

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
OF THE
DUTCHESS COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Thursday, January 15, 2026, 5:30 p.m.

Committee Chair Alexander called the committee to order at 5:33 p.m.

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

ABSENT: 0

PRESENT/LATE: 0

QUORUM PRESENT

Committee Chair Alexander addressed the Committee, thanking the Chair of the Legislature and Majority Leadership for the opportunity to serve as Committee Chair, emphasizing the importance of the work of the Public Safety Committee, thanking Committee Vice Chair Drago for serving with him, and thanking all the Legislators serving on the Committee, especially those who are serving or have served in public safety careers.

Presentations and Reports

Committee Vice Chair Drago addressed the Chair and reported attending the County EMS meeting and discussing the development of a comprehensive EMS plan.

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

2026009 APPOINTMENT OF ALISYN GAFFNEY AS DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF PROBATION AND COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Motion by Majority Leader Atkins, duly seconded by Assistant Majority Leader Munn.

Legislator Rhodes asked about the process of selection of the candidate. A. Gregg Pulver, Assistant Dutchess County Executive, explained the civil service procedure and County selection process. Legislator Faust asked to be added as a cosponsor of the Resolution.

The foregoing Resolution was unanimously adopted by the Public Safety Committee.

2026010 AMENDMENT OF RESOLUTION NO. 61 OF 1993, CREATING A DUTCHESS COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COUNCIL

Motion by Majority Leader Atkins, duly seconded by Assistant Majority Leader Munn.

Legislator Kaul spoke in support of the amendment.

The foregoing Resolution was unanimously adopted by the Public Safety Committee.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Committee Chair Alexander at 5:42 p.m.