Blosser-Bernardo, and Alvarez
Enactment No: 225-25

11. To Modify the 2025 Budget [ID-7447](#)

Attachments: [April 30 2025 Resolution Needed](#)

A motion was made by District 8 Legislator Amanda Ward, seconded by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Rajs, Perrello, McPhillips, McPhillips, Scott, Salomone, Ward, Blosser-Bernardo, and Alvarez
Enactment No: 226-25

12. 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-7437](#)

A motion was made by District 8 Legislator Amanda Ward, seconded by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Rajs, Perrello, McPhillips, McPhillips, Scott, Salomone, Ward, Blosser-Bernardo, and Alvarez
Enactment No: 227-25

- 13. RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PREPARATION OF A GRANT APPLICATION UNDER THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY & EMERGENCY SERVICES - OFFICE OF INTEROPERABLE AND EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS 2024-2025 STATEWIDE INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS TARGETED GRANT (SICTG) PROGRAM.** [ID-7442](#)

A motion was made by District 8 Legislator Amanda Ward, seconded by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Rajs, Perrello, McPhillips, McPhillips, Scott, Salomone, Ward, Blosser-Bernardo, and Alvarez
Enactment No: 228-25

- 14. RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO AMEND RESOLUTION 114-25 TO INCLUDE A CONTRACT PERIOD** [ID-7446](#)

A motion was made by District 8 Legislator Amanda Ward, seconded by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Rajs, Perrello, McPhillips, McPhillips, Scott, Salomone, Ward, Blosser-Bernardo, and Alvarez
Enactment No: 229-25

- 15. To Authorize the County Manager to enter into an Inter-Municipal Agreement with Orange County to accept Sullivan County's portion of the FY22 Hazardous Materials Grant Program Award from NYS DHSES** [ID-7452](#)

A motion was made by District 8 Legislator Amanda Ward, seconded by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Rajs, Perrello, McPhillips, McPhillips, Scott, Salomone, Ward, Blosser-Bernardo, and Alvarez
Enactment No: 230-25

- 16. To Authorize the County Manager to enter into an Inter-Municipal Agreement with Orange County to accept Sullivan County's portion of the FY21 Hazardous Materials Grant Program Award from NYS DHSES** [ID-7453](#)

A motion was made by District 8 Legislator Amanda Ward, seconded by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Rajs, Perrello, McPhillips, McPhillips, Scott, Salomone, Ward, Blosser-Bernardo, and Alvarez
Enactment No: 231-25

17. Authorize potential employees for Sheriff's Office Corrections Unit to receive credit for up to 10 years' experience for retiree health insurance [ID-7454](#)

A motion was made by District 8 Legislator Amanda Ward, seconded by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Rajs, Perrello, McPhillips, McPhillips, Scott, Salomone, Ward, Blosser-Bernardo, and Alvarez
Enactment No: 232-25

18. Authorize Contract with NYSOCFS to accept grant monies for the Healthy Families Program [ID-7455](#)

A motion was made by District 8 Legislator Amanda Ward, seconded by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Rajs, Perrello, McPhillips, McPhillips, Scott, Salomone, Ward, Blosser-Bernardo, and Alvarez
Enactment No: 233-25

19. Authorize contract modification with Seniorcare. [ID-7456](#)

A motion was made by District 8 Legislator Amanda Ward, seconded by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Rajs, Perrello, McPhillips, McPhillips, Scott, Salomone, Ward, Blosser-Bernardo, and Alvarez
Enactment No: 234-25

20. RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PREPARATION OF A GRANT APPLICATION UNDER THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY & EMERGENCY SERVICES - OFFICE OF INTEROPERABLE AND EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS 2025 NEXT GENERATION 911 (NG911) GRANT PROGRAM. [ID-7430](#)

A motion was made by District 8 Legislator Amanda Ward, seconded by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Rajs, Perrello, McPhillips, McPhillips, Scott, Salomone, Ward, Blosser-Bernardo, and Alvarez
Enactment No: 235-25

21. Amend Resolution #458-24 and authorize modification agreement with Deckard Technologies, Inc. [ID-7457](#)

Attachments: [IMG 4688](#)

A motion was made by District 8 Legislator Amanda Ward, seconded by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Rajs, Perrello, McPhillips, McPhillips, Scott, Salomone, Ward,
Blosser-Bernardo, and Alvarez
Enactment No: 236-25

22. To amend Resolution # 194-25 to award Garnet Health Doctors the RFP for Medical Consultant and include amount authorized [ID-7458](#)
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A motion was made by District 8 Legislator Amanda Ward, seconded by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Rajs, Perrello, McPhillips, McPhillips, Scott, Salomone, Ward,
Blosser-Bernardo, and Alvarez
Enactment No: 237-25

Recognition of Legislators

Announcements from Chair

Adjournment or Close

There being no further business, Amanda Ward moved to adjourn, seconded by Matt McPhillips. The Regular Full Board meeting adjourned at 11:43am