

FAMILY AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
OF THE

DUTCHESS COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Thursday, February 5, 2026, 5:35 p.m.

Committee Chair Arnoff called the committee to order at 5:47 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**

Chair Arnoff reported that she was recently appointed to the Citizens Advisory Committee on Domestic Violence and will communicate reports from that committee after future meetings.

Legislator Drago reported that he attended the Early Childcare Coalition monthly meeting and announced a childcare forum for February 25, inviting the public to contact him for more information.

**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**

**2026018** AMENDING THE 2026 COUNTY BUDGET AS IT PERTAINS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT (A.8020) AND MENTAL HEALTH (A.4320)

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

Discussion: Legislator Shah was granted permission by Committee Chair Arnoff to recuse herself, and removed herself from the chambers for the duration of the discussion of the question.

Legislator Kaul spoke in favor of the Resolution.

The Committee unanimously advanced the Resolution, with Legislator Shah abstaining.

**2026029** APPOINTMENT TO THE DUTCHESS COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Legislator Shah re-entered the chamber.

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

Chair of the Legislature Valdés Smith spoke in favor the Resolution, thanking Legislator McHoul for years of service on the Board of Health and supporting Legislator Kaul as the next Legislative appointee.

Legislator McHoul thanked the Legislature for the opportunity to serve on the Board of Health and spoke highly of the Board of Health.

The Committee unanimously advanced the Resolution.

There being no further business, Committee Chair Arnoff adjourned the Committee at 5:54 p.m.