

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
OF THE
DUTCHESS COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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

Committee Chair Kaul called the committee to order at 6:15 p.m.

PRESENT: 12 KAUL, WINSBY, VALDÉS SMITH, ATKINS, MUNN, POLASEK,
METZGER, ALEXANDER, CASWELL, GILES, REDL, SHAH

ABSENT: 0

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

2026026 AMENDING THE 2026 ADOPTED COUNTY BUDGET AS IT PERTAINS TO THE HOUSING TRUST FUND AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Resolution was moved by Majority Leader Atkins and duly seconded by Assistant Majority Leader Munn.

Discussion: Chair of the Legislature Valdés Smith spoke in favor of the Resolution.

Legislator Redl was recognized by Committee Chair Kaul and spoke in favor of the Resolution.

Legislator Rhodes spoke in favor of the Resolution.

Legislator Lawler was recognized by Committee Chair Kaul and spoke in favor of the Resolution.

Assistant Majority Leader requested a five-minute caucus, which was granted at 6:20 p.m.

Committee Chair Kaul reconvened the Committee at 6:23 p.m.

Legislator Kearney was recognized by Committee Chair Kaul and spoke in favor of the Resolution.

Legislator Alexander spoke in favor of the Resolution.

The Committee unanimously advanced the Resolution.

**2026027 CONFIRMING REAPPOINTMENT AND NEW APPOINTMENTS TO THE
DUTCHESS COUNTY PLANNING BOARD**

Resolution was moved by Majority Leader Atkins and duly seconded by Assistant Majority Leader Munn.

Discussion: None

The Committee unanimously advanced the Resolution.

**2026028 REAPPOINTMENT TO CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Resolution was moved by Majority Leader Atkins and duly seconded by Assistant Majority Leader Munn.

Discussion: None

The Committee unanimously advanced the Resolution.

There being no further business, Committee Chair Kaul adjourned the Committee at 6:26 p.m.