

FAMILY AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
DUTCHESS COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Thursday, March 5, 2026, 6:00 p.m.

Committee Chair Arnoff 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**

Committee Chair Arnoff spoke about a recent meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee on Domestic Violence.

Legislator Drago spoke about a childcare information session held in February.

**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**

**2026035** CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT OF ANDREW R. GUAJARDO, M.D. AS MEDICAL EXAMINER OF DUTCHESS COUNTY

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

At this time, Legislators McHoul and House requested permission from the Committee Chair to abstain, and removed themselves from the chamber for the duration of the discussion of the question.

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

Legislator Shah spoke in favor of the Resolution.

The Family & Human Services Committee unanimously advanced the foregoing Resolution, with Legislators McHoul and House abstaining.

Legislators McHoul and House re-entered the chamber.

**2026036 AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT OF FUNDING UNDER THE TRADE ADJUSTMENT ACT**

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

Discussion: None.

The Family & Human Services Committee unanimously advanced the foregoing Resolution

At this time, Committee Chair Arnoff designated Committee Vice Chair Kaul as Acting Chair, so she may be heard from the floor.

**2026037 APPOINTMENTS TO THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

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

At this time, Legislator Arnoff requested permission from the Acting Chair to abstain, and removed herself from the chamber for the duration of the discussion of the question.

Discussion: None.

The Family & Human Services Committee unanimously advanced the foregoing Resolution, with Legislator Arnoff abstaining.

Legislator Arnoff re-entered the chamber.

There being no further business, Acting Committee Chair Kaul adjourned the Committee meeting at 7:39 p.m.