

FAMILY & HUMAN SERVICES

RESOLUTION NO. 2026060

RE: APPOINTMENT TO THE DUTCHESS COUNTY VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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RESIGNATION

Deirdre Houston

TERM

01/01/2025 – 12/31/2026

APPOINTMENT

Thomas Zurhellen

TERM

04/13/2026 – 12/31/2026

(unfinished term)

APPROVED


SUSAN J. SERINO
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Date April 22, 2026

STATE OF NEW YORK

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 13 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.




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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

From: Deirdre Houston <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 5, 2026 3:02:42 PM
To: Valdes Smith, Yvette <yvaldessmith@dutchessny.gov>
Subject: Veterans Affairs committee

Hi Yvette,

Hope this email finds you well. It is with regret that I tender my resignation to the Veterans Affairs Committee. I feel that the person in this role should be a sitting County Legislator, as the duty is to report directly to the Legislature on Veterans Affairs and their issues.

I truly enjoyed serving on this committee and wish my successor the best of luck serving on this committee. It truly is an important one!

Warm regards,

Deirdre Houston

From: Valdes Smith, Yvette <yvaldessmith@dutchessny.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 5, 2026 3:06 PM
To: Shiroishi, Julie <jshiroishi@dutchessny.gov>; Masters, Clara <cmasters@dutchessny.gov>
Subject: Fw: Veterans Affairs committee

Family and Human Services Committee 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*		ABSENT
District 2 - LaGrange, Pleasant Valley & Town of Poughkeepsie	Arnoff (C)	X	
District 19 - North East, Stanford, Pine Plains, Milan & Red Hook	Drago	X	
District 24 - Dover and Pawling	House	X	
District 6 - Town of Poughkeepsie	Kaul (VC)	X	
District 17 - Town and Village of Fishkill	McHoul		ABSENT
District 5 - Town of Poughkeepsie	Shah	X	
District 14 - Wappinger and Town of Poughkeepsie	Winsby	X	

Present: 10

Absent: 2

Vacant:

Resolution:

Motion:

Total : 10

Abstentions:

Yes

No

Roll Call Sheets

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District 16 - Fishkill and Beacon	Valdés Smith	X	
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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:	<u> </u>
Absent:	<u>3</u>	Motion:	<u> </u>
Vacant:	<u> </u>	Total :	<u>22</u> <u>0</u>
		Yes	No
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CONSENT AGENDA: RESOLUTIONS 2026043, 044, 045, 046, 047, 048, 049, 050, 052, 055, 056, 057, 059, 060, 061, 062, 063