

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE BROOME COUNTY LEGISLATURE MEETING MINUTES  
June 15, 2023

The Committee of the Whole Broome County Legislature met on Thursday, June 15, 2023 in the Legislative Conference Room, Sixth Floor, Edwin L. Crawford County Office Building, Binghamton, New York.

Members Present: D. Reynolds, S. Flagg, S. Baker, K. Wildoner, K. Myers, G. Baldwin, M. Pasquale, M. Hilderbrant, E. Micha, S. Ryan, L. Augustini, B. Weslar, M. Kaminsky, M. Whalen

Members Absent: J. Shaw

Others Present: J. Garnar, C. Wagner, M. Ponticiello, C. Whalen, County Exec's Office, A. Martin, J. Scott, C. Hall, Legislature; K. Hawk, E. Kerr-Wilson, WPRNC; K. Connerton, S. Bretscher, Lourdes Hopsital; R. Connerton, V. Gialanella, Residents.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 4:02 PM.

Willow Point Rehabilitation & Nursing Center Updates

Willow Point Rehabilitation & Nursing Center Administrator Katie Hawk reintroduced herself and gave a background on her qualifications for the position. Ms. Hawk updated the Committee on functions at the nursing home since she has taken over. Responding to a question from Mr. Whalen, Ms. Hawk stated they are currently recruiting a Deputy Fiscal Officer to oversee the office and ensure they are billing correctly. Ms. Hawk state that collections have increased significantly recently. Responding to a question from Mr. Weslar, Ms. Hawk stated that they are looking at a new food service contract. Responding to a question from Mr. Flagg, Ms. Hawk stated that the rehabilitation wing is currently open and doing very well. Ms. Hawk ended the updates by stating that they are anticipating providing a quarterly basis updates to the Legislature.

Lourdes Hospital Acquire by Guthrie Update

Lourdes Hospital President/CEO Kathy Connerton updated the Committee on the sale of Lourdes Hospital from Ascension to Guthrie. Ms. Connerton described the struggles Lourdes faced due to being one of Ascensions smallest hospitals and being the only Ascension hospital in New York State. Ms. Connerton expressed her anticipation of working with Guthrie and offered to answer any questions from the Legislature.

There being no further business to come before the Committee at this time, the meeting adjourned at 4:44 p.m.