

**ERIE COUNTY LEGISLATURE  
MEETING NO. 4  
FEBRUARY 26, 2026**

The Legislature was called to order by Chair Meyers.

All members present.

An Invocation was held, led by Mr. Greene, who requested a moment of silence.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Todaro.

Chair Meyers opened the First Public Comment Session, the following speakers addressed the Legislature:

Todd Hariaczyi, Williamsville – spoke in support of INTRO. 4-5, calling for Monthly Fiscal Status Reports.

Item 1 – MR. GILMOUR moved to take the Rules of the Legislature for 2026 from the table. MS. VINAL seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MR. GILMOUR moved for approval of the Rules of the Legislature for 2026. MS. ST. JEAN TARD seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 23

2026  
RULES OF ORDER  
ERIE COUNTY LEGISLATURE

SECTION 1.00: ORGANIZATION

1.01 CHAIR

Annually, the members of the Erie County Legislature shall meet to organize no later than the 8th day of January in each calendar year. At such meeting, or at a recessed meeting, the Legislature shall select a member of the Legislature as the Chair by an affirmative vote of at least a majority of the entire membership of the Legislature. Upon the Chair's election, the Chair shall immediately assume all of the duties and responsibilities of the office.

The Chair shall possess the following powers and perform the following duties:

1. To preside over all meetings of the full Legislature; call the Legislature to order, direct a call of the roll, and, except in the absence of a quorum, proceed to business in a manner prescribed by these rules;
2. To preserve order and decorum;
3. To execute on behalf of the Legislature contracts and/or contract amendments and other documents authorized by the County Legislature and to execute all contracts necessary for the day-to-day operation and administration of the County Legislature without additional Legislative authorization;
4. To decide all questions of order, subject to appeal of the Legislature as hereinafter provided;
5. To recess meetings;
6. If the Legislature is ready to go into Committee of the Whole, to name a Chair to preside over such committee;
7. To name a Parliamentarian from among the legislators or legislative staff to advise the body on compliance with New York State Open Meetings and Freedom of Information laws and to name a Freedom of Information Law officer and a Freedom of Information Law Appeals Officer. The Parliamentarian shall be appointed by the Chair of the Legislature within twenty (20) days, or as soon as possible, after the Chair's election or appointment, and the appointment letter shall be filed with the Clerk of the Legislature and printed in the minutes of the Legislature;
8. To order that a public hearing be held. Public Hearings shall be conducted a minimum of five (5) days before a related item can be considered by the Legislature unless otherwise prescribed by law. Said hearings shall be held no earlier than 6:00 pm on weekdays. However, ministerial Public Hearings involving departments of county government, such as those conducted for Sewerage Management and Public Works items, may be held during regular business hours. The Chair shall further ensure that notice of the time and date of each public hearing be posted on the Legislature's website.
9. To be a voting member ex-officio of all committees and to receive notice of all meetings thereof;
10. To serve as the Department Head of the Legislature, and to appoint and designate or terminate, within the budgetary appropriations, all officers and employees of the Legislature not required to be selected by other means under these Rules, or other State or County law;

11. To establish guidelines and criteria and approve the expenditure of funds in the budget of the Legislature for the printing and/or mailing of literature by members of the Legislature to their constituents within the appropriations therefore; provided, however, that no such literature shall be mailed at or delivered to any postal facility by such members during the period of forty five (45) days immediately prior to a date of a primary or general election in which such member is included or involved as a candidate, whether such election is a special, primary, or runoff election, and as provided for in section 5.06 of these rules;
12. To establish independent committees, boards, and commissions to report to the Chair and/or Legislature, and appoint or remove the members thereof;
13. To cancel Public Hearings for which the underlying item has been withdrawn;
14. Such other powers as may be set forth in more detail in these Rules or in state, federal, or local legislation.

#### 1.02 MAJORITY AND MINORITY LEADERS:

Annually, the enrolled members of the two caucuses which shall have the greatest number of members seated in the Legislature shall elect a leader of their respective parties. A caucus shall be defined as a group of members or adherents of the same political party. The leader of the caucus whose membership of the Legislature constitutes a majority of the Legislature shall be known as the Majority Leader. The leader of the other caucus shall be known as Minority Leader. The Minority Leader shall have the responsibility to appoint and designate or terminate, within budgetary appropriations, which shall be allocated approximately proportionally, based on the number of members in the Minority Caucus, all officers and employees of the Legislature Minority.

For the purpose of complying with the provisions of Section 200, subdivision 1 of the County Law, in the event that neither the members of one caucus nor the other constitute a majority of the members of the County Legislature, the Chair of the Legislature shall designate one caucus leader as the Majority Leader and the other as the Minority Leader for the purpose of budgetary appropriation and other matters.

#### 1.03 ACTING CHAIR:

In the absence of the Chair from any meeting of the Legislature, the designated Majority Leader shall become acting Chair with all the powers and duties of Chair for so long as the Chair is absent.

In the event of this occurrence, the Majority Leader shall not act in both capacities. The Majority Caucus shall designate an acting Majority Leader for so long as the Majority Leader is acting Chair.

SECTION 2.00: MEETINGS

2.01 REGULAR SESSION:

Regular sessions of the Legislature shall be held at least twice monthly, except in August, as designated by the Chair. The schedule of regular sessions shall be determined by the Chair who shall notify members of the Legislature concerning the same no later than January 1, of each year.

All regular sessions and all adjourned sessions shall be open for consideration of any matter, which in accordance with these rules, may be properly brought to the attention of the Legislature.

2.02 SPECIAL MEETINGS:

Special meetings shall be held at the call of the Clerk of the Legislature upon direction of the Chair or upon filing with the Clerk of the Legislature of a written request signed by a majority of the members of the Legislature. Notice in writing, stating the time, place and purpose of the special meeting shall be served personally, by email, by mail or by affixing to the door of the premises of the residential address upon each member by the Clerk of the Legislature at least forty-eight (48) hours before the date and time fixed for holding the meeting, or a member may waive the service of the notice for such meeting in writing. Only business specified in the notice thereof may be transacted at a special meeting.

Service by email of the Notice of Special Meeting, pursuant to this section, is authorized and constitutes service upon each member at the County assigned email address provided to the Clerk by the member of the Legislature for that purpose. A confirmation record produced by the Clerk's email transmission shall be prima facie evidence that the Notice of Special Meeting and transmitted documents were served consistent with the date, time and place appearing on the confirmation record. Email of the Notice of Special Meeting may be transmitted at any time of the day or night, Monday through Friday, to the appropriate email and will be deemed served upon transmitting said email, except that Notices of Special Meeting sent on a Friday shall be deemed duly served if the Clerk's confirmation record demonstrates that the emails for all members of the Legislature were completed by 5 p.m. on that Friday. Nothing in this rule shall prohibit personal service of a Notice of Special Meeting on Friday after 5 p.m., or on a Saturday or a Sunday.

2.03 QUORUM:

A majority of the duly constituted membership of the Legislature shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but a lesser number may adjourn.

During a State of Emergency, a legislator or legislators affected who cannot physically be present in the Legislative Chambers for a legislative session or legislative committee may participate in a legislative session or legislative committee via video or audio conferencing.

During a State of Emergency, and pursuant to a written letter submitted by the Chair of the Legislature directing so, the Legislature may convene and meet in legislative sessions or committees via video or audio conferencing, so long as the public may watch/listen to such sessions or committees.

Members are authorized to attend meetings by videoconference from locations that are not open to the public when necessitated by extraordinary circumstances, provided that the minimum number of members are present to fulfill the Legislature's quorum requirement in the same physical location(s) where the public can attend, consistent with Erie County Local Law 2 of 2023.

#### 2.04 CHAIR TO SECURE A QUORUM:

In the absence of a quorum during the sessions of the Legislature, the Chair may take such measures as provided by law and as the Chair may deem necessary to secure the presence of a quorum.

#### 2.05 ROLL CALL, MINUTES, ABSENCES:

At any and every meeting of the Legislature, upon the members being called to order by the Chair, the roll of members shall be called by the Clerk, and the names of those absent shall be inserted in the Minutes. The Majority and Minority Leaders should note the absence of any of their members because of county business, established illness, death and/or bereavement in the family or of a close associate and such absence shall be carried in the Minutes as an excused absence. The Minutes of the preceding meeting, when available, shall then be presented for approval to the end that any corrections, alterations, or additions may be made. In all cases when an order, resolution or a motion shall be entered in the Minutes of the Legislature, the name of the member presenting or moving the same and seconding shall be entered.

#### 2.06 ORDER OF BUSINESS:

The Order of Business of each session shall be:

1. Calling the roll of members by the Clerk;
2. Public Comment;
3. Consideration of the Minutes of the preceding meeting(s);

4. Consideration and presentation of miscellaneous resolutions. Each legislator shall be entitled to four (4) annual presentations including “Citizen of the Month”, with no regular session having more than two (2) presentations. Selection of presentations shall be determined by the order in which requests are filed with the Clerk of the Legislature;
5. The consideration of Communications, Local Laws and Resolutions on the Table of the Legislature;
6. Reports of Standing Committees;
7. Reports of Special Committees;
8. Presentation of Legislator Resolutions;
9. Presentation of Resolutions and Communications to be Discharged from a Standing Committee or Special Committee;
10. Presentation of Resolutions and Communications which require a Suspension of the Rules for the purpose of considering the item or sending it to committee;
11. Presentation of Communications from Elected County Officials, County Departments, and the People and Other Agencies;
12. Public Comment;
13. Announcements from the Chair;
14. Presentation of Memorial Resolutions; and
15. Adjournment.

The Chair, in the Chair’s discretion, may change the Order of Business at any session except as otherwise provided in Section 4.04.

#### 2.07 ORDER DURING SESSION:

The Chair shall take the chair at the hour specified for the convening of the Legislature and shall preserve order and decorum. In debate, all remarks must be addressed to the Chair and confined to the question before the Legislature. The Chair shall prevent personal reflections and confine members to the question under discussion.

The Chair shall decide all questions of order, which decisions shall be final, unless an appeal is taken to the Legislature and sustained.

**2.08 APPEAL FROM THE CHAIR'S RULING:**

On every appeal, the Chair shall have the right to assign his/her reasons for such decision. If the question on which the appeal is taken was not debatable, the Legislature shall decide the case without debate. If debatable, no member shall speak more than once.

The Chair shall put the question: "Shall the Ruling of the Chair be overturned?"

A motion to overrule a decision or ruling of the Chair shall require approval by a majority vote of the Legislature.

**2.09 PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:**

No person shall be entitled to the privilege of the floor during the session of the Legislature, unless unanimous consent be given therefore.

**2.10 REFERRALS TO COMMITTEE:**

The Chair, at the Chair's discretion, may refer to the proper committee or shall table any petition, resolution, local law, amendment or other matter when presented, and may similarly refer to the County Attorney for attention any legal proceeding brought against the county. The Chair's decision to refer any item to committee or to the County Attorney or to table an item is not amendable or debatable, and can only be challenged in accordance with Section 2.08 herein. Once the appeal from the Chair's ruling has been decided however, and if the same has been a determination in favor of the Chair's referral or other action, the petition, resolution, local law, amendment or other matter cannot be discharged from such committee for reconsideration or other action at the same legislative session without the unanimous vote of the Legislature.

**2.11 MEMBER NOT TO SPEAK OR LEAVE THE MEMBER'S PLACE:**

While the Chair is putting a question, or while the roll is being called, no member shall speak or leave the member's place. The Chair shall allow opportunity for debate before the roll is called.

**2.12 TIE VOTE:**

When the Legislature shall be equally divided on any question, including the Chair's vote, the question shall be deemed to have been lost.

**2.13 PRIORITY OF BUSINESS:**

All questions relative to priority of business shall be decided by the Chair without debate, except as otherwise provided in Section 4.03, and the Chair's decision shall be final.

**2.14 LIMITATION ON TIME OF SPEECH:**

No member shall speak more than five minutes at any one time, nor more than twice on the same question without permission by majority vote of the Legislature.

However, all members shall be given an opportunity to explain their vote during a recording of ayes and noes pursuant to Rule 2.18 of this section.

During any debate occurring on the floor of the Legislature the lead sponsor, or the sponsor's designee, in debate may be directly addressed with questions specifically relating to the item in front of the Legislature. Direct questions shall count as one of the two opportunities to speak and the member asking questions will be afforded the entirety of their time. All questions must be confined to the limitations otherwise imposed in this Rule.

The response from the lead sponsor, or the sponsor's designee, must be related to the question asked and may be reasonably limited at the discretion of the Chair of the Legislature. For the purposes of this Rule the lead sponsor shall be the member whose name is listed first on the item at debate. The lead sponsor's responses shall not count against the sponsor's time allowances afforded under this section.

This rule does not apply to the vote explanation allowed pursuant to 2.18, no questions are allowed during that time.

**2.15 MAJORITY VOTE:**

A majority of the total vote of the entire membership of the Legislature shall be necessary to carry any question, proposition, resolution, motion, amendment or any other matter, except where it is otherwise provided herein or by statute that a two thirds vote or a unanimous vote is required. Local laws, resolutions or amendments introduced by any member(s) of the Legislature and communications from elected officials requiring approval shall be approved or disapproved by a majority vote of the full Legislature, except in such instances when items are removed from the agenda pursuant to Section 5.04.

**2.16 RECEIVE AND FILE/RECEIVE, FILE AND PRINT:**

The Chair, at the Chair's discretion, may receive and file or receive, file and print any question, proposition, resolution, motion, amendment or any other matter. The Chair's decision to receive and file or receive, file and print any question, proposition, resolution, motion, amendment or any other matter is not amendable or debatable, and can only be challenged in accordance with Section 2.08 herein.

**2.17 RECORDING OF VOTE:**

Any member shall have the right to have said member's vote recorded and entered upon the minutes upon request, without explanation, and without requiring the ayes and noes to be called.

**2.18 RECORDING AYES AND NOES:**

On a roll call, the ayes and noes shall be taken without explanation on any question wherever so required by law, or by any member, and whenever so taken shall be entered in the proceedings of the Legislature, and the Clerk shall record the names of the members and the way each shall have respectively voted. The roll is called of the minority members first, in alphabetical order, followed immediately by the majority members, in alphabetical order. Each member, as the member's name is called, shall respond in the affirmative or in the negative, as the case may be. Every member is entitled one (1) minute to explain their vote during the roll call or voice vote. Each member, however, shall be allowed to pass on the first call of the roll. To verify the vote and to correct possible errors, and to allow such members as passed on the first call of the roll; the Clerk shall repeat the call of the roll once, and only once. The only exception to this procedure is if the member abstains from voting in accordance with Section 2.21 herein.

**2.19 BORROWING MONEY:**

The ayes and noes shall be taken on all resolutions or other proceedings involving the granting of authority to borrow money and such other resolutions and proceedings, as the statute requires.

**2.20 VOTE ON DISTINCT PROPOSITION:**

If the question in debate contains several distinct propositions, the same shall be divided by the Chair at the request of any member, to the end that a vote may be taken on each proposition, but a motion to strike out and insert shall be deemed indivisible.

**2.21 ABSTENTIONS:**

Every member who shall be physically present in the Legislative Chambers when a question is stated by the Chair must cast the member's vote on the same. The only exception to this procedure is when a member abstains from voting in accordance with Section 5b of Erie County Local Law No. 2-

2018, constituting the Erie County Code of Ethics. If a member wrongfully attempts to avoid casting the member's vote, abstain, or otherwise refuses to vote, the Chair shall direct the Clerk to record such member's vote in the affirmative on the question being voted upon.

**2.22 SPEAK WHEN RECOGNIZED BY CHAIR:**

No member wishing to speak shall proceed without standing and without having addressed the Chair from the member's place and until obtaining recognition by the Chair.

**2.23 SUSPENSION OF THE RULES BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT:**

These rules may at any time during the session be suspended by unanimous consent of all members of the Legislature present; however, the member making the application for such suspension must state the purpose for which the same is asked.

These rules may be suspended by a majority vote of the Legislature for the purpose of referring any item to committee provided that said item may not be discharged for action at the same meeting at which the suspension is granted. The unanimous consent of all members of the Legislature present shall be required, however, to suspend the rules to permit action on an item at the same meeting at which such suspension is requested.

A member shall submit to the Chair of the Legislature, a written copy of the item which the member proposes to suspend the rules for referring said item to committee or for permitting action on said item at least three (3) hours prior to the session at which the request for such suspension is considered, and the member making said application for such suspension shall state the purpose for which the same is asked.

**2.24 PRESENTATION OF MOTION:**

When a question shall be under consideration, no motion shall be received except as herein specified, which motion, termed subsidiary motions, shall have precedence in the order named, to wit:

1. For an adjournment of the Legislature;
2. A call of the Legislature;
3. To move the previous question;
4. To lay on the table;

5. To postpone indefinitely;
6. To postpone to a certain day;
7. To go immediately into a Committee of the Whole on the pending subject;
8. To recess;
9. To commit to a Standing Committee;
10. To commit to a Special Committee; and
11. To amend.

#### 2.25 WITHDRAWAL OF RESOLUTION OR MOTION:

Any resolution or motion offered by a member may be withdrawn by the member presenting it at any time before an announcement by the Chair of the vote thereon or before an amendment to such resolution or motion has been adopted.

#### 2.26 MOTIONS NOT AMENDABLE OR DEBATABLE:

All motions for an adjournment, for a recess, to move the previous question, or to lay on the table shall be neither amended nor debated. After the roll call on any question has begun, no member shall speak on the question nor shall any motion be made until after the result is declared. While the Chair is putting any question, or while the roll is being called, no debate or discussion shall be in order.

#### 2.27 PREVIOUS QUESTIONS AND AMENDMENTS:

The "Previous Question" shall be as follows:

1. "I move the previous question" applies only to the specific pending question being debated whether it be an amendment or any other issue. If an amendment is being debated, the "previous question" is called, and a vote taken on the amendment, then the next amendment, if there is one, or the resolution should be debated.
2. If a motion is approved for the "previous question" and is qualified as being called to end debate on the resolution and all amendments, then no further debate can be permitted. Such a motion can be qualified in any manner, i.e., to end debate only on amendment, or on all pending questions.

#### 2.28 MOTIONS FOR RECONSIDERATION AND CHANGING ONE'S VOTE:

A motion for reconsideration or a motion to change one's vote shall not be in order unless made on the same day, or at the next Legislative Session.

A motion to reconsider must be made by a member who voted with the prevailing side on the action proposed to be reconsidered. A member has the right to change said member's vote up to the time the result is announced; after that a change of vote can be made only by permission of the Legislature, which can be given by general consent, or by adoption of a motion to change one's vote.

When a motion to reconsider or a motion to change one's vote has been defeated, it shall not again be submitted to the Legislature without unanimous consent.

#### 2.29 MOTION TO RESCIND:

A motion to rescind can only be entertained when moved by a member who voted with the majority in the action which it is proposed to rescind, and requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the total members of the Legislature.

#### 2.30 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

The Legislature may, at any time when in session, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on any subject before it, and in such case, the Chair may name a member to preside.

#### 2.31 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE- NO QUORUM; ADJOURNMENT:

If at any time within a Committee of the Whole it be ascertained that there is no quorum, the Chair of the Legislature or the Chair of the Committee of the Whole, if so named, shall immediately report the fact to the Chair of the Legislature and the adjournment of the Committee of the Whole shall be in order.

#### 2.32 PRESENTATIONS TO BE IN WRITING:

All petitions, resolutions, committee reports, amendments, and items discharged from a committee thereof, shall be in writing. Legislators requesting a discharge from a committee must present a paper copy of the item on the floor for the discharge.

#### 2.33 TIME FOR PRESENTATION TO CLERK:

Except as provided in Section 2.02, all petitions, resolutions, offers, or communication of whatever nature shall be submitted to the Clerk of the Legislature before 10:00 a.m., two (2) business days prior to a regular meeting date, for presentation by the Clerk of the Legislature at the next meeting.

For the purpose of this rule, business day shall be defined in reference to Section 206 of the New York State County Law.

In the event that two business days before session is a recognized holiday or a recognized holiday occurs within two business days before a regular meeting date, the appropriate clock-in day will be the first business day of the week in which the regular meeting date is held.

An agenda of all matters before the Legislature shall be prepared by the Clerk of the Legislature, who shall determine the particular order of agenda items in keeping with Section 2.06.

#### 2.34 SAMPLE RESOLUTION AND ACCOMPANYING MEMORANDA:

The Clerk of the Legislature shall not place any request for legislative action, which is filed by a county elected official, other than a county legislator, or by a nonelected county official, on the agenda for a regular or special legislative session, unless such request includes a sample resolution and an accompanying memorandum, which presents and includes:

- A SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDED ACTION
- FISCAL IMPLICATIONS OF PROPOSAL
  - If the proposal is creating new, or extending existing, county personnel, include the:
    - Annualized salary required of the position(s)
    - Pro-rated salary required for the remainder of the current fiscal year
    - Funding source(s) to be utilized to cover the costs. If the proposed funding source is a grant, include:
      - Grant source (federal, state, charitable, etc.)
      - Grant duration
      - Grant funding remaining after creation of the new position(s)
      - A contingency plan should the existing grant be discontinued
- REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION
- BACKGROUND OF PROPOSAL
  - If the proposal creates a new position, or extends an existing position, include an:
    - Affirmation as to whether the duties required of the position are required by law or contract
    - Affirmation as to whether the position is managerial confidential or Competitive Civil Service
- CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION
- STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL OF MEASURE

#### 2.35 SOLICITATIONS:

No solicitation of funds for any purpose shall be permitted during any session of the Legislature.

**2.36 ALL POINTS OF ORDER NOT COVERED BY THESE RULES:**

On all points of order not governed by the rules of this Legislature, the most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall prevail. In the event that a point of order shall arise which shall not be covered by either the Rules of Order for the Legislature or by the most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order, the Rules of the New York State Assembly shall be followed.

**2.37 PUBLIC COMMENT:**

The purpose of the first session of Public Comment is to allow opportunity for the public to formally communicate with the Legislature on any matter involving the County relative to the session's agenda. The purpose of the second session of Public Comment is to allow opportunity for the public to formally communicate with the Legislature on any matter. The rules set forth below are put in place for the benefit of citizens members of the public attending the session. The rules are not intended to stifle citizen participation, only to provide a safe and comfortable environment for the free flow of information to the public regarding county business.

1. Public comment is not designed to be a conversation with the Legislature, but an opportunity for the public to express their opinion on issues that the Legislature will cover during that meeting. The Legislature is not obligated to respond to public comments.
2. The first session of Public Comment before the Legislature will take place at the beginning of each Legislative session. This is done early in meetings to allow residents to speak on matters on the agenda. Public Comment shall not exceed thirty minutes unless extended by a majority vote of the Legislature.
3. The second session of Public Comment will take place at the end of each Legislative session. This will allow residents to speak on matters related to County business. Public comment shall not exceed thirty minutes unless extended by a majority vote of the Legislature.
4. Residents wishing to speak shall affix their name to a sign in sheet and be recognized in the order to which they signed in. The Chair shall recognize residents who wish to speak. Once recognized, the speaker shall state the speaker's name and address and proceed to comment. In fairness to all members of the public, speakers should focus on the facts of the matter at hand and confine comments to no more than three minutes. Yielding time to another or otherwise giving time to a speaker to extend the three (3) minute period by another person shall not be permitted.
5. After the last signed in speaker has spoken, the Chair will ask if any additional members of the public who have not previously signed in would like to speak.
6. Any person wishing to submit a written statement to be read into the record shall provide said statement to the Chair at the beginning of the meeting/public hearing. The Clerk shall read said statement in accordance with the decorum below.

7. The Chair shall act as timekeeper or designate staff or another elected official to serve in this capacity.
8. Residents wishing to address the Legislature will adhere to the following decorum:
  - a. The public comment session is not a debate, either with the Legislators or other members of the audience. Speakers shall address the Legislature as a whole, in an orderly manner. All speakers shall refrain from partisan political commentary and refrain from personal remarks directed to any one Legislator, staff, or general public. It is inappropriate to utilize a public meeting for the purpose of making political speeches, including threats of political action and the same will not be allowed.
  - b. The use of profane, vulgar, inflammatory, threatening, abusive, or disparaging language or racial or ethnic slurs shall not be tolerated.
  - c. No member of the public shall engage in any demonstration, booing, hand clapping, or otherwise disrupt the formality of a Legislator's a session of the Legislature.
  - d. Discussion and exchanges between active speakers and attendees/audience members of the public meeting or hearing are prohibited. A speaker may, however, when properly recognized, state agreement or disagreement with the views of prior speakers in his/her comments directed to the Legislators.
  - e. Banners or other signs are not permitted in the meeting room unless, nor shall distribution of flyers within the meeting room be permitted. Nothing shall prohibit a person from holding a lawful sign or handing out flyers outside of the meeting location.
  - f. Any person who disregards the directives of the Chair, or any other person designated by the Chair to enforce the rules, or who generally conducts himself or herself in a boisterous or inappropriate manner while addressing the Legislature, thereby disturbs the peace at a such meeting and will be barred from further participation at such meeting and shall forfeit any balance of time remaining for said person's comments. Residents who act in a disruptive behavior that interferes with business of the Legislature will be asked to leave Chambers and may be charged with disorderly conduct as per the Penal Law.
  - g. Playing of audio or video recorded material is not permitted.

### SECTION 3.00: COMMITTEES

#### 3.01 RULES SHALL APPLY TO COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

The Rules of the Legislature, except Section 2.09, shall apply to all committee meetings.

#### 3.02 STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

There shall be the following standing committees which shall consist of five members each (including a Chair, Vice-Chair and three members), except the Finance and Management/Budget

Committee which shall consist of seven members (including a Chair, Vice-Chair and five members) for the purpose of considering and acting upon the County Executive's Annual Budget, and all matters relating thereto.

The members of each committee shall be appointed by the Chair of the Legislature within twenty (20) days, or as soon as possible, after the member's election or appointment and the list of the committees shall be filed with the Clerk of the Legislature and printed in the minutes of the Legislature.

**STANDING COMMITTEES**

Community Enrichment  
Economic Development  
Energy and Environment  
Finance and Management  
Government Affairs  
Health and Human Services  
Minority and Women Business Enterprise  
Public Safety  
Small Business

**SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

The Chair of the Legislature, in the Chair's discretion, may appoint such Special Committees, the number of members of which shall be as the Chair may determine.

**3.03 CHAIR EX-OFFICIO MEMBER OF ALL COMMITTEES:**

The Chair shall be a member Ex-officio of all committees with a vote thereon.

The Chair's presence at a meeting shall be counted in determining whether a quorum is present. Any vacancies occurring during the year on any Standing or Special Committee shall be filled by the Chair at the Chair's discretion.

**3.04 RECORDING PRESENCE OR ABSENCE OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

The Chair of every Standing and Special Committee shall record and certify on a form provided by the Clerk of the Legislature the names of all members present and absent from all regularly called committee meetings. Said certificate shall be filed with the Clerk and shall be the official record of committee attendance.

**3.05 CONDUCT OF COMMITTEES:**

1. All committees appointed by the Chair shall act promptly on all matters referred to them. It shall be the duty of the members of said committees to familiarize themselves with the departments of county government and the work entrusted to each of such committees.
2. Any matter referred by a committee to a department head for report or study shall be laid on the committee table for one week unless a longer period is specified by the committee.
3. Any final action taken by a majority of the members of the committee shall be included in the committee's report of its meeting and the committee's action shall be subject to approval of the Legislature by a majority vote of its total membership.
4. An agenda of all matters before a committee shall be prepared by the Clerk of the Legislature.
5. At the discretion of the Committee Chair, an item or items may be allowed to remain on the agenda indefinitely in that particular Committee to allow for consideration of that item and to serve as a vehicle for the committee to amend and send to the full Legislature, within the committee report, for consideration, subject to conditions provided in Section 5.04.

### 3.06 COMMITTEE REPORT MADE BY MAJORITY OF COMMITTEE:

No report shall be made by any committee on any subject referred to it except by a majority vote of the total membership of the committee unless the Legislature otherwise directs. All reports of committees shall be in writing and presented to the full Legislature for consideration at the next succeeding regular session of the Legislature, except the report of the Finance and Management/Budget Committee on the County Executive's Tentative Annual Budget, as provided in Section 4.01.

### 3.07 COMMITTEE REPORT BY STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

All reports of Standing and Special Committees, all motions except subsidiary motions under Sections 2.08, 2.27, 2.28, 2.29 and 2.30 and all resolutions shall lie upon the table one day before action thereon or adoption by the Legislature (unless immediate consideration is given by a majority vote of the Legislature). This rule shall not apply to reports of Standing and Special Committees on the last regular session before summer adjournment nor on the last regularly adjourned session at the close of the year.

## SECTION 4.00: BUDGET

### 4.01 TENTATIVE BUDGET:

The County Executive shall, on or before the date set forth in the Charter or established by Local Law revising same, submit twenty (20) copies of the tentative budget to the Legislature. The Finance and Management/Budget Committee is hereby designated to receive and study the tentative budget

and to report thereon. The Chair of the Finance and Management/Budget Committee shall present such tentative budget to the Finance and Management/Budget Committee for its consideration. The Finance and Management/Budget Committee shall hold such meetings thereon as it may determine, and may require any officer or employee of the county or the head of any county department, bureau, office, board or commission, or of any organization receiving financial aid from the county, to appear before the committee for the purpose of furnishing any information required by the committee in its consideration of the tentative budget. After such consideration, the Finance and Management/Budget Committee shall submit the tentative budget, with such amendments or changes therein as the committee may determine, together with its report thereon, to the Legislature not later than the sixth of December in each year. The report of the Finance and Management/Budget Committee shall be submitted to the Legislature and lay on the table forty-eight (48) hours prior to the Annual Meeting established by Section 2508 of the Charter.

Budget amendments proposed less than forty-eight (48) hours prior to the Annual Meeting shall be considered and voted on as described in Section 4.04. Such amendments less than forty-eight (48) hours prior to the Annual Meeting shall be limited to special or essential items for which information was not available in time to meet the forty-eight (48) hour requirement.

#### 4.02 ANNUAL MEETING FOR THE ADOPTION OF BUDGET:

The Annual Meeting for the adoption of the Budget and for the levying of taxes for all county and town purposes prescribed by law shall be held pursuant to Section 2508 of the Charter.

#### 4.03 LEVY OF SCHOOL TAXES:

The annual levy of school taxes pursuant to the Erie County Tax Act, as amended, shall be made at the regular meeting held on the first Thursday of September in each year.

#### 4.04 ADOPTION OF BUDGET:

Not later than the second business day after the sixth of December, following the submission of the tentative budget, the budget shall be the first order of business. Upon conclusion of the consideration of the budget, as provided in the Charter and Code, the motion to adopt the budget, either with amendments thereto, if any, to make the necessary appropriations therefore shall be the next order of business.

Any amendments to the Finance and Management/Budget Committee Report, which are proposed less than forty-eight (48) hours prior to the annual meeting prescribed by the County Charter, Section 2508, for adoption of a budget, shall be considered, justified and voted on in accordance with the Erie County Charter and Code.

SECTION 5.00: MISCELLANEOUS

5.01 APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATIONS:

All appointments by this Legislature shall lay on the table one day except for appointments made for the purpose of organizing the Legislature and the reappointment of incumbents, which may be acted on immediately. All appointments requiring the confirmation of the Legislature may be acted on immediately.

Candidates, including incumbents seeking reappointment, for the position of Commissioner of the Erie County Water Authority, shall formally submit, in writing, to the Chair of the Legislature, notice of their candidacy for that position. The Chair of the Legislature shall notify the Chair of the Erie County Legislature's Energy and Environment Committee of such applicant(s) for the office of Commissioner of the Erie County Water Authority. Upon said notification, the Chair of the Energy and Environment Committee shall schedule a public meeting, with a minimum of five (5) business days notice to members of the Legislature and the general public, within fifteen (15) days of receipt of notification from the Chair of the Legislature, for the purpose of interviewing the candidate(s).

5.02 PURCHASE OVER \$10,000.00:

Pursuant to Section 3.07 of the Administrative Code, the sum of \$10,000.00, is hereby fixed as the limit above which any purchases for contract for supplies may not be made without public advertisement. On purchases under \$10,000.00, as far as practicable, every purchase made by the Purchasing Director shall be made on bids first obtained from at least three (3) sources, except where a vendor will extend GSA contract pricing to the county, the Purchasing Director may purchase from that vendor without competitive bidding. A notation of the GSA contract number shall appear on the purchase order. Purchase requisitions and/or inquiry bid files for items under \$10,000.00 shall include a notation in writing indicating the names of at least three (3) vendors who were contacted, the name of the individuals quoting for the firm, the date contacted, and the prices quoted by the vendors. A contract awarded therefore shall be awarded either to the lowest responsible bidder, or, where authorized, on the basis of Best Value in a manner consistent with General Municipal Law § 103 and Erie County Local Law 7 of 2025.

5.03 OFFER TO PURCHASE COUNTY-OWNED PROPERTY:

The Erie County Legislature shall not adopt any resolution, which changes the status of county-owned land until such time as the proposal has been reviewed and recommended by the Department of Environment and Planning's County-Owned Lands Policy Advisory Board. The Clerk of the Legislature shall be responsible for referring all offers to purchase county-owned property to the Commissioner of Environment and Planning.

**5.04 REDUCTION OF AGENDA:**

Any item on a committee agenda, including but not limited to Local Laws, Resolutions, communications from the departments, and communications from other officials will be removed from the agenda one (1) calendar year from the date of their introduction.

The Chair of the Committee may, on the Committee Chair's motion or request, keep an expired item on the table for an additional calendar year. The motion or request to leave an item on the table is not amendable or debatable, and can only be challenged in accordance with Section 2.08 herein.

**5.05 DUTIES OF ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS:**

The Administrative Assistants and other such staff as designated by the Chair of the Legislature and Leader of the Minority shall, in addition to the duties ordinarily performed by such officials, perform such other duties as shall be assigned to each during sessions and committee meetings of the Legislature.

**5.06 ERIE COUNTY LEGISLATURE MAIL POLICY:**

1. References to political parties and/or party affiliations are prohibited on all legislative mailings.
2. The Chair, at his/her discretion, may authorize Committee Chairs and their Clerks to send informational mailings that are germane to pending committee agenda items.
3. Members are entitled to use their annual discretionary district office expense account for targeted informational mailings (notifications, announcements, etc.) to constituents in their districts. Postage expenses, like other district office expenses, are itemized. District Offices are required to maintain copies of all targeted informational mailings, and to file a true and complete copy of same with the Clerk of the Legislature, commensurate with the mailing of same. Any such mailings must be postmarked and mailed no later than forty-five (45) days prior to the date of the Erie County Legislature Primary and/or General Election.
4. The above policy shall be reviewed periodically and wherever possible, electronic notification and communication shall be used. All mailings should contain the Legislature's and/or the legislator's county web page address.

**5.07 PROHIBITION OF USE OF AUDIBLE, PORTABLE COMMUNICATION DEVICES:**

During sessions and committee meetings of the Legislature, the use of audible, portable communication devices, including, but not limited to cellular telephones and pagers, shall be prohibited, except for non-audible receipt activation. Such prohibition shall be in effect for members and staff of the Legislature, as well as for invited witnesses, visitors, and members of the general public attending such sessions or meetings. Such prohibition shall not include the use of

microphones, electronic recording devices, video recording equipment or portable computers used for the purposes of recording the proceedings of legislative sessions or committee meetings if done in a nondisruptive manner.

**5.08 DECORUM IN LEGISLATURE CHAMBER:**

1. In accordance with Article 7 of the N.Y. Public Officers Law, the Erie County Legislature hereby finds that it is essential to the maintenance of a democratic society that the business of Erie County be performed in an open and public manner. The citizens of Erie County and other governmental officials should be able to attend and observe their legislators during public deliberations subject to certain rules to allow this Honorable Body to properly consider the issues before it.
2. All visitors and spectators to the Erie County Legislature must be respectful and obey the rules of order promulgated by this Honorable Body.
3. In order to preserve the order, decorum and security of this Honorable Body, the floor of the Legislature Chamber will be restricted during sessions and public hearings to Legislators, Legislature Staff, County-wide Elected Officials, Administration Representatives, Department Heads and others granted permission by the Chair of the Erie County Legislature.
4. Any display of banners, signs, or placards in the Legislature Chamber or Committee Rooms that is disruptive to the deliberative process of the Erie County Legislature and not previously authorized by the Clerk of the Erie County Legislature is strictly prohibited.
5. Any distribution of literature or materials in the Legislature Chamber or Committee Rooms not previously authorized by the Clerk of the Erie County Legislature is strictly prohibited.
6. Audio recording of the public proceedings of the Erie County Legislature's sessions, committee meetings and public hearings shall be permitted under the following conditions:
  - a. any unobtrusive audio recorder may be used provided that such recording is restricted to the open and public areas of the Legislature Chamber and Committee Rooms; and
  - b. only credentialed members of the news media will be allowed access to the audio/visual equipment of the Erie County Legislature.
7. Video recording of the public proceedings of the Erie County Legislature's sessions, committee meetings and public hearings shall be permitted under the following conditions:
  - a. any unobtrusive video recorder may be used provided that such recording is restricted to the open and public areas of the Legislature Chamber and Committee Rooms; and
  - b. only credentialed members of the news media will be allowed access to the audio/visual equipment of the Erie County Legislature; and
  - c. no light, visible signal or audible sound shall be used on any video equipment to indicate that the equipment is operating.
8. Denim of any form is prohibited from attire of any member of the Legislature or staff in the Legislative Chambers during any event involving formal business of the county including, but not limited to, sessions, committee meetings, public hearings, and informational hearings.

9. All electronic devices shall be maintained on silent or vibrate mode and any disruption caused by a personal electronic device shall be grounds for removal under section 5.08(11).
10. The Chair of the Legislature, or committee, has the power to request anyone speaking in front of the Legislature take an oath affirming the truthfulness of the information being presented on the floor. This applies to any situation where the Legislature will be using the facts presented in making a decision. The discretion to use this power is within the control of the Chair of the Legislature or committee, depending on the body being presented with the information.
  - a. The Chair in charge of the meeting will ask the speaker, "Do you swear that what you are about to present is, to the best of your knowledge, both true and correct?" Speaker must answer in the affirmative or leave the floor until such a time as they are able to make the oath in the affirmative. If the speaker is unable to answer in the affirmative, a vote of the majority of the committee or the Legislature as a whole shall be taken as to whether to allow him or her access to the floor.
11. Any violation of the order or decorum of the Legislature subjects an offending party to removal from the Erie County Legislature's sessions, committee meetings and public hearings and possible forfeiture of their right to attend future sessions, committee meetings and public hearings of this Honorable Body.

#### 5.09 AMENDMENT OF RULES:

These rules shall not be rescinded, altered, or amended, nor shall any additional rule be added, except by a majority vote of the total members of the Legislature, and only after at least one day's notice in writing, filed with the Clerk of the Legislature. Any additions to the Rules of Order shall be underlined and deletions shall be bracketed [ ] or marked-up using the Track Changes function in Microsoft Word.

#### SECTION 6.00: EFFECTIVE DATE

##### 6.01 EFFECTIVE DATE:

These rules shall be effective immediately upon adoption by a majority vote of the total membership of the Legislature.

CHAIR MEYERS directed that COMM. 3E-31 (2026) remain on the table.

Item 2 – No items for reconsideration from previous meeting.

Item 3 – MR. GILMOUR moved for the approval of the minutes for Meeting Number 3 from 2026. MS. VINAL seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item 4 – Chair Meyers announced that there would be a Public Hearing held on March 3, 2026 at 2:00PM in the Legislative Chambers regarding the Transfer Tax & Road Reserve Fund.

**MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS**

Item 5 – Miscellaneous Resolutions were offered, as follows:

MAJORITY CAUCUS	Recognizing National Leadership Day
DUPRE	Celebrating and Honoring Chief Thelma Jones
DUPRE	Celebrating and Honoring The Merriweather Family
DUPRE & ST. JEAN TARD	Honoring Chelsea Lovell during Black History Month
DUPRE & ST. JEAN TARD	Honoring Pheben Kassahun during Black History Month
DUPRE & ST. JEAN TARD	Honoring Claudine Ewing during Black History Month
ST. JEAN TARD	Honoring Brandon Barksdale as Citizen of the Month for February 2026
KOOSHOIAN	Commending Captain Corey J. Flatau on His Promotion to the Town of Tonawanda Chief of Police
KOOSHOIAN	Commending Chief James P. Stauffiger - Honoring His Decades of Service and His Retirement
VINAL	Congratulating Hayley Scamurra - Gold Medal Winner, USA Women's Hockey
VINAL	Celebrating and Honoring the 50th Anniversary of Sorrentino's
GREENE	Honoring Amy Meisenzahl for being Recognized as a 2026 Emerging Entrepreneur by the Clarence Chamber of Commerce
GREENE	Honoring Alexis Varecka for being Recognized as a 2026 Emerging Entrepreneur by the Clarence Chamber of Commerce
GREENE	Honoring Kelsey Broadley for being Recognized as a 2026 Emerging Entrepreneur by the Clarence Chamber of Commerce

- GREENE Honoring Michael Donner for being Recognized as a 2026 Emerging Entrepreneur by the Clarence Chamber of Commerce
- GREENE Honoring Noah Levan for being Recognized as a 2026 Emerging Entrepreneur by the Clarence Chamber of Commerce
- GREENE Honoring Clarence Chamber of Commerce 2026 Citizen of the Year Dawn Snyder
- GREENE Honoring Clarence Chamber of Commerce Lifetime Achievement Honoree Denis Kitchen
- GREENE Honoring Clarence Chamber of Commerce 2026 Educator of the Year – Gretchen Burden
- GREENE Honoring Clarence Chamber of Commerce 2026 Innovator of the Year – Paul Stephen II
- GREENE Honoring Clarence Chamber of Commerce 2026 Peoples Choice Award – The Training Edge
- GREENE Honoring Danielle Bickel for being Recognized as a 2026 Emerging Entrepreneur by the Clarence Chamber of Commerce
- GREENE Honoring Hayley Brown, Taylor Prost and Brittany Newman for being Recognized as 2026 Emerging Entrepreneurs by the Clarence Chamber of Commerce
- MEYERS Celebrating and Honoring the 50th Anniversary of Murray Roofing Company
- TODARO Recognizing Judge Thomas Labin Retirement and His 50 years of Service as Marilla Town Justice
- TODARO Honoring Gary Costello on his Retirement as President of the Hull House Foundation
- GILMOUR In Remembrance of Thomas S. MacKinnon
- LORIGO Recognizing Gerald Breen for His Heroism and Lifesaving Efforts
- LORIGO Recognizing NFTA Transit Police Lieutenant Michael Fontana for His Lifesaving Efforts
- LORIGO Recognizing the Volunteers of the Salem Lutheran Church of Springville, NY for Feeding the Community

MILLS Honoring Ronald “Ernie” Dole as the 2025 Fire Fighter of the Year

MILLS Congratulating Coach Jerry (Jeremiah) Severino on His Induction into the WNY Lacrosse Hall of Fame

MILLS Honoring Watson’s Chocolates on Their 80th Anniversary

MR. GILMOUR moved for consideration of the above thirty-three items. MS. VINAL seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MR. GILMOUR moved to amend the above thirty-three items by including Et Al Sponsorship. MS. ST. JEAN TARD seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MR. GILMOUR moved for approval of the above thirty-three items as amended. MS. VINAL seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

### **LOCAL LAWS**

Item 6 – CHAIR MEYERS directed that Local Law No. 1 (Print #1) 2026 remain on the table and in the HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE.

GRANTED.

Item 7 – CHAIR MEYERS directed that Local Law No. 2 (Print #1) 2026 remain on the table and in the HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE.

GRANTED.

Item 8 – CHAIR MEYERS directed that Local Law No. 3 (Print #1) 2026 be directed to the ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.

GRANTED.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Item 9 – MR. GILMOUR presented the following report and moved for immediate consideration and approval. MR. DUPRE seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 24

February 12, 2026	PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 2
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ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.  
CHAIR MEYERS PRESENT AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER.

1. COMM. 3E-12 (2026)  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE “Authorization to Accept Funding for Youth Justice Alternatives & Diversion Programs”  
WHEREAS, the Erie County Probation Department is committed to providing the resources necessary to support youth justice alternatives and diversion programs; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (NYSDCJS) has awarded the Erie County Probation Department funds in the amount of \$824,648 to be used over a four-year period for Youth Justice Alternatives and Diversion Programs; and

WHEREAS, fringes on OT will need to be funded via county share for which there are sufficient funds in the 2026 county share grants and will be included in the ensuing years budget requests: and

WHEREAS, Social Services will be issuing and RPF for these services as well as a resolution will be submitted to reflect this new ID billing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to accept \$824,648 from New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services and be made available as a multi-year grant to Department of Probation in Fund 281, Funds Center 1261030 as follows:

Department of Probation  
Youth Justice Alternatives and Diversion Programs 126YJADP2529  
10/1/25 - 10/31/29

ACCOUNT	REVENUES	BUDGET
409000	State Aid Revenues	\$824,648
4799000	County Share Contributions	\$ 44,364
	TOTAL	\$869,012

ACCOUNT	APPROPRIATIONS	BUDGET
501000	Overtime	\$192,888
502000	Fringe Benefits	44,364
510000	Local Mileage Reimbursement	25,000
510200	Training and Education	20,000

516020	Professional Service, Contracts & Fees	6,984
516030	Maintenance Contracts	179,776
912000	ID Department of Social Services	\$400,000
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$869,012</b>

and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given for the Division of Budget and Management to adjust grant appropriations and revenues including those required to comply with the grantor funding changes provided there are no changes to authorized personnel levels or county share amounts; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to amend contracts as necessary to implement any no-cost extension that may be permitted by the grantor; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given for the Division of Budget and Management to make any technical adjustments necessary to effectuate this resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to the County Executive’s Office, Division of Budget and Management, Comptroller’s Office, Department of Law and Department of Probation.

(6-0)

**JOHN J. GILMOUR  
CHAIR**

Item 10 – MS. ST. JEAN TARD presented the following report and moved for immediate consideration and approval. MR. GILMOUR seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 25

February 12, 2026	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 2
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ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

CHAIR MEYERS PRESENT AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER.

1. RESOLVED, the following items are hereby received and filed:
  - a. COMM. 3E-8 (2026)  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE “Letter Regarding Denial of Proposed PILOT Agreement for Solar Energy Systems (COMM. 24E-14, 2025)”

(Chair's Ruling)

- b. COMM. 3M-1 (2026)  
T. HARIACZYI "Constituent Letter Regarding DL&W Terminal"  
(Chair's Ruling)

2. COMM. 3E-18 (2026)  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE "Limited Access Agreement between NFTA & the County of Erie -  
61 & 68 Smith Street, Buffalo 14210"

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry (Parks) in partnership with the Department of Environment and Planning (DEP) has played a crucial role in water quality issues throughout the region for decades and continues to administer many initiatives that protect and preserve our natural water resources; and

WHEREAS, the Parks Department is committed to coordinate, oversee, and support work towards the delisting of the Buffalo River as a Great Lakes Area of Concern and maintenance of habitat restoration projects; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks, Recreation & Forestry manages the Erie County Natural Habitat Parks; and

WHEREAS, the habitat restoration work at the 61 & 68 Smith Street sites requires monitoring and maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks, Recreation & Forestry requires access to the site to continue work, necessitating extension of the Limited Access Agreement with the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement, as well as any ancillary documents, with the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority to allow for limited access to 61 & 68 Smith Street, Buffalo, NY 14210; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the County Executive; the County Attorney; and the Commissioner of Parks, Recreation & Forestry.  
(6-0)

3. COMM. 3E-19 (2026)  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE "Akron Falls Park - State Street Bridge Replacement Project  
Easement"

WHEREAS, the Village of Akron owns the State Street bridge over Murder Creek in Erie County's Akron Falls Park; and

WHEREAS, the said bridge has been closed to vehicle traffic since 2008 due to safety concerns and needs to be replaced; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Akron is requesting a temporary and permanent easement that will enable construction of a replacement bridge and allow maintenance of the bridge; and

WHEREAS, the proposed easement will require restoration of disturbed areas to minimize impact on Akron Falls Park; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Lands Advisory Review Committee the action under NYS SEQRA and determined the action to be a Type II action, denoting the minimal environmental impact; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Lands Advisory Review Committee reviewed and approved the temporary and permanent easement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Legislature has reviewed the proposed action under SEQRA and hereby concurs with the Erie County Lands Advisory Review Committee’s assessment of the action under SEQRA, determining the action to be a Type II action; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given for the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to enter into a temporary and permanent easement with the Village of Akron at the location of the State Street Bridge, and in areas adjacent to Murder Creek; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature be directed to send certified copies of this resolution to the Erie County Executive’s Office, Department of Law, Department of Real Property, Department of Environment and Planning, and Department Parks, Recreation and Forestry.  
(6-0)

**TAISHA ST. JEAN TARD  
CHAIR**

Item 11 – MR. BARGNESI presented the following report and moved for immediate consideration and approval. MR. GILMOUR seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 26

February 12, 2026	ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 2
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ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.  
CHAIR MEYERS PRESENT AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER.

1. RESOLVED, the following items are hereby received and filed:

a. COMM 3M-2 (2026)  
NYS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & MARKETS  
“Certification of Modification EC Agricultural Districts”  
(Chair’s Ruling)

2. COMM. 2E-13 (2026) AS AMENDED  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE “ECSD No. 1 - Seneca Creek Road Sewer Replacement (Contract No. 48)”

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Environment and Planning has received the following lowest responsible bid for Contract No. 48 at 10:00 a.m. on January 21, 2026:

Contract	Lowest Responsible Bidder	Amount
Contract No. 48	Visone Construction, Inc. 79 Sheldon Avenue Depew, NY 14043	\$169,944.00

and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned lowest responsible bidder has successfully completed projects of this size in the past; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Sewerage Management has determined this project is a New York State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Unlisted Action and after due consideration a Negative Declaration was issued pursuant to Part 617 of the implementing regulations pertaining to Article 8 (State Environmental Quality Review Act) of the Environmental Conservation Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Seneca Creek Road Sewer Replacement, Contract No. 48, be awarded as follows:

Contract	Lowest Responsible Bidder	Amount
Contract No. 48	Visone Construction, Inc. 79 Sheldon Avenue Depew, NY 14043	\$169,944.00

and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby provided for the County Executive and/or Deputy County Executive to execute the Contract with the aforementioned lowest responsible bidder, subject to approval as to form by the County Attorney’s office and approval as to content by the Commissioner of Environment and Planning; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Division of Budget and Management and the County Comptroller are authorized to allocate up to \$169,944.00 in Erie County Sewer District No. 1 Capital Bond Account No. C.25101, Fund 430, Funds Center 181 to fund Contract No. 48; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby provided for the Division of Budget and Management to implement any budget adjustments necessary to facilitate these transfers; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature be directed to send a certified copy of this resolution to the Office of the County Executive, the Office of the County Comptroller, the Division of Budget and Management, the Department of Law, and the Division of Sewerage Management.  
(6-0)

3. COMM. 3E-21 (2026)  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE “ECSD No. 6 - Lackawanna Open Cut Excavation Sanitary Sewer Replacements (Contract No. 68 - Construction Close Out)”  
WHEREAS, pursuant to Legislative Comm. 15E-4 (2024) Contract No. 68 was awarded to Visone Construction, Inc. to construct the Lackawanna Open Cut Excavation Sanitary Sewer Replacements in Erie County Sewer District No. 6; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Division of Sewerage Management has advised that all scheduled improvements are now complete and recommends approval for final payment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes Contract No. 68 between the County of Erie and Visone Construction, Inc. (79 Sheldon Avenue, Depew NY 14043) being accepted in the final contract amount of \$1,063,925.18, which includes Change Order No. 1 (final), a decrease of \$161,636.69; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to the Erie County Comptroller to make final payment for Contract No. 68 to Visone Construction, Inc. for a total contract amount of \$1,063,925.18; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature be directed to send one (1) certified copy of this resolution to the Office of the County Executive, the Office of the Comptroller, the Division of Budget and Management, the Department of Law, and the Division of Sewerage Management.  
(6-0)

4. COMM. 3E-22 (2026)  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE “Authorization to Accept FEMA Funding for Submerse NY Grant Contract”  
WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Environment and Planning (DEP) has played a crucial role in addressing flood risk and resiliency issues throughout the region for years including outreach and education on these issues; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency has awarded funding to Cornell University for the purpose of administering the Submerse NY project to use art as a catalyst for flood risk and resiliency education; and

WHEREAS, Erie County was awarded a \$10,000 grant from Cornell University, as part of the Submerse NY project, to commission and install artwork in Erie County to educate the public on flooding and resiliency issues; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Art in Public Places Committee (AIPP) was established to select art projects to be funded by Erie County Local Law #4 of the year 2023 and has created a structure for selecting art, contracting with artists, and installing artwork around Erie County; and

WHEREAS, AIPP has agreed to partner on the Submerse NY project and has added the Submerse NY project to their Art in Public Places 2026 Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, to proceed with the project it is necessary for Erie County to execute an agreement with Cornell University and amend the Capital projects Budget;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive or the Deputy County Executive to execute the necessary agreements with Cornell University to accept \$10,000 for the Submerse NY project and modify the Department of Environment & Planning's Public Art Fund Capital Project (Fund, 410, Funds Center 16200) A.24067 as follows:

Project A.24067  
Public Art Fund  
Fund 410, Funds Center 16200

REVENUES	BUDGET	CHANGE	REVISED BUDGET
409010 State Aid Revenue	\$ 0	\$10,000	\$ 10,000
486000 Interfund Revenue Subsidy	\$426,385	\$ 0	\$426,385
	\$426,385	\$10,000	\$436,385
APPROPRIATIONS			
Capital Project Expense	\$426,385	\$ 0	\$436,385
TOTAL	\$426,385	\$10,000	\$436,385

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of the Division of Budget and Management is hereby authorized to implement any technical or budget adjustments as required to comply with federal, state, and local funding requirements or to effectuate this transfer; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to the County Executive and/or Deputy County Executive to amend contracts as necessary to implement any no-cost extensions that may be permitted by the grantor; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Office of the County Executive, Division of Budget and Management, Comptroller's Office, Department of Law, and the Department of Environment and Planning.

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5. COMM. 3E-23 (2026)  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE “Authorization to Enter into Contract with Eagleview for the Acquisition of County-Wide Orthoimagery & Oblique Imagery”

WHEREAS, high resolution orthoimagery and oblique imagery play an integral role in mapping projects, online applications, and desktop references for departments throughout Erie County and its municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the most current orthoimagery and oblique imagery available is now over five years old; and

WHEREAS, the County of Erie issued an RFP with responses due by December 22, 2025, seeking a qualified firm to collect orthoimagery and oblique imagery and provide an associated online viewer for Erie County departments and municipal users; and

WHEREAS, in compliance with Section 26.08 of the Erie County Administrative Code a consultant selection process was undertaken to evaluate responses to Request for Proposal #2025-037VF; and

WHEREAS, Erie County is desirous of engaging one (1) firm in a five-year contract for the acquisition of Erie County orthoimagery and oblique imagery in Spring 2026, Spring 2028, and Spring 2030; and

WHEREAS, Erie County desires to work with Eagleview to acquire the imagery; and

WHEREAS, the project award is up to \$811,668.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to enter into contract with Eagleview for a five-year, three flight orthoimagery and oblique imagery acquisition project in an amount not to exceed \$811,668; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to the Division of Budget & Management to carry-forward \$811,688 in available funds within the Department of Environment and Planning’s 2025 Adopted Budget (Fund 110, Funds Center 16200) Account 516020 – Professional Services, Contracts & Fees into 2026; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of the Division of Budget and Management is hereby authorized to implement any budget adjustments as required to comply with State and local funding requirements; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to the County Executive’s Office; Division of Budget and Management; Department of Law; and Department of Environment and Planning.

(6-0)

**JOHN A. BARGNESI, JR.  
CHAIR**

Item 12 – MR. DUPRE presented the following report and moved for immediate consideration and approval. MS. ST. JEAN TARD seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 27

February 12, 2026	HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1
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ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.  
CHAIR MEYERS PRESENT AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER.

1. RESOLVED, the following items are hereby received and filed:
  - a. INTRO. 19-7 (2025)  
ST. JEAN TARD “Calling for Erie County to Address the Loss of Federal SNAP Support”  
(Chair’s Ruling)
  - b. COMM. 24E-7 (2025)  
ST. JEAN TARD “Letter Regarding Proposed Closure of BPS #3, D’Youville Porter Campus School”  
(Chair’s Ruling)
  - c. COMM. 24D-1 (2025)  
ECDSS COMMISSIONER “Comm. 12E-34 Compliance Report - Nov. 2025”  
(Chair’s Ruling)
  - d. COMM. 2D-1 (2026)  
ECDSS COMMISSIONER “Comm. 12E-34 Compliance Report - Dec. 2025”  
(Chair’s Ruling)
2. COMM. 24E-9 (2025)  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE “Appointments to the Mental Hygiene Community Services Board”  
December 12, 2025

Erie County Legislature  
92 Franklin St, 4th Floor  
Buffalo, NY 14202

RE: Appointments to the Mental Hygiene Community Services Board  
IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION REQUIRED

Dear Honorable Members,

Pursuant to the powers vested in me by Section 1303 of the Erie County Charter, I hereby appoint the following persons to the Erie County Mental Hygiene Community Services Board:

Esther Annan 60 Gail Avenue Buffalo, NY 14215 Expiration: 12/31/2027 New Appointment

Terry Alford 120 Roosevelt Ave Buffalo, NY 14215 Expiration: 12/31/2027 Re-appointment

Elda Pichardo 81 Keystone Street Buffalo, NY 14211 Expiration: 12/31/2028 New Appointment

Dr. Daniel Antonius ECMC Dept. of Psychiatry 462 Grider Street, 11th Floor Buffalo, NY 14215 Expiration: 12/31/2027 Re-appointment

Should you have any questions regarding this appointment please feel free to contact my office at (716)858-8500.

(5-0) Chair Meyers not present for vote.

3. COMM. 3E-13 (2026)

COUNTY EXECUTIVE “Contract with Batavia School District”

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Health’s Children with Special Needs Division currently contracts with several tuition based programs; and

WHEREAS, according to the New York State Education Department (NYSED), if a Committee on Preschool Special Education places a child in a NYSED approved program, the county must contract with that program at rates fixed by NYSED; and

WHEREAS, the Alden School District Committee on Preschool Special Education has placed a preschool student from Erie County with the Batavia School District program; and

WHEREAS, the Batavia School District program is an approved NYS Education Department Preschool Special Education Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to enter into a contract with the Batavia School District for the placement of a preschool student from Erie County; and be it further

RESOLVED, that funds are available within the Health Department’s Division of Children with Special Needs (Fund 110, Funds Center 12750) Account 528000 – Services to Handicapped Children to cover the costs incurred; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution will be forwarded to the County Executive’s Office, Department of Health and Division of Budget and Management.

(5-0) Chair Meyers not present for vote.

4. COMM. 3E-14 (2026)  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE “DSS - Authorization to Enter into Contract with Clarity Partners, LLC”

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services stores the majority of its records on OnBase and through the use of internal and external resources has been able to develop work flow and application tracking systems for several programs; and

WHEREAS, funds are available in the 2026 Adopted Budget; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) RFP #2025-013VF; and

WHEREAS, Clarity Partners, LLC. responded to the RFP with a strong proposal; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services wishes to have Clarity Partners, LLC develop new solutions, and modify existing ones, related to the OnBase Package; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services is seeking to expand paperless office efficiency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive or the Deputy County Executive to enter into contract with Clarity Partners, LLC in the amount of \$177,600 to develop new solutions, and modify existing ones, related to the OnBase Package; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to the Division of Budget and Management to make any additional budget adjustment which may be required in order to match expenses with State funding allocation adjustments; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to the Division of Budget and Management to make any technical adjustments necessary to effectuate this resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Erie County Executive’s Office, Comptroller’s Office, Department of Social Services, and Division of Budget and Management.

(5-0) Chair Meyers not present for vote.

5. COMM. 3E-16 (2026)  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE “Acceptance of State Aid for Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children”

WHEREAS, a key provision of the Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act is to move sexually exploited youth from the criminal and juvenile justice systems to the family court where children and their families can receive support and services from the child welfare system; and

WHEREAS, services are to be provided to victims of sex trafficking and core elements of the service include case management, emergency temporary housing, health care, mental health counseling, language interpretation and translation services, job training and placement and services to assist in establishing permanent residence; and

WHEREAS, Child and Family Services is the lead agency for this program and is the only local agency with the expertise and existing resources to carry out the program; and

WHEREAS, a gradual decrease in State funding over the past few years has required additional county funding to operate this valuable program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the Department of Social Services to accept \$16,949 in State Aid and amend the 2026 General Fund Budget (Fund 110, Funds Center 1209010) as follows:

Department of Social Services  
Fund 110, Funds Center 1209010

ACCOUNT	REVENUE	CHANGE
409000	State Aid Revenue	\$16,949
	TOTAL	\$16,949

  

ACCOUNT	APPROPRIATION	CHANGE
516400	Title XX - Prev & Protective Svcs	\$16,949
	TOTAL	\$16,949

and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to the County Executive or the Deputy County Executive to enter into contract with Child and Family Services in the amount of \$16,949 for the provision of services for the Safe Harbor for Exploited Children program, waiving the procedures in Section 26.08 of the Erie County Administrative Code; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to the Division of Budget and Management to make any additional budget adjustment which may be required in order to match expenses with State funding allocation adjustments; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to the Division of Budget and Management to make any technical adjustments necessary to effectuate this resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Erie County Executive's Office, Department of Social Services, and Division of Budget and Management.

(6-0)

6. COMM. 3E-17 (2026)  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE “Acceptance of State Aid for NY Shelter Arrears Eviction  
Forestallment (SAEF) Program”  
WHEREAS The New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA)  
appropriated \$20 million to provide for services and expenses related to the payment of shelter  
arrears necessary to retain housing for certain households that are in receipt of or who would be  
eligible for ongoing or emergency Public Assistance (PA); and

WHEREAS the funds awarded are to provide vital shelter arrears assistance to help eligible  
households retain permanent housing; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Social Services has been awarded funding in the  
amount of \$1,571,157; and

WHEREAS there is no additional local share necessary for these awards, and there is no  
fiscal impact based on this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive or  
Deputy County Executive to accept \$1,571,157 in State Aid to provide vital shelter arrears  
assistance to help eligible households retain permanent housing and the Department of Social  
Services’ 2026 Adopted Budget120 (Fund 110, Funds Center 120) be amended as follows:

Department of Social Services  
Fund 110, Funds Center 120

ACCOUNT	REVENUE	CHANGE
409000	State Aid Revenues	\$1,571,157
	TOTAL	\$1,571,157

ACCOUNT	APPROPRIATION	CHANGE
525097	Emergency Rental Assistance	\$1,571,157
	TOTAL	\$1,571,157

and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to the Division of Budget and Management  
to make any additional budget adjustment which may be required in order to match expenses with  
State funding allocation adjustments; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to the Division of Budget and Management  
to make any technical adjustments necessary to effectuate this resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Erie County  
Executive’s Office, Department of Social Services, and Division of Budget and Management.

(6-0)





NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, That Lancaster Airport, Inc. enter into an agreement with the State of New York for financial assistance for the project described above for Buffalo-Lancaster Regional Airport; and be it further

RESOLVED, the New York State Department of Transportation, under Section 14h of the State Transportation Law, requires privately-owned airports to obtain local municipal support to receive New York State funding; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Legislature of Erie County endorses the above-described project for the purpose of making the project eligible for State funding; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the adoption of this Resolution shall be solely for the purposes stated herein and in no way binds the County to any approvals, permits and/or licenses which may be required by the applicant for future projects or work related to Buffalo-Lancaster Regional Airport; and be it further

RESOLVED, it has heretofore been determined by the County, under Part 617 of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR), of the State of New York, that the aforesaid project constitutes a Type II Action which will not have a significant impact upon the environment. The County is hereby authorized to sign and date the State Environmental Quality Review form, as attached herewith; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Town of Lancaster, the President of Lancaster Airport, Inc. and filed with the New York State Commissioner of Transportation by attaching it to any necessary documents in connection with the project.

Item 16 – CHAIR MEYERS directed that the following resolution be referred to the ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.

GRANTED.

INTRO. 4-4 from the MINORITY CAUCUS. A Resolution titled: Support for S8481 & A8996: Authorizing Local Governments to Opt Out of Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act Mandates.

Item 17 – CHAIR MEYERS directed that the following resolution be referred to the FINANCE & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

GRANTED.

INTRO. 4-5 from the MINORITY CAUCUS. A Resolution titled: Monthly Fiscal Status Reports.

Item 18 – CHAIR MEYERS directed that the following resolution be referred to the



WHEREAS, in consideration of the rents to be paid the Landlord shall provide, at no cost to the Tenant, upgrades and maintenance items agreed upon by both parties; and

WHEREAS, the current lease period ends on January 12, 2026, and this lease is needed to maintain Department of Social Services administered programs at this location; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services has leased space at 43 Court Street since 1999, and the facility currently houses its Special Investigations Division and the Human Resources Division; and

WHEREAS, the County included funds for this lease in the 2026 Proposed Budget; therefore, there will be no fiscal impact to the County in 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to execute the lease extension for 43 Court Street at the rental amount of \$27,782.41 per month for Year 1, \$28,834.11 per month for Year 2, \$29,798.17 per month for Year 3, \$30,674.58 per month for Year 4, and \$31,551.00 per month for Years 5 under the rental terms herein presented; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to the Division of Budget and Management to make any additional budget adjustment which may be required in order to match expenses with State funding allocation adjustments; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to the Division of Budget and Management to make any technical adjustments to effectuate this resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Erie County Executive's Office, Comptroller's Office, Department of Social Services, and Division of Budget and Management.

**SUSPENSION OF THE RULES**

There were none.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS**

**FROM THE MINORITY CAUCUS**

Item 21 – (COMM. 4E-1) Letter Regarding COMM. 2E-7 (2026)

Received and referred to the FINANCE & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

**FROM THE SHERIFF**

Item 22 – (COMM. 4E-2) Holding Center Sewage Leak

Received and referred to the PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE.

FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Item 23 – (COMM. 4E-3) Re-Appointments to the Department for the Aging Advisory Board

Item 24 – (COMM. 4E-4) Appointments to the Department for the Aging Advisory Board

The above two items were received and referred to the COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE.

FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Item 25 – (COMM. 4E-5) Appointment Date of Member of EC Board of Ethics

Received and referred to the GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Item 26 – (COMM. 4E-6) Appointment to the ECMCC

Item 27 – (COMM. 4E-7) Appointments to the Youth Services Board

Item 28 – (COMM. 4E-8) Women & Work Study in EC

The above three items were received and referred to the HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE.

FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Item 29 – (COMM. 4E-9) Foreclosure Pursuant to the In Rem Provisions of the EC Tax Act, In Rem Action No. 174

Received and referred to the FINANCE & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Item 30 – (COMM. 4E-10) ECSD No. 3 - Central Region Collections Facility Contract No. 80-B Mechanical Change Order No. 2

Received and referred to the ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.

FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Item 31 – (COMM. 4E-11) Approval of the 2026 Master Public Art Plan

Received and referred to the COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE.

FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Item 32 – (COMM. 4E-12) LaBella Associates Agreement Authorization

Received and referred to the ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.

FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Item 33 – (COMM. 4E-13) Amendment to Bergmann Contract - Additional Design Engineering Services

Item 34 – (COMM. 4E-14) SUNY ECC City Campus Ellicott St. Building Atrium Cleaning

Item 35 – (COMM. 4E-15) 2025 Real Estate Transfer Tax Surplus Appropriation to Road Repair Reserve Fund

Item 36 – (COMM. 4E-16) B&ECPL Downtown Branch Roof Replacement

The above four items were received and referred to the ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

FROM LEGISLATOR MILLS

Item 37 – (COMM. 4E-17) Chestnut Ridge Park Concessions

Received and referred to the FINANCE & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

FROM THE COUNTY CLERK

Item 38 – (COMM. 4E-18) Request for Discharge of COMM. 18E-10 - Buffalo News Room in Old County Hall

Received and referred to the GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

FROM LEGISLATOR TODARO

Item 39 – (COMM. 4E-19) Letter Regarding A Local Law Authorizing Hunting License Holders who are Twelve or Thirteen Years of Age to Hunt Deer with Adult Supervision

Received and referred to the ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS**

**FROM THE COUNTY ATTORNEY**

Item 40 – (COMM. 4D-1) Transmittal of New Claims Against Erie County

Received and referred to the GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

**FROM THE DEPUTY COMPTROLLER OF AUDIT & CONTROL**

Item 41 – (COMM. 4D-2) Performance Audit of the EC Department of Mental Health - Mental Health Service Providers

Received and referred to the FINANCE & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

**FROM THE ECDSS COMMISSIONER**

Item 42 – (COMM. 4D-3) COMM. 12E-34 Compliance Report

Received and referred to the HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE.

**FROM THE ECDEP**

Item 43 – (COMM. 4D-4) EC Agricultural & Farmland Protection Plan Update - SEQR

Received and referred to the ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.

**FROM THE DEPUTY COMPTROLLER OF AUDIT & CONTROL**

Item 44 – (COMM. 4D-5) Performance Audit of the EC Comptroller's Office, Division of Accounting Services & Cash Management - Investment of County Funds

Received and referred to the FINANCE & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PEOPLE AND OTHER AGENCIES**

**FROM THE ECWA CFO**

Item 45 – (COMM. 4M-1) ECWA Financial Report & Statements

Received and referred to the FINANCE & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

**FROM THE EAST OTTO TOWN BOARD**

Item 46 – (COMM. 4M-2) Notice of Proposed Town of East Otto Zoning Regulations, Restrictions or Boundaries

Received and referred to the ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.

**FROM THE TOWN OF MARILLA**

Item 47 – (COMM. 4M-3) Letter Regarding COMM. 24E-14 (2025)

Received and referred to the ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.

**FROM THE EC FAIR HOUSING BOARD CHAIR**

Item 48 – (COMM. 4M-4) 2025 EC Fair Housing Board Annual Report

Received and referred to the ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

**FROM THE EC ARTS IN PUBLIC PLACES COMMITTEE**

Item 49 – (COMM. 4M-5) Dec. 2025 & Jan. 2026 Meeting Minutes

Item 50 – (COMM. 4M-6) Art in Public Places 2026 Master Plan

The above two items were received and referred to the COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chair Meyers opened the Second Public Comment Session, the following speaker addressed the Legislature:

Peter Flanagan, Buffalo – encouraged further conversation on Parks Concessions of Chestnut Ridge Park & requested further investigation into Parks RFPs.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Item 51 – Chair Meyers announced that the Legislature will conduct committee meetings on Thursday, March 5, 2026, and the schedule will be distributed. Chair Meyers further announced that the next session of the Legislature will be held on Thursday, March 12, 2026.

**MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS**

Item 52 – Legislator Bargnesi requested that when the Legislature adjourns, it do so in memory of James “Jimmy” Wong.

Item 53 – Legislator Lorigo requested that when the Legislature adjourns, it do so in memory of Debbie Ann Scinta, and John B. Moran.

Item 54 – Legislator Vinal requested that when the Legislature adjourns, it do so in memory of Daire Brian Irwin.

Item 55 – Legislator St. Jean Tard requested that when the Legislature adjourns, it do so in memory of Nurul Amin Shah Alam.

Item 56 – Legislator Gilmour requested that when the Legislature adjourns, it do so in memory of Thomas MacKinnon.

Item 57 – Legislator Greene requested that when the Legislature adjourns, it do so in memory of Daniel L. Cummings, and Ruth E. Folger.

Item 58 – Legislator Todaro requested that when the Legislature adjourns, it do so in memory of Salvatore P. Lauricella, Charles V. Todaro, Larry B. Panasiewicz, Anthony M. Myers, Roman Kowalyk, and Lorraine M. Pelino.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Item 59 – At this time, there being no further business to transact, CHAIR MEYERS announced that the Chair would entertain a Motion to Adjourn.

MR. GILMOUR moved that the Legislature adjourn until Thursday, March 12, 2026 at 11:30 AM. MR. DUPRE seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CHAIR MEYERS declared the Legislature adjourned until Thursday, March 12, 2026 at 11:30 AM.

**OLIVIA M. OWENS**  
**CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE**