

FAMILY AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
DUTCHESS COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Thursday, April 9, 2026, 6:00 p.m.

Committee Chair Arnoff called the committee to order at 6:49 p.m.

PRESENT: 10            ARNOFF, ATKINS, DRAGO, HOUSE, KAUL, MUNN  
                              POLASEK, SHAH, VALDÉS SMITH, WINSBY

ABSENT: 2             METZGER, MCHOUL

PRESENT/LATE: 0

QUORUM PRESENT

Committee Chair Arnoff began proceedings by wishing a good Autism Acceptance Month to all.

**Presentations and Reports**

Legislator Drago announced a forum for parents of children 0-3 years of age in northeast Dutchess about childcare needs.

**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**

**2026059** CONFIRMING REAPPOINTMENT OF LIVIA SANTIAGO-ROSADO, MD, MPH, FACEP AS COMMISSIONER OF THE DUTCHESS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Moved by Majority Leader Atkins, seconded by Assistant Majority Leader Munn.

Discussion: Legislature Chair Valdes Smith spoke in favor of the Resolution and praised Commissioner Santiago-Rosado for her service.

Legislator Kaul spoke in favor of the Resolution.

Majority Leader Atkins spoke in favor of the Resolution.

Committee Chair Arnoff spoke in favor of the Resolution.

The Family and Human Services Committee unanimously advanced the foregoing Resolution.

**2026060 APPOINTMENT TO THE DUTCHESS COUNTY VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

Moved by Majority Leader Atkins, seconded by Assistant Majority Leader Munn.

Discussion: Legislature Chair Valdes Smith spoke in favor of the Resolution and praised Thomas Zurhellen for his service to the County and to the veteran community.

Legislator Kaul spoke in favor of the Resolution.

The Family and Human Services Committee unanimously advanced the foregoing Resolution.

**2026061 APPOINTMENTS TO THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

Moved by Majority Leader Atkins, seconded by Assistant Majority Leader Munn.

Discussion: Committee Chair Arnoff spoke in favor of the Resolution.

The Family and Human Services Committee unanimously advanced the foregoing Resolution.

**2026062 APPOINTMENTS TO THE COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD**

Moved by Majority Leader Atkins, seconded by Assistant Majority Leader Munn.

Discussion: None.

The Family and Human Services Committee unanimously advanced the foregoing Resolution.

There being no further business, Committee Chair Arnoff adjourned the Committee meeting at 6:58 p.m.