



# Sullivan County

## Executive Committee

### Meeting Minutes - Final

Chairman Robert Doherty  
Vice Chairman Michael Brooks  
Committee Member Nadia Rajsz  
Committee Member Nicholas Salomone Jr.  
Committee Member George Conklin  
Committee Member Luis Alvarez  
Committee Member Joseph Perrello  
Committee Member Ira Steingart  
Committee Member Alan J. Sorensen

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**Thursday, February 16, 2023**

**9:00 AM**

**Government Center**

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Joshua Potosek, Michael McGuire, Tom Cawley, Ed McAndrew, Laura Quigley, Janet Young, Nancy Buck, Dan Hust, Chief Smith, Loreen Gebelein, Lorne Green  
Ken Walter, Catherine Scott, Lou Setren, Martha Scoppa, Lise Kennedy  
Members of the Arnott family.  
Liam Mayo

#### **Call To Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

Chairman Doherty called the Executive Committee Meeting to order at 9:17AM.

#### **Roll Call**

**Present:** Chairman Robert Doherty, Vice Chairman Michael Brooks, Nadia Rajsz, Nicholas Salomone Jr., George Conklin, Luis Alvarez, Joseph Perrello, Ira Steingart and Alan J. Sorensen

#### **Memoriam Proclamation**

Dan Hust read a proclamation for James Arnott who recently passed away. He then presented the Memoriam Proclamation to his wife, Melissa Arnott.

James Arnott Memoriam Proclamation

[ID-5323](#)

**Attachments:** [2023-02-09 Arnott Proclamation](#)

#### **Reports:**

1. Infinite Care - Katie Perez

Katie Perez from Infinite Care Management gave an update on the Care Center at Sunset Lake.

Legislators Robert Doherty, Joseph Perrello, Nadia Rajsz and Ira Steingart asked various questions.

**Resolutions:**

1. Resolution to fill vacancies by appointing/reappointing members to the Community Services Board. [ID-5252](#)

A motion was made by Committee Member Alan J. Sorensen, seconded by Committee Member Nadia Rajs, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 2/16/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Chairman Doherty, Vice Chairman Brooks, Committee Member Rajs, Committee Member Salomone, Committee Member Conklin, Committee Member Alvarez, Committee Member Perrello, Committee Member Steingart and Committee Member Sorensen

2. Adopt the list of those Public Officials and Employees of the County of Sullivan who are required to file a Financial Disclosure Statement [ID-5279](#)

There was a brief discussion about land bank and Local Development Corporation board members. Luis Alvarez moved to amend by adding Land Bank Members and Local Development Corporation members (Broad Band, Sunset Lake, Emerald Corporate Park, etc.), seconded by Joseph Perrello. Chairman Doherty called the question on both the amendment and the resolution as amended, both motions carried 9-0.

A motion was made by Committee Member George Conklin, seconded by Committee Member Alan J. Sorensen, that this Resolution be carried at Committee as Amended to the County Legislature meeting on 2/16/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Chairman Doherty, Vice Chairman Brooks, Committee Member Rajs, Committee Member Salomone, Committee Member Conklin, Committee Member Alvarez, Committee Member Perrello, Committee Member Steingart and Committee Member Sorensen

3. Request an extension of New York State Tax Law Section 1210 (33) which authorized an increase to the 3 percent rate authorized by State Tax Law [ID-5280](#)

A motion was made by Committee Member George Conklin, seconded by Committee Member Nicholas Salomone Jr., that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 2/16/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Chairman Doherty, Vice Chairman Brooks, Committee Member Rajs, Committee Member Salomone, Committee Member Conklin, Committee Member Alvarez, Committee Member Perrello, Committee Member Steingart and Committee Member Sorensen

4. To amend Resolution 20-23 regarding Cochection Spirits Holdings LLC [ID-5290](#)

A motion was made by Committee Member Joseph Perrello, seconded by Vice Chairman Michael Brooks, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 2/16/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Chairman Doherty, Vice Chairman Brooks, Committee Member Rajs, Committee Member Salomone, Committee Member Conklin, Committee Member Alvarez, Committee Member Perrello, Committee Member Steingart and Committee Member Sorensen

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5. Oppose proposed NYS Soil & Water Conservation District Law Changes [ID-5291](#)

A motion was made by Committee Member Joseph Perrello, seconded by Vice Chairman Michael Brooks, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 2/16/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Chairman Doherty, Vice Chairman Brooks, Committee Member Salomone, Committee Member Alvarez, Committee Member Perrello, Committee Member Steingart and Committee Member Sorensen

**Abstain:** Committee Member Rajsasz and Committee Member Conklin

6. To oppose Governor Hochul's Ban of Gas Stoves and other Fossil Fuel Heating Equipment [ID-5292](#)

A motion was made by Committee Member George Conklin, seconded by Vice Chairman Michael Brooks, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 2/16/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Chairman Doherty, Vice Chairman Brooks, Committee Member Rajsasz, Committee Member Salomone, Committee Member Conklin, Committee Member Alvarez, Committee Member Perrello, Committee Member Steingart and Committee Member Sorensen

7. Resolution to authorize the Division of Public Works to submit a grant to the NYSDEC for 50% Reimbursement of 2022 HHW Collection Event held on 9/18/22. [ID-5293](#)

A motion was made by Committee Member George Conklin, seconded by Committee Member Joseph Perrello, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 2/16/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Chairman Doherty, Vice Chairman Brooks, Committee Member Rajsasz, Committee Member Salomone, Committee Member Conklin, Committee Member Alvarez, Committee Member Perrello, Committee Member Steingart and Committee Member Sorensen

8. TO CORRECT THE 2023 TAX ROLL OF THE TOWN OF LIBERTY FOR TAX MAP #112.-4-30 [ID-5299](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Michael Brooks, seconded by Committee Member Nadia Rajsasz, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 2/16/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Chairman Doherty, Vice Chairman Brooks, Committee Member Rajsasz, Committee Member Salomone, Committee Member Conklin, Committee Member Alvarez, Committee Member Perrello, Committee Member Steingart and Committee Member Sorensen

9. Abolish one Corporal position and create one Sergeant position [ID-5301](#)

A motion was made by Committee Member Luis Alvarez, seconded by Committee Member Nadia Rajsasz, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 2/16/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Chairman Doherty, Vice Chairman Brooks, Committee Member Rajs, Committee Member Salomone, Committee Member Conklin, Committee Member Alvarez, Committee Member Perrello, Committee Member Steingart and Committee Member Sorensen

10. Calling on the State of New York to continue to pass thru Federal Affordable Care Act Enhanced Federal Medicaid Assistance Percentage Funds (eFMAP) [ID-5306](#)

A motion was made by Committee Member Nadia Rajs, seconded by Committee Member Ira Steingart, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 2/16/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Chairman Doherty, Vice Chairman Brooks, Committee Member Rajs, Committee Member Salomone, Committee Member Conklin, Committee Member Alvarez, Committee Member Perrello, Committee Member Steingart and Committee Member Sorensen

11. To authorize the 2023 Legislative Discretionary Funding. [ID-5310](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Michael Brooks, seconded by Committee Member Joseph Perrello, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 2/16/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Chairman Doherty, Vice Chairman Brooks, Committee Member Rajs, Committee Member Salomone, Committee Member Conklin, Committee Member Alvarez, Committee Member Perrello, Committee Member Steingart and Committee Member Sorensen

12. Appoint Janine Lewis to the Community Services Board [ID-5302](#)

A motion was made by Committee Member Nadia Rajs, seconded by Vice Chairman Michael Brooks, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 2/16/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Chairman Doherty, Vice Chairman Brooks, Committee Member Rajs, Committee Member Salomone, Committee Member Conklin, Committee Member Alvarez, Committee Member Perrello, Committee Member Steingart and Committee Member Sorensen

13. To Authorize an Agreement between Sullivan County BOCES (BOCES) and the County of Sullivan "County" for a use of facilities to pilot a Construction Trade Program. [ID-5313](#)

A motion was made by Committee Member Nadia Rajs, seconded by Committee Member Luis Alvarez, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 2/16/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Chairman Doherty, Vice Chairman Brooks, Committee Member Rajs, Committee Member Salomone, Committee Member Conklin, Committee Member Alvarez, Committee Member Perrello, Committee Member Steingart and Committee Member Sorensen

**14. Create stipend for Assistant County Attorney** [ID-5314](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Michael Brooks, seconded by Committee Member Joseph Perrello, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 2/16/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Chairman Doherty, Vice Chairman Brooks, Committee Member Rajsz, Committee Member Salomone, Committee Member Conklin, Committee Member Alvarez, Committee Member Perrello, Committee Member Steingart and Committee Member Sorensen

**15. Modify the 2022 County Budget** [ID-5315](#)

**Attachments:** [Year End #4 Budget Modification 2022](#)

A motion was made by Committee Member George Conklin, seconded by Committee Member Nicholas Salomone Jr., that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 2/16/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Chairman Doherty, Vice Chairman Brooks, Committee Member Rajsz, Committee Member Salomone, Committee Member Conklin, Committee Member Alvarez, Committee Member Perrello, Committee Member Steingart and Committee Member Sorensen

**16. To amend Resolution No.547-22 to include a clause that states that the Education/Certification Reimbursement Policy is in accordance with Internal Revenue Code § 127.** [ID-5318](#)

**Attachments:** [Final Education Reimbursement Policy.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Michael Brooks, seconded by Committee Member Alan J. Sorensen, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 2/16/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Chairman Doherty, Vice Chairman Brooks, Committee Member Rajsz, Committee Member Salomone, Committee Member Conklin, Committee Member Alvarez, Committee Member Perrello, Committee Member Steingart and Committee Member Sorensen

**17. Create four (4) Temporary 180-day positions in the Sheriff's Office** [ID-5319](#)

This resolution was replaced by "Creating four (4) 180 day temporary positions.

A motion was made by Committee Member Joseph Perrello, seconded by Committee Member Luis Alvarez, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 2/16/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Chairman Doherty, Vice Chairman Brooks, Committee Member Rajsz, Committee Member Salomone, Committee Member Conklin, Committee Member Alvarez, Committee Member Perrello, Committee Member Steingart and Committee Member Sorensen

**18. Issue a Request for Proposal for Tourism Promotion Services**

**ID-5320**

Michael Brooks moved for discussion, seconded by Joseph Perrello.

Joseph Perrello moved to table, seconded by Ira Steingart. Chairman Doherty called the question on the motion to table, motion to table failed with Robert Doherty, Nadia Rajs, Michael Brooks, Nicholas Salomone, George Conklin, Luis Alvarez and Alan Sorensen opposed.

After a lengthy discussion, Chairman Doherty called the question on the original motion to approve, resolution carried 5-4 with Nadia Rajs, Luis Alvarez, Joseph Perrello and Ira Steingart opposed.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Michael Brooks, seconded by Committee Member Joseph Perrello, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 2/16/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Chairman Doherty, Vice Chairman Brooks, Committee Member Salomone, Committee Member Conklin and Committee Member Sorensen

**Nay:** Committee Member Rajs, Committee Member Alvarez, Committee Member Perrello and Committee Member Steingart

**Executive Session**

Michael Brooks moved to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation, seconded by Nadia Rajs at 10:38AM, agreed and carried.

Michael Brooks moved to come out of Executive Session at 10:38AM, seconded by Alan Sorensen, agreed and carried.

There being no further business, Nadia Rajs moved to adjourn at 10:39AM, seconded by Nicholas Salomone, agreed and carried.

**Adjourn**