

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
OF THE
DUTCHESS COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Thursday, June 4, 2026, 6:00 p.m.

Committee Chair Kaul called the committee to order at 9:30 p.m.

PRESENT: 11 ALEXANDER, ATKINS, CASWELL, GILES, KAUL, METZGER,
 MUNN, POLASEK, REDL, SHAH, VALDÉS SMITH,

ABSENT: 1 WINSBY

PRESENT/LATE: 0

QUORUM PRESENT

Presentations and Reports

Committee Chair Kaul spoke about a planned data center in East Fishkill and reported that she asked the EMC for a report on AI data centers.

Privilege of the Floor with respect to printed agenda items

None.

Resolutions

2026101 Establishing a Public Hearing Pursuant to Agriculture and Market Law Section 303-b, to Consider Recommendations of the Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board to Consider Requests That Property Owners Be Included Within Dutchess County Certified Agricultural District 21

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

Discussion: None.

The Environment Committee unanimously advanced the foregoing Resolution.

2026102 Reappointments to the Dutchess County Environmental Management Council

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

Discussion: Legislature Chair Valdes Smith spoke in favor of the Resolution and thanked the members of the EMC for their service.

Legislator Caswell spoke in favor of the Resolution and noted Peter Berasi of East Fishkill for his service.

The Environment Committee unanimously advanced the foregoing Resolution.

Other Business

Legislator Lawler spoke about looking into solar power for County buildings.

Legislator Alexander said Let's Go Knicks!

There being no further business, Committee Chair Kaul adjourned the Committee meeting at 9:33 p.m.