MINUTES
BOARD OF ETHICS PUBLIC MEETING
August 21, 2026
10:00 A.M.
In-Person at the Dutchess County Department of Law

Present:
Peter M. Forman, Chair
Paul Piastro
Rex Bridges
David Lemon

From the Public:
Kimberly Hunt-Lee, Esq., Sokoloff Stern
Kristopher Munn, Legislator
Katherine Saglibene

Item 1. Meeting Opened

The meeting was called to order by Chair Peter Forman at 10:10 a.m. A quorum was present.

Chair Forman discussed that there is a candidate present for the vacancy on the Board.

Kristopher Munn, Assistant Majority Leader spoke about a letter submitted to the Board from the Chair of the Government Services Committee and asked whether a response to the letter will be provided. Chair Forman confirmed the letter will be added to the next agenda and responded. Mr. Munn further requested what issues have been resolved or remain on the next meeting's agenda.

Item 2. Review Anonymous Complaint re: Leadership Prayer Breakfast

Peter Forman moved to proceed with a Closed Session.

Closed Session was held. The meeting returned to Open Session.

The Board received an anonymous complaint alleging a violation of the Ethics Code by a County employee, the Board accepted that complaint, performed an investigation, found no violation of the Code of Ethics and dismissed the complaint.

Item 3. Candidate for Board of Ethics and Other Business

Ms. Blackburn entered the Open Session. Discussion was held regarding Board of Ethics candidate, Katherine Saglibene, Tax Collector for the Town of Union Vale, for consideration by the County Executive.

An item of discussion was a letter dated June 18, 2026, from Brennan Kearney, Dutchess County Legislature Government Services and Administration Committee Chair, the Board requests a response be prepared by Caroline Blackburn, in conjunction with special counsel, Kimberly Hunt-Lee.

Item 4. Review McCormack Complaint re: Delivering for Dutchess Leadership Breakfast

Paul Piastro moved to go into Closed Session, seconded by Rex Bridges. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session was held. The meeting returned to Open Session.

Item 5. Approve and Adopt Prior Meeting Minutes

Paul Piastro moved to adopt the June 26, 2026 meeting minutes, as amended, seconded by David Lemon. The motion carried unanimously.

Rex Bridges moved to adopt the May 29, 2026 meeting minutes, as submitted, seconded by Paul Piastro. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 6. Review of Letters re: Financial Disclosure Statements

The members reviewed letters prepared to employees and board members who have not submitted a Financial Disclosure Statement for calendar year 2025.

Paul Piastro moved to have the letters sent out, seconded by Rex Bridges. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 7. Adjournment

Paul Piastro moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by David Lemon. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting concluded at 12 o'clock.