

GOVERNMENT SERVICES & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
OF THE
DUTCHESS COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Thursday, February 5, 2026, 5:30 p.m.

Committee Chair Kearney called the committee to order at 5:32 p.m.

PRESENT: 12 KEARNEY, SHAH, VALDÉS SMITH, ATKINS, MUNN, POLASEK,
METZGER, DRAGO, GILES, LAWLER, REDL, TRESCA

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

2026017 ADOPTING THE PERMANENT RULES OF THE LEGISLATURE

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

Discussion: Assistant Majority Leader Munn explained that the Resolution proposes a single amendment to the Rules, removing the supermajority requirement and spoke in favor of the Resolution.

Minority Leader Polasek requested to ask Legislative Counsel Treybich for a legal opinion.

Minority Leader Polasek asked if any changes were governed under General Municipal Law. Legislative Counsel Treybich offered a legal opinion that the resolution pertained to actions legally permissible by the County Legislature.

Assistant Minority Leader Metzger spoke against the Resolution, asking why this change was necessary and arguing that the supermajority rule was a better practice.

Assistant Majority Leader Munn replied to Assistant Minority Leader Munn and reiterated support for the Resolution.

Majority Leader Atkins spoke in favor of the Resolution.

Chair of the Legislature Valdés Smith spoke in favor of the Resolution, and spoke about good government.

Assistant Minority Leader Metzger spoke against the Resolution again, arguing that the Legislature should not make it easier for itself to spend money.

Minority Leader Polasek asked for a legal opinion from Legislative Counsel Treybich. Minority Leader Polasek asked if this Resolution effects bonding. Legislative Counsel Treybich replied that it does not affect bonding.

A roll call vote was called:

AYES: 8 ATKINS, DRAGO, KEARNEY, LAWLER, MUNN, REDL, SHAH,
 VALDÉS SMITH

NAYS: 4 GILES, METZGER, POLASEK, TRESCA

Motion passes. The Committee advanced the Resolution.

There being no further business, Committee Chair Kearney adjourned the Committee at 5:47 p.m.