

BUDGET, FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
OF THE
DUTCHESS COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Thursday, March 5, 2026, 5:50 p.m.

Committee Chair Lawler called the committee to order at 7:24 p.m.

PRESENT: 10 ATKINS, BRENDLI, CASWELL, DARROW, LAWLER, METZGER,
 MUNN, POLASEK, RHODES, VALDÉS SMITH

ABSENT: 2 JOHNSON, REDL

PRESENT/LATE: 0

QUORUM PRESENT

Presentations and Reports

None

Privilege of the Floor with respect to printed agenda items

None

Resolutions considered out of numerical order will be placed in numerical order for fluidity

2026031 AMENDING THE 2026 ADOPTED COUNTY BUDGET AS IT PERTAINS TO OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

Moved by Majority Leader Atkins. Seconded by Assistant Majority Leader Munn.

Majority Leader Atkins spoke in favor of the Resolution.

Legislator Arnoff asked to be acknowledged and spoke in favor of the Resolution.

Legislator Kaul asked to be acknowledged and spoke in favor of the Resolution.

The Budget, Finance and Personnel Committee unanimously advanced the foregoing Resolution.

2026032 AMENDING THE 2026 ADOPTED COUNTY BUDGET AS IT PERTAINS TO THE ASSISTED OUTPATIENT TREATMENT PROGRAM AND THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

Moved by Majority Leader Atkins. Seconded by Assistant Majority Leader Munn.

Legislator Shah asked to be acknowledged and spoke in favor of the Resolution.

The Budget, Finance and Personnel Committee unanimously advanced the foregoing Resolution.

2026033 APPOINTMENT TO AUDIT REVIEW ADVISORY BOARD

Moved by Majority Leader Atkins. Seconded by Legislature Chair Valdés Smith.

At this time, Assistant Majority Leader Munn received permission from the Committee Chair to abstain, and removed himself from the chamber for the duration of the discussion of the question

The Budget, Finance and Personnel Committee unanimously advanced the foregoing Resolution, with Assistant Majority Leader Munn abstaining.

Assistant Majority Leader Munn re-entered chambers.

2026034 APPOINTMENT TO THE DUTCHESS COUNTY JURY BOARD

Moved by Majority Leader Atkins. Seconded by Assistant Majority Leader Munn.

At this time, Legislator Rhodes received permission from the Committee Chair to abstain, and removed herself from the chamber for the duration of the discussion of the question.

The Budget, Finance and Personnel Committee unanimously advanced the foregoing Resolution, with Legislator Rhodes abstaining.

Legislator Rhodes re-entered chambers.

Committee Chair Lawler adjourned the Committee meeting at 7:31 p.m.