



Sullivan County

Human Resources Committee

Meeting Minutes - Final

Chair Amanda Ward
Vice Chair Brian McPhillips
Committee Member Terry Blosser-Bernardo
Committee Member Catherine Scott
Committee Member Luis Alvarez

Thursday, August 13, 2026

9:00 AM

Government Center

Call To Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Ward called the Human Resources Committee Meeting to order at 9:06am.

Roll Call

Present: Amanda Ward, Brian McPhillips, Catherine Scott and Luis Alvarez

Arrived Late: Terry Blosser-Bernardo

Comments:

Parliamentarian Sharon Jankiewicz made a comment regarding the decorum of the meetings.

At this point, Terry Blosser-Bernardo joined the meeting at 9:12am.

Matt McPhillips, Joe Perrello, Nadia Rajs, Nicholas Salomone

Joshua Potosek, Michelle Bowers, Dan Hust, Robert Freehill, Sharon Jankiewicz, Heather Brown, Julie Diescher, Russell Reeves

Ken Walter, Lise Kennedy, Judy Balaban, Wendy Brown, Matt from the Democrat and Patrick from River Reporter

Reports:

1. Division of Human Resources

Commissioner Julie Diescher gave an update on the Division of Human Resources.

Discussion:

Public Comment

1. Ken Walter made a public comment.
2. Wendy Brown made a public comment
3. Lise Kennedy made a public comment
4. Judy Balaban made a public comment.

Lise Kennedy August Human Resources Comment

[ID-8602](#)

Attachments: [lisekennedy HR public comment](#)

Resolutions:

Brian McPhillips moved Resolutions #1 and #2 in a block, seconded by Luis Alvarez, all in favor 5-0.

1. RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY THE HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE TO RECLASSIFY A POSITION IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING [ID-8570](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Brian McPhillips, seconded by District 6 Legislator Luis Alvarez, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 8/20/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chairwoman Ward, Vice Chairman McPhillips, District 9 Legislator
 Blosser-Bernardo, District 5 Legislator Scott and District 6 Legislator
 Alvarez

2. TO AUTHORIZE PARTICIPATION IN THE SUNY SULLIVAN FEDERAL WORK-STUDY PROGRAM TO SUPPORT WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, TALENT PIPELINE DEVELOPMENT, AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT [ID-8577](#)

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Aye: Chairwoman Ward, Vice Chairman McPhillips, District 9 Legislator
 Blosser-Bernardo, District 5 Legislator Scott and District 6 Legislator
 Alvarez

Adjourn

There being no further business, Catherine Scott moved to adjourn, seconded by Luis Alvarez. The Human Resources Committee adjourned at 9:38am