



YATES COUNTY LEGISLATURE
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**SPECIAL SESSION MINUTES-MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2026
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
LESLIE CHURCH, LEGISLATIVE CHAIR**

Pursuant to Section 151 of the county law and the rules adopted by the Yates County Legislature, the legislature convened in its chambers in the Village of Penn Yan, New York, on the 5th of January, 2026 at 11:00 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by Emilee D. Miller, Clerk of the Legislature for the preceding year.

Roll call was taken and the following legislators answered to their names: District #1 Edward Bronson, Patrick Killen, Sarah Purdy, Douglas Paddock; District #2 Terry Button, Richard Harper, Richard Willson; District #3 Daniel Banach, Nonie Flynn, Leslie Church, Leigh MacKerchar; District #4 Jesse Jayne, William Holgate, George Lawson.

*For full and complete discussion please listen to the audio available at www.yatescountyny.gov

The Clerk asked for nominations for a temporary Chair.

Mr. Button nominated Mr. Holgate, seconded by Mr. Harper.
VOTE: Unanimous

Mr. Holgate asked for nominations for Chair of the legislature.

Mr. Willson nominated Mrs. Church for Chair, seconded by Mr. Bronson.
VOTE: Unanimous

Mrs. Church was appointed Chair of the legislature.

Chairwoman Church asked for nominations for Vice Chair of the legislature.

Mr. Button nominated Mr. Bronson, seconded by Mr. Killen.
VOTE: Unanimous

Mr. Bronson was appointed Vice Chair of the legislature.

Chairwoman Church made the following Committee Appointments

**YATES COUNTY LEGISLATURE – 2026
STANDING COMMITTEES**

Finance-

Holgate, Chair, Flynn, Vice Chair, Willson, Banach, Lawson, Paddock

Government Operations-

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Killen, Chair, MacKerchar, Vice Chair, Flynn, Harper, Bronson, Holgate

Human Services-

Bronson, Chair, Jayne, Vice Chair, MacKerchar, Lawson, Button, Harper

Public Safety-

Willson, Chair, Killen, Vice Chair, Purdy, MacKerchar, Paddock, Flynn

Public Works-

Purdy, Chair, Button, Vice Chair, Jayne, Holgate, Banach, Lawson

Airport Council- Purdy, Paddock (alternate)

Audit-, Flynn, Chair, Paddock, Vice Chair

Willson, Banach

CCE- Lawson, Harper (alternate)

Farmland Protection- Button

Region 8 Fish & Wildlife Management

Board- Banach

Flint Creek- Button

IDA- Jayne

INSYGHT- Lawson

Inter-County- Purdy

Jury Board- Killen

Law Library- Purdy

Marcellus Shale- Button

ProAction- Bronson

S2AY-Pivitol Rural Health- Bronson

Soil & Water Board- Bronson, Paddock

SWIO- Flynn

Youth- Jayne

Ad-Hoc PSB Committee- Paddock, Chair

Workforce Investment Board- MacKerchar

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 1-26

Mr. Killen offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Ms. Purdy.

APPOINT LESLIE CHURCH CHAIR

WHEREAS, the Legislature conducted a nomination and election process on January 5, 2026, wherein Leslie Church, received the requisite votes needed to be appointed of the Yates County Legislature;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Leslie Church is hereby appointed as Chair of the Yates County Legislature for a term effective immediately and ending on December 31, 2027.

VOTE: Unanimous

RESOLUTION NO. 2-26

Mr. Killen offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Mr. MacKerchar.

APPOINT EDWARD BRONSON VICE-CHAIR

WHEREAS, the Legislature conducted a nomination and election process on January 5, 2026, wherein Edward Bronson, received the requisite votes needed to be appointed Vice-Chair of the Yates County Legislature;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Edward Bronson is hereby appointed as Vice-Chair of the Yates County Legislature for a term effective immediately and ending on December 31, 2027.

VOTE: Unanimous

RESOLUTION NO. 3-26

Mr. Killen offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Ms. Purdy.

REAPPOINT CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE (Miller)

BE IT RESOLVED, that Emilee D. Miller is hereby reappointed to the position of Clerk of the County Legislature; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be furnished to Mrs. Miller, the County Clerk, the Director of Human Resources, the Director of Finance, and the County Administrator.

VOTE: Unanimous

RESOLUTION NO. 4-26

Mr. Killen offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Mr. Banach.

REAPPOINT COUNTY ATTORNEY (Falvey)

BE IT RESOLVED, that Scott P. Falvey is hereby reappointed to the position of County Attorney for a term beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2027; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be furnished to Mr. Falvey, the County Clerk, the Director of Human Resources, the Director of Finance, and the County Administrator.

VOTE: Unanimous

RESOLUTION NO. 5-26

Mr. Killen offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Ms. Purdy.

REAPPOINT COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR (Mullins)

BE IT RESOLVED, that Jessica L. Mullins is hereby appointed to the position of County Administrator for a term beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2027; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be furnished to Mrs. Mullins, the County Clerk, the Director of Human Resources, and the Director of Finance.

VOTE: Unanimous

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RESOLUTION NO. 6-26

Mr. Killen offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Mr. Bronson.

**REAPPOINT BUDGET OFFICER
(Mullins)**

BE IT RESOLVED, that Jessica L. Mullins is hereby reappointed to the position of Budget Officer; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be furnished to Mrs. Mullins, the County Clerk, the Director of Human Resources, the Director of Finance, and the County Administrator.

VOTE: Unanimous

RESOLUTION NO. 7-26

Mr. Killen offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Ms. Flynn.

**REAPPOINT DIRECTOR OF FINANCE
(Battin)**

BE IT RESOLVED, that Leigh Battin is hereby appointed to the position of Director of Finance for a term beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2027; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be furnished to Mrs. Battin, the County Clerk, the Director of Human Resources, and the County Administrator.

VOTE: Unanimous

RESOLUTION NO. 8-26

Mr. Killen offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Mr. Button.

**REAPPOINT PUBLIC DEFENDER
(Tantillo)**

BE IT RESOLVED, that Matthew Tantillo is hereby reappointed to the position of Public Defender; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be furnished to Mr. Tantillo, the County Clerk, the Director of Human Resources, the Director of Finance, and the County Administrator.

VOTE: Unanimous

RESOLUTION NO. 9-26

Mr. Holgate offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Mr. Willson.

**APPOINTMENT TO THE FINGER LAKES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CENTER
(YATES COUNTY IDA) BOARD, THE YATES CAPITAL RESOURCE CORP. BOARD
AND THE FINGER LAKES HORIZON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORP.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following individuals be appointed to Finger Lakes Economic Development Center (Yates County IDA) Board, The Yates Capital Resource Corp. Board and The Finger Lakes Horizon Economic Development Corp. the for the terms indicated:

Ryan Hallings, 3562 Skyline Drive, Penn Yan, NY 14527

Term: 1/1/26 to 12/31/27

Janice Gaub, 278 E. Lake Road, Penn Yan, NY 14527

Term: 1/1/26 to 12/31/27

Jesse Jayne, 5036 Bill Bailey Road, Dundee, NY 14837

Term: 1/1/26 to 12/31/27

And be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Steven Griffin, Executive Director of the FLEDC, the Department of State, and the County Clerk.

VOTE: Unanimous, with Mr. Jayne abstaining

The meeting was adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Emilee D. Miller

Emilee Miller

Yates County Clerk of the Legislature