



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, February 20, 2025

9:00 AM

Government Center

Call To Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Rajsz called the Executive Committee Meeting to order at 9:05AM.

Roll Call indicated that Luis Alvarez was not present at Roll Call.

Roll Call

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

Presentation: Delaware Valley Arts Alliance

At this point, Luis Alvarez returned to the meeting at 9:20am

At this point, Joseph Perrello left the meeting at 9:08AM and returned at 9:10AM.

Brian McPhillips made a motion to draft a resolution, seconded by Terry Bernardo to send to the State of New York in support of the Correction Officers at the state level bringing staffing to 100% and repeal the HALT ACT as well as a resolution for Ukraine regarding immigration.

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

Delaware Valley Arts Alliance Presentation

[ID-7219](#)

Attachments: [SCL_2025](#)

Ariel Shanberg, Executive Director, gave a presentation on the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance (DVAA).

Discussion:

Joshua Potosek, Michelle Huck, Dan Hust, Robert Freehill, Sharon Jankiewicz, Nancy Buck, Heather Brown, Ed McAndrew Angela Chevalier, Kathy Taggart, Laura Quigley

Paul Walsh, Scott Mace, Ken Walter, Lou Setren, Lise Kennedy, Star Hesse, Ray Stanisha, Jerry Stevens, Ashley Leavitt

1. Tourism Sector Enhancement Grant Program

Matt McPhillips made a few comments at this time regarding the draft Tourism Sector Enhancement Grant Program.

The Legislature at this time spoke regarding the Tourism Sector Enhancement Grant Program and had a lengthy discussion.

The Legislature requested that the resolution and discussion be moved to the Economic Development committee.

1. Public Comment

District 5 Legislator Catherine Scott made a statement at this time.

- 1. Paul Walsh made a public comment.
- 2. Scott Mace made a public comment.
- 3. Ken Walter made a public comment.
- 4. Lise Kennedy made a public comment.

At this point Luis Alvarez left the meeting at 9:54am and returned at 9:56am.

At this point, Joseph Perrello left the meeting at 9:58am and returned at 10:05am.

Statement by Catherine Scott Executive Feb 20 [ID-7222](#)

Attachments: [Catherine Scott Statement Feb20](#)

Lise Kennedy Public Comment feb 20 [ID-7221](#)

Attachments: [lisekennedyfeb20executive](#)

Resolutions:

- 1. Designate Student Intern position under District Attorney's Office to "Law Student Intern" at \$20.00 per hour, not to exceed \$7,500 per position annually [ID-7125](#)

Attachments: [ID-7033 - Student Interns](#)

A motion was made by District 6 Legislator Luis Alvarez, seconded by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 2/20/2025. 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

2. RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO AUTHORIZE AWARD AND EXECUTION OF CONTRACT WITH FEARLESS! HUDSON VALLEY, INC. FOR CRIME VICTIM ADVOCATE SERVICES IN THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE [ID-7128](#)

A motion was made by District 1 Legislator Matt McPhillips, seconded by District 6 Legislator Luis Alvarez, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 2/20/2025. 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

3. Requesting Home Rule Legislation regarding sales tax extension [ID-7164](#)

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 2/20/2025. 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

4. Adopt the list of those who are required to file a Financial Disclosure Statement [ID-7165](#)

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 2/20/2025. 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

5. Authorize the application for renewal of Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act Grant Funding and Activities (MIPPA) Application for 2024-2025 [ID-7176](#)

Sponsors: Office for the Aging and Deoul

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 2/20/2025. 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

6. INTRODUCED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO CREATE IN THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE POSITION #3414 RETROACTIVELY TO DECEMBER 19, 2024 [ID-7183](#)

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 2/20/2025. 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

7. RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO AUTHORIZE A CONTRACT MODIFICATION AGREEMENT WITH SULLIVAN COUNTY TRANSPORTATION TO PROVIDE MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY OFFICE FOR THE AGING. [ID-7185](#)

Sponsors: Office for the Aging and Deoul

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 2/20/2025. 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

8. To initiate the SEQR review process for development of a Countywide network of broadband infrastructure funded by the Municipal Infrastructure Program. [ID-7186](#)

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 2/20/2025. 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

9. To Authorize the County Manager to apply for and accept the FY2022 Critical Infrastructure Grant Program (CIGP) Award from the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) [ID-7188](#)

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 2/20/2025. 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

10. To authorize an extension of the Rural Health Network Grant for the period of January 1, 2025 through September 30, 2025 not to exceed the amount of \$65,677.50

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 2/20/2025. 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

11. Authorize a contract with Billig, Loughlin & Silver LLP for Legal Services [ID-7190](#)

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 2/20/2025. 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

12. Amend the Management Salary Schedule by adding the title of Administrative Secretary [ID-7191](#)

Attachments: [ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY](#)

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 2/20/2025. 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

13. To apply for and accept the FY2022 cybersecurity grant award from the NYS Division of Homeland Security (DHSES). [ID-7192](#)

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 2/20/2025. 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

14. To authorize a service order and enter into a service agreement with ClearGov, Inc. to expand their solution to include their “ClearPlans” module, designed to help municipalities and management streamline strategic planning. [ID-7193](#)

A motion was made by District 4 Legislator Nicholas Salomone Jr., seconded by District 6 Legislator Luis Alvarez, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 2/20/2025. 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

15. To authorize a contract with the Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Inc. for Local Support and Business Retention Services. [ID-7194](#)

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 2/20/2025. 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

16. Appoint Heather Jacksy to the Upper Delaware Scenic Byway Board [ID-7197](#)

A motion was made by District 6 Legislator Luis Alvarez, seconded by District 4 Legislator Nicholas Salomone Jr., that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 2/20/2025. 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

17. To amend the Management/Confidential Salary Schedule to include the Executive Director of the Human Rights Commission in Grade 7 of the attached schedule. [ID-7198](#)

Attachments: [AMENDED 2025.pdf](#)

A motion was made by District 8 Legislator Amanda Ward, seconded by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 2/20/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: District 4 Legislator Salomone

18. To authorize a contract with Dr. Al-Tariq's to include interim medical consultation services and support ongoing health initiatives and ensure compliance with medical and regulatory standards for the Sullivan County Department of Public Health [ID-7199](#)

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 2/20/2025. 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

19. To Modify the 2024 Budget [ID-7200](#)

Attachments: [Year End #5 2024 Resolution Needed Revised](#)

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 2/20/2025. 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

20. To Modify Resolution #386-24 by changing the amount from \$844,380 per year to \$1,465,774 per year. [ID-7205](#)

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 2/20/2025. 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

21. Amend the contract with the Sullivan County Partnership for Economic Development for the purpose of providing a Strategic Economic Impact Analysis [ID-7211](#)

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 2/20/2025. 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

Recused: District 1 Legislator McPhillips

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

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

A motion was made that this Resolution be referred to Committee to the Economic Development Committee meeting on 3/6/2025. 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

Handout

- 23 Authorize contract with Rutledge Excavating, Inc. for potable water storage tanks [ID-7218](#)

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 2/20/2025. 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

Adjourn

There being no further business, Catherine Scott moved to adjourn, seconded by Nicholas Salomone. The Executive Committee was adjourned at 10:19am