

PUBLIC SAFETY

RESOLUTION NO. 2026055

RE: APPOINTMENTS TO THE DUTCHESS COUNTY FIRE AND SAFETY
ADVISORY BOARD

Legislators VALDÉS SMITH, ALEXANDER, ARNOFF , BRENDLI, DARROW,
DRAGO, FAUST, LAWLER, REDL, RHODES and SHAH offer the following and move its
adoption:

WHEREAS, vacancies exist on the Dutchess County Fire and Safety Advisory Board for
the positions of Paid Fire member and Citizen member, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Dutchess County Legislature does hereby appoint the following
person to the Dutchess County Fire and Safety Advisory Board for the term indicated:

APPOINTMENT:

Chris Johnson



Hyde Park, NY, 12538

Jon Vesey



Millbrook, NY, 12545

TERM EXPIRING:

12/31/2028

12/31/2028

APPROVED

Sue Serino
SUSAN J. SERINO
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Date April 22, 2026

STATE OF NEW YORK

ss:

COUNTY OF DUTCHESS

This is to certify that I, the undersigned Clerk of the Legislature of the County of Dutchess, have compared the foregoing resolution with the original
resolution now on file in the office of said clerk, and which was adopted by said Legislature on the 12 day of April, 2026, and that the same is a true and
correct transcript of said original resolution and of the whole thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of said Legislature this 14 day of April, 2026.



Julie Shironishi
JULIE SHIRONISHI, CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

☒ NO FISCAL IMPACT PROJECTED

APPROPRIATION RESOLUTIONS

(To be completed by requesting department)

Total Current Year Cost \$ _____

Total Current Year Revenue \$ _____
and Source

Source of County Funds *(check one)*: ☐ Existing Appropriations, ☐ Contingency,
☐ Transfer of Existing Appropriations, ☐ Additional Appropriations, ☐ Other *(explain)*.

Identify Line Items(s):

Related Expenses: Amount \$ _____
Nature/Reason:

Anticipated Savings to County: _____

Net County Cost (this year): _____
Over Five Years: _____

Additional Comments/Explanation:

Prepared by: Yvette Valdes Smith Prepared On: 3/13/26

CHRISTOPHER JOHNSON

Hyde Park, NY 12538 ·

EXPERIENCE

MAY 2023 - PRESENT

DEPUTY CHIEF, WESTCHESTER COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

As a Deputy Chief, I am responsible for maintaining training center schedules and logistics, ensuring seamless operation and optimal resource utilization. Coordinates and supervises county fire instructors. Maintain the county fire training center and ensure all necessary maintenance is done. Assists the Chief of Special Operations, with the county Hazardous Materials and Technical Rescue teams to include responses. Coordinates the Mid-Hudson Regional HazMat Consortium to ensure grant funding is spent to meet target operational needs of all three counties. Operates as a Deputy Fire Coordinator in the absence of the Director of Fire Services.

DECEMBER 2022 - PRESENT

INSTRUCTOR, THE HAZMAT GUYS

As an Instructor, I am responsible for conducting specialized training sessions on hazardous materials and weapons of mass destruction, enhancing client readiness and safety protocols.

MAY 2007 – PRESENT

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SPECIALIST, DUTCHESS COUNTY HAZARDOUS MATERIALS RESPONSE TEAM

As a Hazardous Materials Specialist, my primary function is to assist county fire departments in mitigation of and preparedness for all hazardous materials incidents which may occur. I am also responsible for assisting in maintaining equipment to ensure it is in operational order and provide monthly training to members in all aspects of HazMat and CBRNE response.

FEBRUARY 2023 - PRESENT

FIRE INVESTIGATOR, DUTCHESS COUNTY FIRE INVESTIGATION DIVISION

As a Fire Investigator, I am responsible for conducting cause and origin investigations to assist the local fire chiefs at scenes of fires and explosions throughout Dutchess County.

AUGUST 2012 – MAY 2023

FIRE PROTECTION SPECIALIST 1, NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF FIRE PREVENTION AND CONTROL

As a Fire Protection Specialist in the Special Operations Branch, I was responsible for delivering state-wide Hazardous Materials and Technical Rescue courses, enhancing responder knowledge and emergency response effectiveness. I was also responsible for being a liaison to assigned counties to assist in Hazardous Materials needs and assisting any needs in cases of major disasters both manmade and natural thru the New York State Fire Mutual Aid and Mobilization Plan. I also held the position of Rescue Specialist and Canine Handler with NY-TaskForce2, the state's Urban Search and Rescue Team.

SEPTEMBER 2003 – JUNE 2018

CAPTAIN/EMT, ROOSEVELT FIRE DISTRICT

Led emergency response operations for fire and EMS alarms, demonstrating exceptional leadership and crisis management skills. Was responsible for the overall operation and day-to-day functions of the station.

EDUCATION

MAY 2002

HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA, YORK PREPARATORY SCHOOL

JUNE 2021

ASSOCIATES IN APPLIED SCIENCE – FIRE SCIENCE, PURDUE UNIVERSITY GLOBAL
summa cum laude

June 2023

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE- FIRE SCIENCE, PURDUE UNIVERSITY GLOBAL
summa cum laude

January 2025

MASTER OF SCIENCE - EXECUTIVE FIRE LEADERSHIP/PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION,
COLUMBIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

SKILLS

- Strong sense of Duty
- Passion for helping others
- Strategic budget coordination
- Problem solver
- Multitasker
- Perform well under pressure

RELEVANT TRAINING

New York State Certification Officer 1
New York State Certification Confined Space Technician
New York State Certification Fire Investigator
National Certification Fire Officer 1
National Certification Fire Officer 2
National Certification Fire Officer 3
National Certification HazMat Operations
National Certification HazMat Technician
National Certification Instructor 1
National Certification Instructor 2
National Certification Fire Investigator
Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents – ICS300
ICS for Major and/or Complex Incidents – ICS 400
Crime Scene Investigations for Hazardous Environments
A complete transcript of training available upon request

JON VESEY

Millbrook, NY 12545

PROFESSIONAL

Beehive – New York, NY

Founder / Partner: 1994 to present

A multi-disciplinary design and editorial studio creating, directing, and producing visual content for the entertainment, broadcast, advertising, and web industries.

Broadway Video – New York, NY

VP Digital Editorial: Apr 1989 to Sept 1994

A premier full-service NYC-based studio founded by Lorne Michaels in 1979. It specializes in post-production for high-profile television, including *Saturday Night Live*, *Late Night with Conan O'Brien* and *MTV Unplugged*, offering state-of-the-art design, editing, sound and visual effects services.

Promax / Broadcast Design Association Board of Governors – Los Angeles, CA

Board Member: 2004 to 2009

The premier global association of Entertainment Marketing, promotion, and design professionals, representing thousands of members across broadcast, cable, and streaming media. It provides networking, industry education, and prestigious awards to honor excellence in creative content marketing.

Professional Associations: National Academy of Arts and Sciences (EMMYS), National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences (GRAMMYS), Motion Picture Editors Guild, Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers

PUBLIC SERVICE

Hoboken Historic Preservation Commission – Hoboken, NJ

Vice Chair: Dec 2018 to Nov 2022 / Commissioner: Aug 2017 to Dec 2018

The HHPC reviews and acts on applications for any exterior renovation, or alteration visible to the public on buildings, structures, or property located within a locally designated historic district and on all locally designated landmarks.

Hoboken Pier C Advisory Board – Hoboken, NJ

Board Member: 2008 to 2010

This community board was assembled to advise on the redevelopment and construction of a 20 million dollar, 1.5 acre park, along the Hudson River. The project received awards from the American Society of Landscape Architects, Waterfront Center and New Jersey Society of Landscape Architects.

Hoboken Arts Advisory Board – City of Hoboken, NJ

Chair: Dec 2021 to Nov 2022 / Board Member: Nov 2019 to Dec 2021

The Hoboken Arts Advisory Board advises the Mayor and City Administration on public arts projects and expenditures from the Hoboken Public Art Fund. The board endeavors to find public art that will bring enjoyment to both visitors and residents of Hoboken and enhance the visual environment of the city.

EDUCATION

Emerson College – Boston, Ma

Bachelor of Science – Mass Communication / Communication Business

Rutgers University – Camden, NJ

Certificate / Preservation in Practice for Historic Preservation Commissioners and Planners

Public Safety Roll Call

<i>District</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>
District 16 - Fishkill and Beacon	Valdés Smith*	X	
District 9 - City of Poughkeepsie	Atkins*	X	
District 20 - Red Hook, Tivoli, and Rhinebeck	Munn*	X	
District 3 - LaGrange	Polasek*	X	
District 12 - East Fishkill	Metzger*	X	
District 2 - LaGrange, Pleasant Valley & Town of Poughkeepsie	Arnoff	X	
District 11 - Clinton, Pleasant Valley, and Rhinebeck	Kearney	X	
District 15 - Wappinger	Faust	X	
District 18 - City of Beacon and Fishkill	Rhodes	X	
District 19 - North East, Stanford, Pine Plains, Milan & Red Hook	Drago (VC)	X	
District 23 - Pawling, Beekman and East Fishkill	Rolison	X	
District 25 - Amenia, Washington, Pleasant Valley & Millbrook	Alexander (C)	X	

Present: 12

Resolution:

Total : 12

Absent:

Motion:

Yes

No

Vacant:

Abstentions:

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Roll Call Sheets

District	Last Name	YES	NO
District 16 - Fishkill and Beacon	Valdés Smith	X	
District 9 - City of Poughkeepsie	Atkins	X	
District 20 - Red Hook, Tivoli, and Rhinebeck	Munn	X	
District 3 - LaGrange	Polasek	X	
District 12 - East Fishkill	Metzger	X	
District 1 - Town of Poughkeepsie	Redl		ABSENT
District 2 - LaGrange, Pleasant Valley & Town of Poughkeepsie	Arnoff	X	
District 4 - Hyde Park and Town of Poughkeepsie	Lawler	X	
District 5 - Town of Poughkeepsie	Shah	X	
District 6 - Town of Poughkeepsie	Kaul	X	
District 7 - Hyde Park and Pleasant Valley	Darrow	X	
District 8 - City and Town of Poughkeepsie	Brendli	X	
District 10 - City of Poughkeepsie	Johnson	X	
District 11 - Clinton, Pleasant Valley, and Rhinebeck	Kearney	X	
District 13 - East Fishkill and Wappinger	Giles	X	
District 14 - Wappinger and Town of Poughkeepsie	Winsby	X	
District 15 - Wappinger	Faust		ABSENT
District 17 - Town and Village of Fishkill	McHoul	X	
District 18 - City of Beacon and Fishkill	Rhodes	X	
District 19 - North East, Stanford, Pine Plains, Milan & Red Hook	Drago	X	
District 21 - East Fishkill	Caswell		ABSENT
District 22 - Beekman and Union Vale	Tresca	X	
District 23 - Pawling, Beekman and East Fishkill	Rolison	X	
District 24 - Dover and Pawling	House	X	
District 25 - Amenia, Washington, Pleasant Valley & Millbrook	Alexander	X	
Present: <u>22</u>	Resolution: ____	Total : <u>22</u>	<u>0</u>
Absent: <u>3</u>	Motion: ____	Yes	No
Vacant: ____		Abstentions: ____	

CONSENT AGENDA: RESOLUTIONS 2026043, 044, 045, 046, 047, 048, 049, 050, 052, 055, 056, 057, 059, 060, 061, 062, 063