

SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE
DUTCHESS COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Thursday, July 23, 2026, 6:40 p.m.

The Chair of the Legislature called the meeting to order at 7:46 p.m.

PRESENT: 23 ALEXANDER, ARNOFF, ATKINS, BRENDLI, CASWELL, DARROW,
DRAGO, GILES, HOUSE, JOHNSON, KAUL, KEARNEY, LAWLER,
MCHOUL, METZGER, MUNN, POLASEK, RHODES, ROLISON,
SHAH, TRESCA, VALDÉS SMITH, WINSBY

ABSENT: 2 FAUST, JOHNSON

PRESENT/LATE: 0

QUORUM PRESENT

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, Invocation by Gregory Totino, ordained Deacon with the Reformed Church in America, followed by a moment of silent meditation

PROCLAMATIONS

None

PRESENTATIONS

None

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

None.

Reports

None

RESOLUTION

None

Other Business

None

Clerk Announcements

None

Privilege of the Floor with respect to agenda and non-agenda County items

Hon. Daniel Atonna, City of Poughkeepsie Councilman, spoke in favor of the East Fishkill moratorium on AI data centers, and said the statewide 1-year ban is positive but not long enough. He further spoke critically of Central Hudson's response to the major storms this month which left many of his constituents without power for days, and spoke in favor of the New York Power Authority proposal.

Hon. Kenya Gadsden of Fishkill invited everyone to a roundtable discussion about gun violence. She spoke favorably about community organizations in Poughkeepsie which will attend, and said the event will be on July 27th.

There being no further business, the Chair of Legislature adjourned the meeting with consent at 8:06 p.m.