



THE ERIE COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Session No. 12  
JUNE 26, 2025

Timothy J. Meyers  
*Chair*

John J. Gilmour  
*Majority Leader*

John J. Mills  
*Minority Leader*

Olivia M. Owens  
*Clerk of the Legislature*

ROLL CALL

INVOCATION: Mr. Todaro

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Ms. Vinal

TABLED ITEMS

ITEMS FOR RECONSIDERATION FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: [Meeting No. 11](#)

PUBLIC HEARING: June 26th, 2025 - 6PM; Local Law Intro. 2-1 (2025)

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS:

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| MAJORITY CAUCUS                   | Recognizing Community Health Improvement Week   |
| MAJORITY CAUCUS                   | Recognizing National PTSD Awareness Day   |
| DUPRE, KOOSHOIAN, & ST. JEAN TARD | Honoring New York State Society of CPAs - Buffalo Chapter Celebrating their 100th Anniversary |
| DUPRE                             | Recognizing Billy Club during World Whiskey Day   |
| DUPRE                             | Recognizing Vice Whiskey during World Whiskey Day   |
| DUPRE                             | Recognizing Lucky Day Whiskey Bar during World Whiskey Day                                    |
| DUPRE                             | In Remembrance of Turhan "Chaz" Ahmed Jr.   |
| DUPRE                             | In Remembrance of Larry Smith   |
| DUPRE                             | Honoring Bratts Hill by Chef Darian during National Soul Food Month                           |
| DUPRE                             | Recognizing Lavocat's Garden Center during Family Owned and Operated Business Day             |

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| DUPRE & ST. JEAN TARD | Recognizing Project Play WNY during National Little League Baseball Week                               |
| DUPRE & ST. JEAN TARD | Celebrating the African American Black Music Month (June 2025)   |
| DUPRE & ST. JEAN TARD | Recognizing the Ordination of Lady JoAnna Lonell Wingo   |
| DUPRE & ST. JEAN TARD | Recognizing the Second Annual Masten Family Reunion  |
| DUPRE & ST. JEAN TARD | Recognizing Buffalo Police Athletic League during National Little League Baseball Week                 |
| ST. JEAN TARD         | Congratulating and Honoring Ayanna Gregory   |
| ST. JEAN TARD         | Recognizing Soulboxx Catering during National Soul Food Month  |
| ST. JEAN TARD         | Recognizing Manna Restaurant during National Soul Food Month   |
| ST. JEAN TARD         | Recognizing Phat Catz Restaurant & Bar during National Soul Food Month                                 |
| ST. JEAN TARD         | Recognizing Marco's Italian Restaurant during National Family Owned and Operated Business Day          |
| KOOSHOIAN             | Recognizing Grand Island Little League Baseball & Softball during National Little League Baseball Week |
| KOOSHOIAN             | Honoring Leroi Callwell Johnson  |
| KOOSHOIAN             | Honoring Flavors of Jean during National Soul Food Month   |
| BARGNESI              | Recognizing Tonawanda American Little League during National Little League Baseball Week               |
| BARGNESI              | Honoring Loud House Buffalo during National Soul Food Month  |
| VINAL                 | Recognizing Mathewson McCarthy Baseball during National Little League Baseball Week                    |
| VINAL                 | Honoring and Recognizing Kathleen Sweet on Being Named President of the New York State Bar Association |

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| GREENE  | Honoring Brody Kaufman as Citizen of the Month for June 2025  |
| GREENE  | Recognizing and Commending Girl Scout Gold Award Winner Samantha Kramer   |
| GREENE  | Recognizing and Commending Girl Scout Gold Award Winner Giuliana Bishouty   |
| GREENE  | Recognizing and Commending Girl Scout Gold Award Winner Megan Engler  |
| GREENE  | Recognizing and Commending Girl Scout Gold Award Winner Lillian Lewinski  |
| GREENE  | Recognizing and Commending Girl Scout Gold Award Winner Valerie Merlino   |
| MEYERS  | Recognizing Cheektowaga Youth Baseball and Softball during National Little League Baseball Week                               |
| TODARO  | Recognizing Jerry Sanok for 40 Years of Service to the Alden Republican Committee   |
| TODARO  | Celebrating the Grand Opening of Big Papa's Creamery  |
| TODARO  | Celebrating Vibe Yoga Studio's Grand Opening  |
| TODARO  | Congratulating Lancaster's Stroll Magazine for Its Two-Year Anniversary   |
| TODARO  | Congratulating Lancaster High School Softball for Winning the 2025 Class AAA State Title                                      |
| GILMOUR | Recognizing Black Smoke Bourbon during World Whiskey Day  |
| GILMOUR | Recognizing Hamburg Junior Baseball and Softball League during National Little League Baseball Week                           |
| LORIGO  | Recognizing the Colden Elementary School Student Council for Their Donations to the Bread of Life Outreach Center Food Pantry |
| LORIGO  | Recognizing Rick Manzone upon Receiving the "Everyday Hero Award" from The Kiwanis Club of Springville                        |

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| LORIGO | Recognizing Second Chance Sheltering Network of East Aurora on National Kitten Day |
| LORIGO | Recognizing Sarah Amborski on Her Appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy            |
| MILLS  | Honoring Christopher John Rushton on Earning the Rank of Eagle Scout               |
| MILLS  | Honoring Drew David Slotman on earning the Rank of Eagle Scout                     |
| MILLS  | Honoring Griffin Stephen Halter on Earning the Rank of Eagle Scout                 |
| MILLS  | Honoring Orchard Park Girls Varsity Softball Team 2025 Class AA State Champions    |

LOCAL LAWS:

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| LL INTRO. 2-1 (2024) | LORIGO         | The Tax Dollar Disclosure Act  | Finance & Management |
| LL INTRO. 5-2 (2024) | BARGNESI       | Amending the Erie County Charter in Relation to Term Lengths and Term Limits   | Government Affairs   |
| LL INTRO. 7-1 (2024) | KOOSHOIAN      | The STUNT Law  | Public Safety        |
| LL INTRO. 1-1 (2025) | MILLS & TODARO | Prohibiting the Sale and Use of Sky Lanterns in Erie County  | Energy & Environment |
| LL INTRO. 2-1 (2025) | MEYERS         | Amending Local Law No. 1-1959, constituting the Erie County Charter, as amended, in relation to recommendations made by the Erie County Charter Revision Commission, duly organized pursuant to Local Law No. 1-2017 |                      |
| LL INTRO. 3-1 (2025) | ST. JEAN TARD  | Prohibition of Public Dumping on County Property   |                      |

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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| Report No. 9 | ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE |
| Report No. 6 | FINANCE & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE |

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| Report No. 9 | ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE |
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| Report No. 2 | GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE |
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LEGISLATOR RESOLUTIONS:

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| INTRO. 12-1 | BARGNESI &<br>KOOSHOIAN | Re-Allocation of Public Benefit Funds   |
| INTRO. 12-2 | MINORITY<br>CAUCUS      | Requesting an Audit of EC Personal Protective Equipment & Durable Medical Equipment Stockpile                           |
| INTRO. 12-3 | MINORITY<br>CAUCUS      | Supporting an Investigation by the Department of Justice into NYS Unconstitutional Restrictions on the Second Amendment |
| INTRO. 12-4 | KOOSHOIAN               | Compromise of Town and County Taxes Pursuant to the Erie County Tax Act   |

COMMUNICATIONS DISCHARGED FROM COMMITTEE:

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| COMM. 10E-30 | From the Economic Development Committee | From the County Executive: EC Pursuing a NYS Empire State Development Grant on Behalf of the Lipsey Architecture Center Buffalo |
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[\\*\\*\\*Amendment to COMM. 10E-30\\*\\*\\*](#)

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| COMM. 11E-6 | From the Finance & Management Committee | From the County Executive: SUNY Erie Community College 2025-2026 Budget |
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SUSPENSION OF THE RULES:

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| INTRO. 12-5 | MEYERS | Establishing a Standard Work Day for Elected Officials |
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COMMUNICATIONS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS:

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| COMM. 12E-1 | COMPTROLLER | Request for Information on Fleet Audit | Finance & Management |
| COMM. 12E-2 | COMPTROLLER | 2025 Mortgage Expenses                 | Finance & Management |
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| COMM. 12E-3  | COMPTROLLER      | Letter Regarding Sheriff Helicopter Purchases/Upgrades   | Management                        |
| COMM. 12E-4  | COMPTROLLER      | Department of Law Risk Retention Fund Spending - April 2025                                    | Government Affairs                |
| COMM. 12E-5  | MILLS            | ECCSAB Recommendation  | Public Safety                     |
| COMM. 12E-6  | SHERIFF          | Response to June 11, 2025 Letter   | Finance & Management              |
| COMM. 12E-7  | COMPTROLLER      | ECSD No. 3 - Proposed Increase & Improvement of Facilities (2024), Final Order/Bond Resolution | Energy & Environment              |
| COMM. 12E-8  | COMPTROLLER      | EC Hotel Monitoring Program - Pink Fountain Motor Inn  | Finance & Management              |
| COMM. 12E-9  | COMPTROLLER      | EC Hotel Monitoring Program - Asa Ransom House   | Finance & Management              |
| COMM. 12E-10 | COMPTROLLER      | EC Cultural Funding Grant Monitoring Program - Buffalo Toronto Public Media                    | Finance & Management              |
| COMM. 12E-11 | COMPTROLLER      | EC Cultural Funding Grant Monitoring Program - Buffalo & EC Historical Society                 | Finance & Management              |
| COMM. 12E-12 | COMPTROLLER      | EC Cultural Funding Grant Monitoring Program - Assembly House 150                              | Finance & Management              |
| COMM. 12E-13 | COMPTROLLER      | EC Cultural Funding Grant Monitoring Program - D'Youville Kavinoky Theater                     | Finance & Management              |
| COMM. 12E-14 | COMPTROLLER      | EC Cultural Funding Grant Monitoring Program - Road Less Traveled Production, LTD              | Finance & Management              |
| COMM. 12E-15 | COMPTROLLER      | EC Cultural Funding Grant Monitoring Program - Young Audiences of WNY                          | Finance & Management              |
| COMM. 12E-16 | COUNTY EXECUTIVE | SUNY ECC Campus-Wide Roof Replacement & Exterior Waterproofing Term Agreement                  | Immediate Consideration Requested |
| COMM. 12E-17 | COUNTY EXECUTIVE | Buffalo Convention Center Soffit Replacement Project - Construction Award                      | Immediate Consideration Requested |
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| COMM. 12E-18 | COUNTY EXECUTIVE  | CAPA Strategies Agreement Authorization   |                                   |
| COMM. 12E-19 | COUNTY EXECUTIVE  | Authorization to Enter into Inter-Municipal Agreements to Implement the Municipal Planning Grant Program                      | Immediate Consideration Requested |
| COMM. 12E-20 | COUNTY EXECUTIVE  | Division of Criminal Justice Services - Supplemental Aid to Defense   | Immediate Consideration Requested |
| COMM. 12E-21 | COUNTY EXECUTIVE  | Indigent Legal Services Grant - 1st Upstate Family Defense (Child Welfare) Quality Improvement & Caseload Reduction Extension | Immediate Consideration Requested |
| COMM. 12E-22 | COUNTY EXECUTIVE  | NYS County Law Article 18-B Plan Update   | Immediate Consideration Requested |
| COMM. 12E-23 | SHERIFF           | Challenges Imposed by State-Ready Issue   | Public Safety                     |
| COMM. 12E-24 | COMPTROLLER       | County Fleet Audit - Clarification of Scope and Procedures  | Finance & Management              |
| COMM. 12E-25 | DISTRICT ATTORNEY | Amendment to STRIVE Comm. 10E-36 (2025)   | Immediate Consideration Requested |

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS:

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| COMM. 12D-1 | ECDSS COMMISSIONER              | COMM. 12E-34 Compliance Report  | Health & Human Services |
| COMM. 12D-2 | CHIEF PLANNER OF DEP            | SEQR for Former Erie County Home & Infirmary Sale - Northeastern Alliance Redevelopment Project | Energy & Environment    |
| COMM. 12D-3 | DIRECTOR OF BUDGET & MANAGEMENT | April 2025 Budget Monitoring Report   | Finance & Management    |

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PEOPLE AND OTHER AGENCIES:

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| COMM. 12M-1 | T. BIGHAM          | Letter Regarding LL Intro. 1-1 (2025) | Energy & Environment |
| COMM. 12M-2 | PEACEPRINTS OF WNY | ECCSAB Recommendation                 | Public Safety        |
|             |                    |                                       | Energy & Environment |

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| COMM. 12M-3 | A. BAIN                       | Letter Regarding LL Intro. 1-1 (2025)   |                      |
| COMM. 12M-4 | NYS COMPTROLLER               | OSC Approval of Increase and Improvement of Facilities for Sewer District No. 3 | Energy & Environment |
| COMM. 12M-5 | PRESIDENT & CEO OF VBN/BCC    | Reports & Financial Statements - 2025 Q1  | Government Affairs   |
| COMM. 12M-6 | EC FISCAL STABILITY AUTHORITY | 2024 Annual Financial Audit   | Finance & Management |

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS:

ADJOURNMENT: