

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, EDUCATION & CULTURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
April 7, 2026

The Economic Development, Education & Culture Committee of the Broome County Legislature met on Tuesday, April 7, 2026 in the Legislative Conference Room, Sixth Floor, Edwin L. Crawford County Office Building, Binghamton, New York.

Members Present: M. Hilderbrant (Chair), E. Micha, J. Shaw, T. Ames, S. Ryan.

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: B. Weslar, M. Tanzini, C. Hall, M. McDonald, C. French, Legislature; J. Garner, C. Wagner, H. McCabe, County Executive; A. Fiala, S. Brewer, Planning, T. Adams, J. Lindsay, OMB; M. Turbush, OFA; K. Harlost, OET; O. Catalano, C. Fedor, Health; S. Jerzak, S. Moshier, WPRNC; W. Hughes, Real Property; A. Martin, J. Haas, County Clerk; R. O'Donnell, Land Bank; S. Wager, Vincent Gialanella, Residents.

The Personnel Committee meeting was called to order by the Chair at 4:05 P.M. Legislator Ryan made a motion, seconded by Legislator Micha, to move the agenda

#1 RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE BROOME COUNTY LEGISLATURE AS LEAD AGENCY WITH RESPECT TO BROOME COUNTY AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT NO. 5 AND ISSUING A "NEGATIVE DECLARATION" WITH RESPECT THERETO

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#2 RESOLUTION ADOPTING A PLAN FOR THE MODIFICATION OF BROOME COUNTY AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT NO. 5 PURSUANT TO SECTION 303-b OF THE AGRICULTURE AND MARKETS LAW

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#3 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS FOR FUNDING FROM THE MARKETING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ALLOCATION OF THE OCCUPANCY TAX FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR 2026-2027

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#4 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS FOR FUNDING FROM THE SMALL COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM FOR 2024-2025

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#5 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH ONEONTA JOB CORPS FOR LEASE OF SPACE FROM THE OFFICE OF EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING FOR 2026-2031

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#6 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING APPOINTMENTS TO MEMBERSHIP ON THE BROOME COUNTY VETERANS MEMORIAL ARENA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#7 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDING FROM NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET FOR IMPROVEMENTS AT THE BROOME COUNTY FORUM

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#11 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2025 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#26 RESOLUTION AWARDING BROOME COUNTY HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUNDING TO THE BROOME COUNTY LAND BANK, AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE BROOME COUNTY LAND BANK TO DEMOLISH BLIGHTED AND DANGEROUS PROPERTIES IN BROOME COUNTY FOR 2026-2027 AND AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2026 GENERAL FUND BUDGET

The Chair recognized County Executive Jason Garnar and Land Bank Chair Aaron Martin to provide background on this resolution. Topics included an overview of the project, the physical state of the property in question, ownership history, lack of security, vandalism, and police responses. They also discussed acquisition process, projected costs for acquisition and demolition, the mechanics of the potential transaction with the creditors, and previous large-scale blight removal projects. Members of the Committee raised questions regarding the project costs, timing, uses of the site post-demolition, and potential alternative methods to acquire the property. Following further discussion, Legislator Micha made a motion, seconded by Legislator Hilderbrant, to amend the title, first WHEREAS and first RESOLVED paragraphs to include "...to **acquire and** demolish blighted and dangerous properties in Broome County..."

Amendment carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

Carried as Amended. Ayes-3, Nays-2 (Ames, Ryan)

#27 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH SPIEDIE FEST AND BALLOON RALLY EXPO, INC. FOR FUNDING FROM THE MARKETING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ALLOCATION OF THE OCCUPANCY TAX FOR 2026

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#28 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH BROOME COUNTY COMMUNITY CHARITIES, INC., FOR FUNDING TO SUPPORT THE 2026 DICK'S SPORTING GOODS OPEN FOR 2026-2027

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

There being no further business to come before the Committee at this time, Legislator Micha made a motion, seconded by Legislator Shaw, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 5:28PM.