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Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held Wednesday, September 23, 2026 in the Legislative Chambers, 137 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, New York.

PRESENT: Calvin Castine, Area 1
David Bezio, Area 4
Ron Deragon, Area 8
Jennifer Facteau-Rabideau, Area 6
Mark Henry, Chairperson, Area 3
David Kerr, Area 10
Francis Peryea, Area 2
Kevin Randall, Area 5
Rob Timmons, Area 7

EXCUSED: Joshua Kretser, Area 9

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. Legislator Kretser asked to be excused.

Legislator Kerr motioned to accept the minutes of the September 9, 2026 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Timmons. Carried (9-0-1).

Chairperson Henry asked if anyone wished to address the Legislature.

Geri Favreau introduced herself as President of the Board of the Clinton County Historical Association and Chair of the County's American 250 Committee. She noted that with only eighteen days remaining until the American 250 commemorative events conclude, the Committee has been extremely busy.

Ms. Favreau reported that she attended the Champlain Valley National Heritage Partnership Summit in Burlington, Vermont earlier that day. The summit brings together historians, museums, grant recipients and other stakeholders from Vermont, New York and Quebec. She described it as a valuable networking opportunity and stated that Clinton County received significant positive recognition during the presentations for its recent projects and grant-supported initiatives.

She presented several materials to the Legislature and highlighted the County's newly developed American Revolution ABC Book, written at a fourth- and fifth-grade reading level. She explained that the County identified a lack of age-appropriate historical materials on the American Revolution specific to the Champlain Valley. Retired educators Ann Bailey and Jack Stewart assisted in drafting content. Illustrator George "Speedy" Arnold contributed all sketches at no cost. The book emphasizes inclusion, featuring women, Native Americans, Black Patriots, Canadians and others often overlooked in historical narratives.

The Historical Association personally delivered the book to 35 schools across Clinton, Essex and Franklin Counties, supplying copies for every fourth- and fifth-grade student—over 3,200 books. Ms. Favreau thanked the County and community partners for the support that made this project possible.

She announced that on Friday, October 9th, the Native North American Traveling College will present a cultural education program at the Plattsburgh State Field House. The Association invited fourth- and fifth-grade students countywide, and 923 students have already registered, with a few schools still pending. She encouraged anyone interested in assisting at the event to volunteer.

Ms. Favreau then provided promotional stickers featuring the American 250 logo, noting that more than 1,000 have been distributed at events as an inexpensive and effective outreach tool.

She highlighted several upcoming commemorative activities, including the major Battle of Valcour Island Weekend, scheduled for October 9th –11th. She noted all events are free except for the dinner, for which she asked legislators to consider attending in support of the Historical Association. This year's dinner will honor the Valcour Bay Research Project Team, whose members have spent decades obtaining permits, documenting underwater artifacts and preserving Revolutionary War history; the team has lost three members, and the Association wished to recognize their contributions.

Ms. Favreau stated that Sunday's reenactment will be held at the Plattsburgh City Beach so spectators can view the Battle. She noted that this is a lake battle, not a land battle, and the vessels involved are replica boats, including one traveling from Washington State and another participant from Florida. Fort Ticonderoga will also send several boats. Attendance will be smaller than hoped because Canadian participants are not traveling across the border.

She reported that videographer Paul Frederick has been documenting events throughout the year for a film expected to be completed by February. She also provided information on three educational programs scheduled at the Plattsburgh Memorial Chapel leading up to the commemorative weekend.

Ms. Favreau concluded by thanking the Legislature for its financial support and partnership and she invited everyone to attend the events and celebrate the County's Revolutionary War heritage.

Chairperson Henry reported there is a public hearing regarding Clinton Community College's proposed budget. He asked the Clerk of the Board to read the notice of public hearing.

Legislator Bezio motioned to open the public hearing at 5:28 p.m., seconded by Legislator Peryea. Carried (9-0-1).

Chairperson Henry asked if anyone present wished to address the Board regarding this matter.

There being no one who wished to speak, Chairperson Henry entertained a motion to close the public hearing.

Legislator Bezio motioned to close the public hearing at 5:29 p.m., seconded by Legislator Peryea. Carried (9-0-1).

Chairperson Henry moved onto the Committee Reports.

**Buildings and Grounds Committee – Legislator Deragon**

Legislator Deragon stated the Buildings and Grounds Committee met on Monday, September 14th.

James Cleveland, the Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, was present to discuss the resolution, "Authorizing Contract with KAS Environmental Science and Engineering."

Resolution #719 has been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, October 19th at 4:00 p.m.

**Children and Family Services Committee – Legislator Castine**

Legislator Castine stated the Children and Family Services Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

The next Children and Family Services Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, October 6th at 4:45 p.m.

**Economic Development and County Operations Committee – County Administrator Christine Peters, Esq.**

On behalf of Legislator Kretser, Ms. Peters stated the Economic Development and County Operations Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

The next Economic Development and County Operations Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, October 14th at 4:00 p.m.

**Finance Committee – Legislator Timmons**

Legislator Timmons stated the Finance Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

A public hearing was held earlier today regarding Clinton Community College's proposed budget.

The next Finance Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, October 7th at 5:15 p.m.

**Health Committee – Legislator Peryea**

Legislator Peryea stated the Health Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

The next Health Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, October 7th at 4:00 p.m.

**Human Services Committee – Legislator Facteau-Rabideau**

Legislator Facteau-Rabideau stated the Human Services Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

The next Human Services Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, October 6th at 4:00 p.m.

**Personnel Committee – Chairperson Henry**

Legislator Henry stated the Personnel Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

Resolutions #720 through #738 from the Tuesday, September 8th meeting have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Personnel Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, October 5th at 5:00 p.m.

**Plattsburgh International Airport Committee – Legislator Bezio**

Legislator Bezio stated the Plattsburgh International Airport Committee met earlier today.

Patrick Sharrow, the Airport Director, was present to discuss several resolutions including, "Authorizing Contract with Laware Construction, Inc." and "Authorizing Agreement with Windcave, Inc. and Vint," as well as, several discussion items including the Part 139 Inspection, the NYAMA Conference and internship possibilities.

Resolutions #739 through #745 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Plattsburgh International Airport Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, October 28th at 3:30 p.m.

**Public Safety Committee – Legislator Randall**

Legislator Randall stated the Public Safety Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

Resolutions #746 through #748 from the Tuesday, September 8th Public Safety meeting have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Public Safety Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, October 5th at 4:00 p.m.

**Transportation Committee – Legislator Kerr**

Legislator Kerr stated the Transportation Committee met on Monday, September 14th.

Karl Weiss, the Highway Superintendent, was present to discuss resolutions, "Authorizing the Purchasing Agent to Solicit Bids for Replacement of Guide Board Road Culvert over Middle Brook" and "Authorizing the Implementation and Funding of the Costs of 100 Percent of a Transportation Project, which may be Eligible for Federal-Aid and/or State-Aid, or Reimbursement from Bridge NY Funds."

Shannon Thayer, the Planning Director, was also present to discuss resolutions, "Authorizing the Transfer of Disposed Capital Equipment to the Plattsburgh International Airport" and "Authorizing Memorandum of Agreement Between Clinton County Public Transit and Clinton Community College for Student Ridership."

Resolutions #749 through #753 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Transportation Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, October 19th at 5:00 p.m.

**LIAISON REPORTS**

**Board of Health – Legislator Facteau-Rabideau**

Legislator Facteau-Rabideau reported the Board of Health met on Monday, September 21, 2026**.** She stated that Director of Public Health Jeff Sisson delivered a corporate-compliance training presentation during the meeting.

She noted that the Board is awaiting insurance documentation needed to move forward with signatures related to busing services. Legislator Facteau-Rabideau informed the Committee that two nurse positions have been filled**,** along with the Office Manager position within the Health Department.

She also provided an update on the Public Health Infrastructure Grant, noting that the State has clarified that funds cannot be used for infrastructure improvements, which has limited the County's options for spending. She reported that the County currently has one confirmed case of monkeypox.

Legislator Facteau-Rabideau stated the Board is reviewing applications and documentation and preparing to schedule interviews for the next Director of Public Health**.**

She also announced the next Board of Health meeting is scheduled for October 19, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

**Clinton Community College - Legislator Facteau-Rabideau**

Legislator Facteau-Rabideau reported the Clinton Community College Board met on Tuesday, September 15th and noted that she was unable to attend. She stated that the meeting minutes are available for any member who wishes to review them. Ms. Facteau-Rabideau announced that the next Clinton

Community College Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 20th at 5:00 p.m.

**Cornell Cooperative Extension – Legislator Timmons**

Legislator Timmons thanked Cornell Cooperative Extension and the Clinton County Soil and Water Conservation District for hosting the Agricultural Tour held the previous Friday. He noted that although notice of the tour was provided on short notice, he appreciated that most legislators were able to attend.

Mr. Timmons stated that the tour was highly informative and offered an excellent opportunity to visit four agricultural locations throughout Clinton County. He expressed his gratitude to both organizations for coordinating the event and for their ongoing support of local agriculture.

**Soil and Water Conservation – Legislator Bezio**

Legislator Bezio reported on the most recent Soil and Water Conservation District meeting held Thursday, September 17th. He stated that the Board approved payments for several completed projects, including the Ash Tree Grant, which still has funding available. He noted that tree-planting is currently underway in the Chazy/Altona area and approximately $40,000 remains available for future or emergency tree-replacement needs.

Mr. Bezio stated that the Board discussed a proposal to increase the number of commissioners from five to seven. He explained that New York State has 58 Soil and Water Districts and the Clinton County District participates in a regional group with Warren, Franklin, Essex and one additional district. He noted that eight Soil and Water Districts statewide currently have no active leadership, creating operational strain.

He reported that an attorney who regularly attends Clinton County's Soil and Water meetings volunteered to serve as a commissioner. To appoint him, the Board would need to expand from five to seven members, which requires Legislature approval. The concept is also intended to allow the district to add members with specialized expertise, such as an engineer familiar with soil-and-water projects. Legislator Bezio emphasized that no additional legislators would be required; new seats would be filled by technical professionals.

He stated that the Board has not yet decided whether to formally present the proposal to the Legislature but continues to discuss the benefits of expansion.

Mr. Bezio concluded by noting that he and Legislator Timmons received praise from District Manager Pete Hagar, who said many Soil and Water Boards across the state struggle to reach quorum because legislative appointees fail to attend meetings. He commended Clinton County's legislators for consistently showing up and ensuring the Board can conduct its business.

## STAFF REPORTS

**County Attorney – Jacqueline Kelleher, Esq.**

County Attorney Jacqueline Kelleher requested that the Committee enter Executive Session. She stated that several matters require confidential discussion, including two contracts involving property and employment, two matters related to active litigation, the potential sale of property and advice of counsel.

**County Administrator – Christine Peters, Esq.**

Ms. Peters provided several scheduling reminders. She notified members that the ribbon cutting for

Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) is scheduled for Thursday, October 1st at 10:00 a.m. Additionally, Ms. Peters shared a save-the-date for a BETA event on Wednesday, October 14th at 10:00 a.m. and encouraged legislators to attend if possible.

**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 #718 through #758 were approved.

Legislator Peryea motioned to enter into Executive Session at 5:55 p.m., seconded by Legislator Deragon. Carried (9-0-1).

Legislator Bezio motioned to exit Executive Session at 7:00 p.m., seconded by Legislator Deragon. Carried (9-0-1).

There being no further business to come before the Legislature, Legislator Randall motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 p.m., seconded by Legislator Facteau-Rabideau. Carried (9-0-1).

Respectfully submitted,

Toni M. Moffat
Executive Secretary to the County Administrator

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