



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, January 23, 2025

9:00 AM

Government Center

Call To Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Rajsz called the Executive Committee meeting to order at 9:09AM.

Joshua Potosek, Dan Hust, Robert Freehill, Nancy Buck, Kahlid B., Heather Brown, Chris Knapp, Laura Quigley, Ryan Brown, Mark Witkowski

Ken Walter, Star Hesse, Rebekah Creshkoff, Lise Kennedy, Lou Setren

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

Arrived Late: Brian McPhillips and Luis Alvarez

Presentation: The Field

A Moment of Silence was held for former President Jimmy Carter and Town of Bethel Constable Doug Ketchum.

Liza Bennett and Susan Mendoza gave a presentation on their organization.

At this point, Brian McPhillips joined the meeting at 9:15AM.

At this point, Luis Alvarez joined the meeting at 9:23AM.

Reports:

1. Planning Division - December 2024 Monthly Report

[ID-7075](#)

Attachments: [December 2024](#)
[November 24 AG report](#)

Planning Commissioner Heather Brown asked if there were any questions regarding her monthly report.

Public Comment

Chair Rajsz made a comment at this time.

Edward T. Hall III made a public comment

Reuben Butchart made a public comment

Kevin Robert, Ulster County Legislature Minority Leader made a public comment.

Rebekah Creshcoff made a public comment

Poppy Cannon-Reese made a public comment

Star Hesse made a public comment

Lise Kennedy made a public comment

Ken Walter made a public comment

Star Hesse Public Comment

[ID-7138](#)

Attachments: [Star Hesse comment](#)

Rebekah Creshkoff public comment

[ID-7139](#)

Attachments: [Rebekah Creshkoff comment \(2\)](#)

Star Hesse January 23rd Public Comment

[ID-7142](#)

Attachments: [star hesse public comment \(2\)](#)

Resolutions:

1. To authorize application for funding from the United States Department of Transportation's FY2025 Raise Grant Program to advance buildout of the Sullivan O&W Rail Trail

[ID-7028](#)

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 1/23/2025. 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: 3-25

2. To Appoint/reappoint members to the Health Services Advisory Board for the Department of Public Health

[ID-7031](#)

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 1/23/2025. 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: 29-25

3. Authorize MOA between Sullivan County Office for the Aging and the Sullivan County Jail [ID-7038](#)

Sponsors: Office for the Aging and Deoul

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 1/23/2025. 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: 30-25

4. Authorize MOU with SC Transportation for Nutrition Program including Delivery of Homebound Meals [ID-7039](#)

Sponsors: Office for the Aging and Deoul

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 1/23/2025. 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: 31-25

5. Authorize MOU with SC Transportation for Shopping Bus Transportation [ID-7041](#)

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 1/23/2025. 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: 32-25

- 6. Authorize MOU with SC Transportation for Senior Citizen Medical Transportation [ID-7042](#)

Sponsors: Office for the Aging and Deoul

A motion was made by District 4 Legislator Nicholas Salomone Jr., seconded by District 5 Legislator Catherine Scott, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 1/23/2025. 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: 33-25

- 7. Opposing the Proposal put forth by the Ulster County resource Recovery Agency [ID-7073](#)

A motion was made by District 9 Legislator Terry Blosser-Bernardo, seconded by Vice Chairman Joseph Perrello, that this Resolution be carried at Committee as Amended to the County Legislature meeting on 1/23/2025. 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 6 Legislator Alvarez, District 8 Legislator Ward and District 9 Legislator Blosser-Bernardo

Nay: District 5 Legislator Scott
Enactment No: 34-25

- 8. To authorize a transfer of money to Sunset Lake LDC to pay the 2025 pilot, annual lease, and 2025 tax bill for the Town of Liberty payment for the Care Center at Sunset Lake. [ID-7098](#)

Catherine Scott moved for discussion, seconded by Matt McPhillips. After a brief discussion, Chair Rajs called the question on the resolution and resolution failed 4 to 5 with Nadia Rajs, Matt McPhillips, Brian McPhillips, Catherine Scott and Luis Alvarez opposed,

This resolution was later passed at Full Board introduced by Brian McPhillips at Full Board. A motion was made by District 5 Legislator Catherine Scott, seconded by District 1 Legislator Matt McPhillips, that this Resolution be denied. The motion failed by the following vote:

Aye: Vice Chairman Perrello, District 4 Legislator Salomone, District 8 Legislator Ward and District 9 Legislator Blosser-Bernardo

Nay: Chairman Rajs, District 1 Legislator McPhillips, District 3 Legislator McPhillips, District 5 Legislator Scott and District 6 Legislator Alvarez
Enactment No: 48-25

9. Accept and authorize an agreement with the NYS Department of Labor for the New York State Systems Change [ID-7105](#)

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 1/23/2025. 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: 35-25

10. Resolution to authorize the submission and execution of a Federal Section 5311 Formula Grant for Rural Area Program application, to accept the funding, if secured, and enter into an award agreement with NYS Department of Transportation (NYSDOT). [ID-7109](#)

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 1/23/2025. 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: 36-25

11. To Authorize the County Manager to apply for and accept NY CARES UP Funding from NYS OMH SPCNY to support Mental Health Resiliency for Uniformed Personnel [ID-7110](#)

A motion was made by District 1 Legislator Matt McPhillips, seconded by District 4 Legislator Nicholas Salomone Jr., that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 1/23/2025. 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: 37-25

12. To amend Resolution No. 375-24 and Resolution No. 269-24 to extend the contracts with The Center for Discovery and the Neversink Fire Department for the contract period to end on July 31, 2025 to allow additional time to purchase the equipment that was awarded. [ID-7112](#)

A motion was made by District 1 Legislator Matt McPhillips, seconded by Chairman Nadia Rajsz, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 1/23/2025. 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 and District 9 Legislator Blosser-Bernardo

Recused: District 8 Legislator Ward
 Enactment No: 38-25

- 13. To Authorize the County Manager to Apply for and Accept the FY2024 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant Program Award from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) / Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) [ID-7113](#)

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 1/23/2025. 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: 39-25

- 14. To Amend Resolution 59-19 to Make Changes to the Soil and Water Stream Remediation Program Assigned Fund Balance [ID-7114](#)

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 1/23/2025. 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: 40-25

- 15. Create a Temporary Food Service Helper in the Sullivan County Jail [ID-7115](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Joseph Perrello, seconded by District 1 Legislator Matt McPhillips, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 1/23/2025. 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: 41-25

- 16. Create a Senior Veterans' Service Officer position in the Sullivan County Veterans' Office [ID-7116](#)

A motion was made by District 8 Legislator Amanda Ward, seconded by District 1 Legislator Matt McPhillips, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 1/23/2025. 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: 42-25

17. TO CORRECT THE 2025 TAX ROLL OF THE TOWN OF LIBERTY FOR TAX MAP #121.-1-3 [ID-7118](#)

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 1/23/2025. 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: 43-25

18. TO CORRECT THE 2025 TAX ROLL OF THE TOWN OF CALLICOON FOR TAX MAP #103.-2-2 [ID-7119](#)

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 1/23/2025. 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: 44-25

19. TO CORRECT THE 2025 TAX ROLL OF THE TOWN OF FALLSBURG FOR TAX MAP #12.-1-50.2 [ID-7120](#)

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 1/23/2025. 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: 45-25

20. TO CORRECT THE 2025 TAX ROLL OF THE TOWN OF DELAWARE FOR TAX MAP #12.-1-40.2 [ID-7121](#)

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 1/23/2025. 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: 46-25

21. Apportion the 2024 4th Quarter Mortgage Tax

[ID-7123](#)

Attachments: [4th Quarter Mortgage tax 2024](#)

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 1/23/2025. 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: 47-25

Handout Resolution

**22. TO AUTHORIZE A MASS CORRECTION OF ERROR APPLICATION
CORRECTING THE 2025 TAX ROLL OF THE TOWN OF FALLSBURG
PURSUANT TO RPTL 556-b**

[ID-7117](#)

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 1/23/2025. 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: 1-25

Adjourn

There being no further business, Brian McPhillips moved to adjourn, seconded by Matt McPhillips. The Executive Committee was adjourned at 10:12AM.