

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND TECHNOLOGY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
OF THE
DUTCHESS COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Thursday, June 4, 2026, 5:40 p.m.

Committee Chair Munn called the committee to order at 7:31 p.m.

PRESENT: 12 ARNOFF, ATKINS, DRAGO, HOUSE, KAUL, MCHOUL, METZGER,
MUNN, POLASEK, SHAH, VALDÉS SMITH, WINSBY

ABSENT: 0

PRESENT/LATE: 0

QUORUM PRESENT

Presentations and Reports

Presentation on County Artificial Intelligence Policy by OCIS Commissioner Steve Oscarlece

Legislator Shah asked Commissioner Oscarlece about safeguards to ensure AI is being used only to assist human labor and not replace it. Commissioner Oscarlece said that departmental leadership can ensure human review of all AI generated material and assistance.

Legislator Arnoff asked about training for staff on AI. Commissioner Oscarlece said the County is looking into training for staff which would be mandatory.

Legislator Kaul asked about policy review and revision and how AI prompts and outputs will be treated for FOIL and records retention. Commissioner Oscarlece said he would provide a response to that in the future.

Legislature Chair Valdes Smith asked about the DCFS “Ava” AI system. Commissioner Oscarlece said the system is being tested prior to full rollout. Chair Valdes Smith further asked about disciplinary action for noncompliance with policy. Commissioner Oscarlece said noncompliance would be grounds for disciplinary action. Chair Valdes Smith further asked if these questions could be brought before the AI Task Force.

Majority Leader Atkins asked if Commissioner Marzouka could attend a future meeting to answer questions about DCFS’s use of Ava. He further asked about ongoing activities with the AI Task Force.

Legislator Alexander asked if OCIS has any involvement or oversight of the use of AI at the District Attorney's Office or the Sheriff's Office.

Legislator Lawler asked for a reiteration of who is on the Task Force. He asked about the use of AI in a capacity like in HR for screening applicants for certain jobs.

Legislator Johnson asked how the County could vet third-party AI vendors to ensure resident data isn't being used to train private AI models. Commissioner Oscarlece said the County could ensure such a provision exists when negotiating a contract with a vendor for a user agreement.

Legislator Lawler asked if AI would be used for employee performance reviews. Commissioner Oscarlece said he did not believe that would be an approved use as per the policy.

Legislator Kaul asked how to ensure that humans are controlling and reviewing AI rather than serving AI.

Committee Chair Munn expressed desire for the County's AI policy to be regularly scheduled for review and updating based on the rapid development and advancement of AI technologies.

Privilege of the Floor with respect to printed agenda items

None.

Resolutions

None.

Other Business

Legislator Shah spoke about a proposed piece of legislation on transparency for AI data center and high-consumption digital construction projects.

Assistant Minority Leader Metzger said that something from the Legislature on AI would be important and appropriate, but emphasized the need for a thoughtful and methodical approach on a complex topic.

Legislature Chair Valdes Smith said she was certain the time and effort would be put in to ensure that due diligence is done, but emphasized that the matter is time-sensitive and welcomed a collaborative bipartisan approach to the future legislation.

Committee Chair Munn spoke in favor of the proposed future legislation and called for reliable and timely communication in County government.

Leader Metzger suggested that one of the first things to address needs to be addressing the use of Non-Disclosure Agreements which are common in AI data center projects.

Legislator Lawler requested that the AI Task Force prepare and submit regular reports to the Committee and to reach out to the other executive office and report on those conversations.

There being no further business, Committee Chair Munn adjourned the Committee meeting at 8:12 p.m.