



# 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

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Thursday, March 20, 2025

9:00 AM

Government Center

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#### Call To Order and Pledge of Allegiance

#### Roll Call

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

#### Reports:

Amanda Ward and Joseph Perrello asked for a Moment of Silence for Harold Gold who recently passed away.

AnnMarie Martin asked for a Moment of Silence for Harvey Smith, a Super Commissioner who retired from the County, who passed away on March 7, 2025.

Nadia Rajsz made a comment at this time regarding the Corrections Officers.

#### Discussion:- Tourism Sector Enhancement Grant Program Guidelines

After much discussion, the four members of the committee will be Matt McPhillips, Catherine Scott, Amanda Ward and Terry Bernardo.

#### Public Comment

1. Ken Walter made a public comment.
2. Star Hesse made a public comment.
3. Rebekah Creschkoff made a public comment.
4. Eric Feinblatt made a public comment.
5. Karen Meneghin made a public comment.

Ken W. comment [ID-7334](#)

**Attachments:** [Ken W. comment](#)

Karen M. comment [ID-7335](#)

**Attachments:** [KarenM comment](#)

Rebekah K. comment [ID-7336](#)

**Attachments:** [Public comment 3-20-25 SC Leg. Exec Comm mtg](#)

Eric Feinblatt public comment. [ID-7339](#)

**Attachments:** [Eric F comment](#)

### Resolutions:

1. TO AUTHORIZE A STIPEND TO VOLUNTEER(S) FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF HIICAP COUNSELING [ID-7206](#)

**Sponsors:** Office for the Aging and Deoul

A motion was made by District 4 Legislator Nicholas Salomone Jr., seconded by District 1 Legislator Matt McPhillips, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 3/20/2025. 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  
Enactment No: 136-25

2. To adopt the Tourism Sector Enhancement Grant Program and Guidelines. [ID-7216](#)

**Attachments:** [Final Tourism Sector Enhancement Grant Program Complete Packet](#)

Matt McPhillips moved for discussion, seconded by Amanda Ward.. Joseph Perrello moved to amend by adding a fourth Legislator and should be a non-reimbursable grant. Chair Rajs called the question on the amendment, 8-1 with Catherine Scott opposed. Chair Rajs called the question on the resolution as amended 8-1 with Catherine Scott opposed.

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 3/20/2025. 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  
Enactment No: 137-25

3. Proclaim April as Donate Life Month [ID-7261](#)

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 3/20/2025. 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  
Enactment No: 138-25

4. Appoint Pamela Murran as Election Commissioner effective April 26, 2025 [ID-7264](#)

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A motion was made by Vice Chairman Joseph Perrello, seconded by District 4 Legislator Nicholas Salomone Jr., that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 3/20/2025. 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  
Enactment No: 139-25

5. Set Public Hearing for April 24, 2025 at 10:20AM for a proposed amendment to Chapter 170 of the Administrative Code [ID-7295](#)

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 3/20/2025. 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  
Enactment No: 140-25

6. Authorize the Electronic Poll Book Grant Program Contract [ID-7287](#)

Catherine Scott moved resolutions #6, #7, and #8 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 carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 3/20/2025. 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  
Enactment No: 141-25

7. Authorize the 2024 General Election Grant Program Contract [ID-7288](#)

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 3/20/2025. 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  
Enactment No: 142-25

8. Authorize the Ballot By Mail Grant Program Contract [ID-7289](#)

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 3/20/2025. 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  
Enactment No: 143-25

9. To modify resolution no. 459-24 [ID-7297](#)

A motion was made by District 8 Legislator Amanda Ward, seconded by District 4 Legislator Nicholas Salomone Jr., that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 3/20/2025. 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  
Enactment No: 144-25

10. Resolution introduced by the Executive Committee to authorize the submission and execution of a New York State Department of Transportation (NYS DOT) Zero-Emission Transit Transmission (ZETT) Program application, to accept the funding if secured and enter into an award agreement with NYS DOT. [ID-7298](#)

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 3/20/2025. 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  
Enactment No: 145-25

11. Appoint Joseph Smith to the Electrical Licensing Board to fill the unexpired term of BJ Gettel [ID-7299](#)

A motion was made by District 6 Legislator Luis Alvarez, seconded by District 1 Legislator Matt McPhillips, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 3/20/2025. 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  
Enactment No: 146-25

12. To Amend Resolution No. 401-24 [ID-7303](#)

A motion was made by District 5 Legislator Catherine Scott, seconded by District 8 Legislator Amanda Ward, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 3/20/2025. 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  
Enactment No: 147-25

13. Sullivan County has identified an infrastructure project consisting of two components at the Sullivan County International Airport that would upgrade drainage, improve visibility, beautify, enhance safety and maintain the integrity of the airport roadway entrance, and procure a Ground Power Unit which will reduce emissions and improve sustainability, attract jet traffic and expand airport operations. [ID-7304](#)

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 3/20/2025. 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  
Enactment No: 148-25

14. Resolution introduced by the Executive Committee to appoint members of the Sullivan County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board. [ID-7305](#)

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 3/20/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Chairman Rajs, Vice Chairman Perrello, 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

**Abstain:** District 1 Legislator McPhillips  
Enactment No: 149-25

15. Resolution introduced by the Executive Committee to appoint members of the Sullivan County Land Bank Corporation Board. [ID-7306](#)

A motion was made by District 5 Legislator Catherine Scott, seconded by District 8 Legislator Amanda Ward, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 3/20/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Chairman Rajasz, Vice Chairman Perrello, District 3 Legislator McPhillips, District 5 Legislator Scott, District 6 Legislator Alvarez, District 8 Legislator Ward and District 9 Legislator Blosser-Bernardo

**Abstain:** District 1 Legislator McPhillips and District 4 Legislator Salomone  
Enactment No: 150-25

16. To support the February 2025 NYSAC Resolutions [ID-7308](#)

**Attachments:** [NYSAC Resolution Packet](#)

A motion was made by District 6 Legislator Luis Alvarez, seconded by District 5 Legislator Catherine Scott, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 3/20/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Chairman Rajasz, 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  
Enactment No: 151-25

17. To add Municipal Cleanup Tonnage to the Village of Ateres [ID-7309](#)

**Attachments:** [2025 Tonnage Allocation](#)

A motion was made by District 8 Legislator Amanda Ward, seconded by Vice Chairman Joseph Perrello, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 3/20/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Chairman Rajasz, 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  
Enactment No: 152-25

18. To authorize the creation of three (3) temporary Deputy Sheriff positions and two (2) School Resource Officer (SRO) positions within the Sheriff's Office. [ID-7311](#)

Catherine Scott moved to amend by changing the name of the school district to Rockland Central School District, seconded by Luis Alvarez in all favor 9-0 of the amendment and all in favor 9-0 of the resolution as amended.

A motion was made by District 5 Legislator Catherine Scott, seconded by District 6 Legislator Luis Alvarez, that this Resolution be carried at Committee as Amended to the County Legislature meeting on 3/20/2025. 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  
Enactment No: 153-25

- 19. TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE ROCKLAND CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AND MONTICELLO SCHOOL DISTRICT TO PROVIDE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS** [ID-7310](#)

Luis Alvarez moved, seconded by Brian McPhillips. Brian McPhillips moved to amend by changing the name of the school district to the Rockland Central School District, seconded by Catherine Scott, all in favor 9-0. Chair Rajs called the question on the resolution as amended all in favor 9-0.

A motion was made by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, seconded by District 5 Legislator Catherine Scott, that this Resolution be carried at Committee as Amended to the County Legislature meeting on 3/20/2025. 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  
Enactment No: 154-25

- 20. Reclassify two positions in the Office of Audit and Control** [ID-7312](#)

A motion was made by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, seconded by District 6 Legislator Luis Alvarez, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 3/20/2025. 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  
Enactment No: 155-25

- 21. Authorize an additional Detective Assignment to a Deputy Sheriff SRO within the Sheriff's Office** [ID-7314](#)

A motion was made by District 6 Legislator Luis Alvarez, seconded by District 1 Legislator Matt McPhillips, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 3/20/2025. 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  
Enactment No: 156-25

**22. Authorize contract with Soil & Water Conservation [ID-7315](#)**

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 3/20/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**Abstain:** Chairman Rajsz and District 5 Legislator Scott  
Enactment No: 157-25

**23. Authorize contract with Soil & Water for Stream Maintenance and Remediation Programs [ID-7316](#)**

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A motion was made by District 1 Legislator Matt McPhillips, seconded by Vice Chairman Joseph Perrello, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 3/20/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**Abstain:** Chairman Rajsz and District 5 Legislator Scott  
Enactment No: 158-25

**24. Urge the Public Services Commission to reject New York State Electric and Gas's proposal for rate increases [ID-7323](#)**

A motion was made by District 9 Legislator Terry Blosser-Bernardo, seconded by District 6 Legislator Luis Alvarez, that this Resolution be carried at Committee as Amended to the County Legislature meeting on 3/20/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Chairman Rajsz, Vice Chairman Perrello, 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

**Absent:** District 1 Legislator McPhillips  
Enactment No: 159-25

**25. Request New York State to expedite acquisition and opening of the former Keriland Property in the Town of Neversink [ID-7324](#)**

A motion was made by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, seconded by District 5 Legislator Catherine Scott, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 3/20/2025. 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  
Enactment No: 160-25

### **Adjourn**

The Executive Committee will be going to seek Legal Advice from Counsel and will adjourn.

There being no further business, Catherine Scott moved to adjourn, seconded by Matt McPhillips. The Executive Committee adjourned at 10:20am.