

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
OF THE
DUTCHESS COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Thursday, February 5, 2026, 5:45 p.m.

Committee Chair Alexander called the committee to order at 6:03 p.m.

PRESENT: 12 ALEXANDER, DRAGO, VALDÉS SMITH, ATKINS, MUNN,
POLASEK, METZGER, ARNOFF, KEARNEY, FAUST, RHODES

ABSENT: 1 ROLISON

PRESENT/LATE: 0

QUORUM PRESENT

Presentations and Reports

Legislator Drago reported a conversation with Bill Beale, Commissioner of Emergency Response, and announced plans for Commissioner Beale to offer a presentation at a future committee meeting.

Chair of the Legislature Valdés Smith reported a meeting with Commissioner Beale, including a tour of the Emergency Response campus and spoke highly of the department and its work.

Committee Chair Alexander reported a meeting with Dutchess County Sheriff Kirk Imperati and shared that he was very impressed with the facilities and operations of the Sheriff's Office.

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

2026023 APPOINTMENT TO THE STOP DWI POLICY PLANNING BOARD

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

Discussion: Legislator Rhodes spoke commending the mental health experience of proposed appointee D'Antone and spoke in favor of the Resolution.

The Committee unanimously advanced the Resolution, with Legislator Rolison absent.

2026024 CONFIRMING NEW APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE TRAFFIC SAFETY BOARD

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

Discussion: Legislator Kaul was recognized by Committee Chair Alexander. Legislator Kaul spoke in favor of the Resolution and praised the proposed appointees for their experience and perspective.

Legislator Faust spoke in favor of the Resolution and praised the proposed appointees.

The Committee unanimously advanced the Resolution, with Legislator Rolison absent.

2026025 (FOR DISCUSSION ONLY) - BOND RESOLUTION DATED FEBRUARY 9, 2026. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,086,360 SERIAL BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF DUTCHESS, NEW YORK. TO PAY PART OF THE COST OF THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF A 911 EMERGENCY CALL RESPONSE SYSTEM, FOR SAID COUNTY, AND ACCEPTANCE OF A NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT FOR SAID CALL RESPONSE SYSTEM

Discussion: Chair of the Legislature Valdés Smith spoke about the importance of emergency response and explained how the bond will be used on the 911 call system and spoke in favor of the bond Resolution.

Other business:

Legislator Lawler spoke about the fire in his district on New Year's Day, thanked Commissioner Beale for his leadership, read for the record the name of every agency which responded to the tragedy, and offered his thanks to everyone involved in the response.

There being no further business, Committee Chair Alexander adjourned the Committee at 6:15 p.m.