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Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held Wednesday, July 15, 2026 in the Legislative Chambers, 137 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, New York.

PRESENT: Calvin Castine, Area 1
Francis Peryea, Area 2
David Bezio, Area 4
Ron Deragon, Area 8
Jennifer Facticeau-Rabideau, Area 6
Mark Henry, Chairperson, Area 3
Joshua Kretser, Area 9
Kevin Randall, Area 5

EXCUSED: Rob Timmons, Area 7
David Kerr, Area 10

ALSO PRESENT: Christine Peters, Esq., County Administrator
Kim Kinblom, Deputy County Administrator
Jacqueline Kelleher, Esq., County Attorney

Chairperson Henry called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

Christine Peters, Esq., the County Administrator, conducted roll call. Legislators Kerr and Timmons asked to be excused.

Legislator Bezio motioned to accept the minutes of the June 24, 2026 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Deragon. Carried (8-0-2).

Chairperson Henry introduced Mark LaVigne, the Executive Director for Municipal Electric and Gas Alliance (MEGA), as well as, the Deputy Director for NYSAC who is here today to recognize two local students. MEGA is a non-profit, local development corporation that provides stable, competitively priced energy supply to local governments and school districts across New York State. Clinton County is a proud member of the MEGA Program and Deputy County Administrator Kim Kinblom is a current MEGA Board Member. This is the second year of the annual MEGA Member Scholarship, which supports graduating high school seniors from member communities who demonstrate academic achievement and plan to pursue studies in STEM or public policy at a college or university in New York State. Chairperson Henry welcomed Mark LaVigne to the podium to present the awards.

Mr. Lavigne stated MEGA is a nonprofit local development corporation established in 1998 to help local governments and school districts manage energy costs through competitive procurement. MEGA uses the combined purchasing power of 250 member communities and school districts across the state to secure competitively priced electricity and natural gas. MEGA recognizes Clinton County, a longtime MEGA member, and that relationship helped open the door for this scholarship opportunity for so many students here countywide. The MEGA member scholarship awards \$3,000 to graduating seniors from member communities who show strong academic achievement and plan to pursue STEM or public policy studies at a New York State college or university. This is the second year in a row we've done this scholarship. This year, MEGA received a competitive pool of applicants from across its member communities statewide. Five of those applications came from Clinton County, and two of the winners came from Clinton County, and he thanked Kim for helping to spread the information regarding that application to all the school districts in Clinton County. He noted the first recipient tonight is Lauren Davey. She ranks first in her class at Peru Central School District with a nearly perfect unweighted grade point average and will study Biological Engineering at Cornell University. She led three years of original research through her school's Science National Honor Society Chapter, including a senior project on apple-ripening treatments developed in partnership with Cornell Cooperative Extension. She earned recognition for that at regional state and International Science affairs. The second recipient is Logan Strickland of Beekmantown Central School District. Logan ranks six in his class and will study also at Cornell University, where he plans to apply computer science and machine learning to wildfire predictions and prevention. He is a varsity mid-distance runner who set multiple school track records and is a Model UN delegate who earned best delegate and honors at both the school and SUNY Plattsburgh levels. He stated it is his honor and privilege today to provide certificates of scholarship to both of these incredible and exemplary students here.

Presentation by Volaire Aviation – Jack Penning

Jack Penning, stated he is one of the four founding managing partners of Volaire, and serves as the CEO of the company. He has been a personal consultant for Plattsburgh for 19 years and worked on the original recruitment of Allegiant when they first came to the market. Mr. Penning spoke about the industry as a whole and what the future strategy is. He spoke regarding how Clinton County can transition to take

advantage of the changes that have happened in travel, especially in Canadian travel, that help to support the market. He noted when the strategy for Allegiant to come into this market originated, it was to leverage the Canadian traveler with very low fares and it worked exceptionally well for a very long time. But if you look at seats per capita, Clinton County has about 2.9 available airline seats per capita. The national average is 2.2. These are Canadians coming into New York at the Champlain Crossing and they have dropped 49 percent since third quarter of 2024. The Airport is at a position with the border crosses, that simply don't have enough Canadians coming across the border to support the service that have been scheduled, especially over the last year. This is the major problem, for those traveling to the places where we have nonstops have declined at a rate greater than overall Canadian declines to the US. This is very, very difficult to overcome in the short term. The reason for that decline primarily is the exchange rate. This upward trend is the major challenge. There are political considerations but they are not nearly as important as the financial considerations. As the Canadian dollar gets weaker, our demand gets weaker. Additionally, oil has gone up again and has risen by more than 50 percent this year. So that's 26 percent of an airline's cost. Each 10 cent increase in oil is \$5 more per seat. Lastly, he stated consumer confidence is at its lowest point, lower than when in the pandemic. Consumers are hanging on to money because of inflation, and we have seen hiring slowdowns. The real issue is that fewer travelers really have the means to fly. our pool of travelers is shrinking and that is a challenge. Spending is outpacing income now. Allegiant's response is to suspend these routes all along the border. When Allegiant has seen weakness all along the border. they essentially move those assets to places that can make money with different strategies. Clinton County's advantage is geography and the advantage is cost. The fact that Clinton County is on this side of the border and so close to 4.4 million people in Montreal, you couldn't locate an airport better for a time when exchange rates are favorable. Allegiant can now link all of its communities to all of these vacation destinations. It won't be immediate, it's going to take a couple of years, 2028. But we have been talking about international for years. Allegiant wrote a letter of support for our international facility. This makes Allegiant International Service possible. The plan is to take low-cost strategy and shift it away from traditional Florida and Las Vegas, and

leverage the lower costs in international markets, to shift the focus on Canadian travelers and Clinton County travelers going to those international destinations that have high demand. That is key number one. Number two, Clinton County needs got to keep an eye on their Essential Air Service contract expiring September of next year. Volaire will be meeting with these carriers, and he believes there is a high likelihood that two or three of these carriers bid on our essential air service. He noted Volaire's first major event will be the Roots World Conference, where they can meet with international carriers, low-cost carriers, including Allegiant, and potential bidders for Essential Air Service in October. Volaire has changed the strategy to leverage the traveler they know is flying today, to de-emphasize routes that can't be profitably supported today, and to ensure that Clinton County gets the most attention possible when it has its next Essential Air Service bid. Mr. Penning thanked the Legislature for their time.

Chairperson Henry thanked Mr. Penning for his time.

Chairperson Henry asked if anyone else wished to address the Legislature.

There being no one else who wished to speak, Chairperson Henry moved onto the Committee Reports.

Buildings and Grounds Committee – Legislator Deragon

Legislator Deragon stated the Buildings and Grounds Committee met on Tuesday, July 14th.

James Cleveland, the Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, was present to discuss several resolutions including, “Authorizing Contract with Architectural & Engineering Design Associates (AEDA), P.C. for the Supreme Court Library Building Project” and “Authorizing Contract with Architectural & Engineering Design Associates (AEDA), P.C. for the Mental Health and Addiction Services Roof Improvement Study/Inspection,” as well as, a Master Plan discussion and a Supreme Court Library Flood update.

Resolutions #484 through #486 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, August 10th at 4:00 p.m.

Children and Family Services Committee – Legislator Castine

Legislator Castine stated the Children and Family Services Committee met on Tuesday, July 7th.

Gretchen Crowningshield, the Commissioner of the Department of Social Services, was present to discuss several resolutions including, “Authorizing Acceptance of Allocation for Family-Centered Case

Management Services” and “Authorizing Contract with Youth Advocate Program, Inc.,” as well as, May statistics and updates on Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWD), the homeless and foster care.

Resolutions #487 through #491 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Children and Family Services Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, August 4th at 4:45 p.m.

Economic Development and County Operations Committee – Legislator Kretser

Legislator Kretser stated the Economic Development and County Operations Committee met earlier but did not have a quorum.

Tammy Lacey, the Director of Real Property, was present to discuss Assessment Contract Pricing for 2027-2029.

David Randall, the Information Technology Director, was also present to discuss the resolution, “Authorizing Contract with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services,” as well as, shared Information Technology Services with the City of Plattsburgh.

David Souliere, the Republican Commissioner of the Board of Elections, discussed resolutions, “Authorizing Contract with Carpenter Brothers Moving & Storage Company, Inc.” and “Authorizing Contract with Dominion Voting Systems Corporation.”

Shannon Thayer, the Planning Director, was present to discuss several resolutions including, “Approving Appointment to the Clinton County Planning Board” and “Authorizing the Planning Department to Apply for the 2026-2027 Snowmobile Trail Program Grant Funding,” as well as, an update on the Brownfield Inventory.

Molly Ryan, the Economic Development Director, was in attendance to discuss resolutions, “Authorizing Contract with John V. Lashway” and “Authorizing Contract with CSD Housing, LLC,” as well as, updates on the Clinton Business Innovation Gateway Signage and the Clinton County Industrial Development Agency.

Christine Peters, the County Administrator, discussed the resolution, “Authorizing the Application for a Water Quality Improvement Project Grant for the Landfill Leachate Pretreatment Plant.”

Resolutions #492 through #500 have been withdrawn. Resolutions #578 and #579 have been placed on the agenda under Waive Rule 13.2.

The next Economic Development and County Operations Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, August 12th at 3:00 p.m.

Finance Committee – County Administrator Christine Peters

On behalf of Legislator Timmons, Ms. Peters stated the Finance Committee met on Wednesday, July 1st.

Randy Lozier, the County Treasurer, was present to discuss several resolutions including, “Authorizing Contract with Bonadio & Co., LLP” and “Authorizing Online Auction and the Issuance of Deeds.”

The Committee reviewed several resolutions including, “Authorizing Payment to Clinton Community College for Energy Expense True-Up, Buildings and Grounds Employee Costs and Transferred Equipment” and “Authorizing Contract with Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C.”

CSD Housing Development also presented to the Committee.

Resolutions #501 through #508 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee, as well as, Resolutions #509 and #510, which have been polled and placed on the agenda.

The next Finance Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, August 5th at 5:15 p.m.

Health Committee – Legislator Peryea

Legislator Peryea stated the Health Committee met on Wednesday, July 1st.

Jeff Sisson, the Public Health Director, was present to discuss several resolutions including, “Authorizing Emergency Preparedness Grant Application and Acceptance” and “Authorizing National Household Wasted Food Prevention Project (NHWFPF) Grant Application,” as well as, the Directors Report for May, 2026 and the Health Department Report for June, 2026.

Richelle Gregory, the Director of Community Services, was present to discuss Breaking the Blue Wall of Silence and resolutions, “Authorizing Mental Illness Anti-Stigma Fund Tax Check-Off Program Application” and “Authorizing Contract Amendment and Extension with Club 12.”

Resolutions #511 through #516 were discussed have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Health Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, August 5th at 4:00 p.m.

Human Services Committee – Legislator Facteau-Rabideau

Legislator Facteau-Rabideau stated the Human Services Committee met on Tuesday, July 7th.

Darleen Collins, the Director of the Office for the Aging, was present to discuss resolutions, “Amending Resolution #427 dated June 10, 2026 titled, “Authorizing Payment of Membership Dues” and “Authorizing the Purchasing Agent to Solicit Bids for the Purchase of a Cleveland Range Commercial 60-Gallon Tilting Steam Kettle for the Nutrition Program.”

Kevin LeBoeuf, the Director of the Veterans’ Service Agency, was also present to discuss the resolution, “Authorizing Various Contracts for Peer-To-Peer Services,” as well as, monthly statistics.

Resolutions #517 through #519 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Human Services Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, August 4th at 4:00 p.m.

Personnel Committee – Chairperson Henry

Legislator Henry stated the Personnel Committee met on Monday, July 6th.

Resolutions #520 through #537 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Personnel Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, August 3rd at 5:00 p.m.

Plattsburgh International Airport Committee – Legislator Bezio

Legislator Bezio stated the Plattsburgh International Airport Committee met earlier.

Patrick Sharrow, the Airport Director, discussed several resolutions, including, “Authorizing Law Enforcement Officers (LEO) Reimbursement Program (LEORP) Other Transaction Agreement (OTA) Application and Acceptance” and “Authorizing Out-of-State Travel,” as well as, the North Country Chamber of Commerce, Nose Docks 7 and 8 and Fuel Farm Tank Repairs.

Jack Penning, of Volaire Aviation, was also in attendance to present to the Committee. Jack Penning is also here at the Full Board to present to the Full Board tonight.

Resolutions #538 through #542 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Plattsburgh International Airport Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, August 12th at 4:00 p.m.

Public Safety Committee – Legislator Randall

Legislator Randall stated the Public Safety Committee met on Monday, July 6th.

Major Nicholas Leon, of the Sheriff's Department, was present to discuss several resolutions including, “Authorizing Lease Agreement with Crane Division, Naval Surface Warfare Center” and “Authorizing Operation Stonegarden Grant Application and Acceptance.”

Jamie Douthat, the Chief Assistant District Attorney, and Jami Rock, the Executive Director of the Child Advocacy Center, were also present to discuss resolutions, “Authorizing On-Going Contract with New York Prosecutors Training Institute, Inc.” and “Authorizing Contract with Stegner Consulting and Training, LLC.”

Jamie Martineau, the Public Defender, was present to discuss “Authorizing Payment of Membership Dues” and “Amending Resolution #251 dated April 9, 2026 titled, “Authorizing Contract with A and N Janitorial, LLC.”

Christine Peters, the County Administrator, discussed the resolution, “Amending Resolution #260 dated April 8, 2026 titled, “Authorizing Various Contracts for the Coroner's Refrigerated Decedent Unit Project.”

Eric Day, the Director of Emergency Services, was present to discuss resolutions, “Authorizing Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Application and Acceptance for Federal Fiscal Year 2025” and “Authorizing 2025-2026 Public Safety Answering Point Operations Grant Application and Acceptance.”

Lastly, Kim Kinblom, the Deputy County Administrator, discussed the resolution, “Adopting the John H. Zurlo Clinton County Government Center Rules and Regulations Policy.”

Resolutions #543 through #564 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Public Safety Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, August 3rd at 4:00 p.m.

Transportation Committee – County Administrator Christine Peters, Esq.

On behalf of Legislator Kerr, Ms. Peters stated the Transportation Committee met on Tuesday, July 14th.

Karl Weiss, the Highway Superintendent, was present to discuss resolutions, “Authorizing an Engineering Services Agreement with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. for the Rehabilitation of the Military Turnpike Extension Bridge over the Saranac River, BIN 3359870” and “Authorizing Grant Application and Acceptance to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation’s (NYSDEC) 2026 Water Quality Improvement Project (WQIP) Program.”

Shannon Thayer, the Planning Director, was present to discuss resolutions, “Authorizing Section 5311 Federal Transit Administration Formula Grant for Rural Areas Program Operating Assistance Acceptance” and “Adopting the Clinton County Public Transit Title VI Plan for Open Door Services,” as well as, Clinton Community College Student Transportation.

Resolutions #565 through #573 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Transportation Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, August 10th at 5:00 p.m.

LIAISON REPORTS

Board of Health – Legislator Fecteau-Rabideau

Legislator Fecteau-Rabideau stated the next Board of Health meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, August 24th at 7 p.m.

Clinton Community College - Legislator Fecteau-Rabideau

Legislator Fecteau-Rabideau stated the next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, July 21st at 5 p.m.

Community Services Board – Legislator Castine

Legislator Castine was unable to attend the meeting held earlier as he was attending the Plattsburgh International Airport. However, he noted the agenda included action items on LST approval, Hamlin Heights's letter of Support, a NAMI presentation by Amanda Bulriss and a 2027 Local Services Plan overview by Richelle Gregory, the Director of Community Services.

Intercounty of the Adirondacks – Legislator Randall

Legislator Randall stated the next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, July 23rd in Saratoga County.

Lake Champlain/Lake George Regional Planning Board – Legislators Kretser and Randall

Legislator Randall reported the meeting was held Tuesday, July 14th and provided an overview of the topics that were on the agenda. He stated the next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, October 13th at 1 p.m.

Soil and Water Conservation – Legislator Bezio

Legislator Bezio stated the next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, July 16th

STAFF REPORTS

County Attorney – Jacqueline Kelleher, Esq.

County Attorney Jacqueline Kelleher provided a brief update on the Sand Road Water District in the Town of Schuyler Falls. The County's engineers are submitting 33 percent plans for the Water District. She noted a good meeting with the engineer and town supervisors for the town of Skar Falls and the town of Plattsburgh was held to update them that the work will commence soon. She also reported they will meet again in six weeks.

Ms. Kelleher also requested an Executive Session to discuss the employment history of a certain individual.

County Administrator – Christine Peters, Esq.

Ms. Peters did not have a report.

Chairperson's Report

Chairperson Henry did not have a report.

There being no further business, Chairperson Henry moved on to resolutions. The following resolutions were approved unless otherwise noted.

Resolutions #484 through #491 were approved.

Resolutions #492 through #500 were withdrawn.

Resolutions #501 through #577 were approved.

Legislator Bezio motioned to enter into Executive Session to discuss the employment history of a certain individual at 6:35 p.m., seconded by Legislator Peryea. Carried (8-0-2).

Legislator Kretser motioned to exit Executive Session at 6:53 p.m., seconded by Legislator Deragon. Carried (8-0-2).

Legislator Bezio motion to Waive Rule 13.2, seconded by Legislator Kretser. Carried (8-0-2).

Resolutions #578 through #580 were approved.

There being no further business to come before the Legislature, Legislator Randall motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 p.m., seconded by Legislator Deragon. Carried (8-0-2).

Respectfully submitted,

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Executive Secretary to the County Administrator

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