

RESOLUTION NO. 2026106

RE: CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF DAVID C. WHALEN AS ACTING  
COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Legislators VALDÉS SMITH, ATKINS, MUNN, POLASEK, METZGER, BRENDLI, CASWELL, DARROW, FAUST, GILES, HOUSE, MCHOUL and TRESKA offer the following and move its adoption:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 3.04 of the Dutchess County Charter, the County Executive appointed David C. Whalen as the Acting Commissioner of the Department of Public Works effective May 23, 2026 for a period of 40 days, and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has requested that Mr. Whalen's appointment be extended for an additional period of six (6) months beyond the 40-day period, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 3.04 of the Dutchess County Charter, this Legislature has the authority to extend Mr. Whalen's appointment, now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that David C. Whalen is confirmed as Acting Commissioner of the Department of Public Works until January 2, 2027.

CA-067-26  
CEB/rjw  
G-0188  
5/13/26; rev'd 5/27/26  
Fiscal Impact: See Attached.

APPROVED

*Susan J. Serino*

SUSAN J. SERINO  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Date June 12, 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 8th day of June, 2026, and the same a true and correct transcript of said original Resolution and the whole thereof.

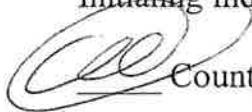
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of said Legislature this 9th day of June 2026



*Julie Shiroishi*  
JULIE SHIROISHI, CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE

## COORDINATION

Initialing indicates information only:

 County Executive

 County Attorney (as to form)

 Public Works

 Budget

## FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

☒ NO FISCAL IMPACT PROJECTED

### APPROPRIATION RESOLUTIONS

*(To be completed by requesting department)*

Total Current Year Cost \$ 0

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: Benjamin Traudt

Prepared On: 5/13/2026

**SUE SERINO**  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE



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## **DUTCHESS COUNTY GOVERNMENT**

May 13, 2026

Mr. Bradford Kendall  
Dutchess County Clerk  
22 Market Street  
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

Dear County Clerk Kendall:

I hereby appoint David Whalen as Acting Commissioner of the Dutchess County Department of Public Works, starting on May 23, 2026. He will serve as Acting Commissioner until a successor Commissioner is appointed by me and confirmed by the Legislature.

Dave has served in a Deputy capacity of senior leadership in the department for the past 9 years and has demonstrated his ability to oversee the divisions, institute initiatives for the department and carry capital projects through to their completion.

Pursuant to the Dutchess County Charter, Acting Commissioner Whalen may serve for 40 days, and after such time, the Legislature must confirm the extension of his appointment. I intend to request that the Legislature confirm such extended appointment at the June 8, 2026 Board Meeting of the Legislature.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sue Serino".

Sue Serino  
Dutchess County Executive

Cc: Julie Shirioishi, Clerk of the Legislature  
Dave Whalen, Acting Commissioner of DPW  
Rachel Kashimer, Commissioner of Human Resources

# David C. Whalen

## **EXPERIENCE**

### **Dutchess County Government, Poughkeepsie, NY**

#### **Deputy Commissioner – Department of Public Works, March 2017 to present**

- \* Responsible for the direct oversight and management of the Aviation, Parks and Public Transit divisions, encompassing a total budget of \$23M with combined staff of 130 employees.
- \* As the lone Deputy Commissioner, assist the Commissioner with day-to-day operational management of the entire department, including budgetary, personnel, and strategic direction for the six divisions, with a combined annual budget of \$40M + and full-time staff of 271.
- \* Worked collaboratively on capital projects within the Aviation Division, including airport terminal renovations (\$1M), new construction projects of an educational hangar (\$14M) and fire fighting/operations center (\$8M), as well as numerous FAA funded capital projects, encompassing the most aggressive capital buildings plan for the Hudson Valley Regional Airport in over 40 years.
- \* Successfully launched and concluded a Parks Master Plan study to provide a road map for Parks Division improvements for the next 20 years.
- \* Hired and worked collaboratively with four different Parks Division Directors over the past 9 years, providing needed continuity for the division.
- \* Cooperatively managed and coordinated the expansion of new public bus service offered by the County for the City of Poughkeepsie, a 30% increase of routes for the transit system, as well as a successfully launched route modification system in year 2025 that now offers a smart, nimble and improved service.
- \* Led the successful conversion of our Public Transit Division from a privately held company to bringing the full operation in-house (2022)
- \* Secured federal and state grant opportunities providing integral funding for both capital projects and operational asset acquisitions across Parks, Aviation and Public Transit divisions.

### **The Culinary Institute of America, Hyde Park, NY**

#### **Associate Dean – Student Activities, Recreation & Athletics, May 2007 to March 2017**

- \* One of only three Associate Deans within the Division of Student Affairs, reporting directly to the Vice President & Dean of Student Affairs, a cabinet member of the college.
- \* Directed and managed all facets of this hybrid department, overseeing an annual budget of \$1.5M with eight professional staff and 35 student employees.
- \* Oversaw programs encompassing co-curricular and extra-curricular learning opportunities for students including student government, the campus newspaper, 25 plus student organizations, campus wide special events including three annual cook-off competitions, fitness programs, and both intramural and intercollegiate athletics.
- \* Managed the complete operation of the 62,000 square feet Student Recreation Center (SRC), from facility management and campus community usage perspectives.
- \* Integral part of the planning and implementation of the SRC expansion project, a \$19M, 35,000 square feet building addition, completed in the spring of 2015.
- \* Served as Executive Board member (Treasurer) of the Hudson Valley Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, encompassing 10 colleges including the CIA. Within this role, responsible for overall administrative issues of the conference, including all financial matters.
- \* Played an integral advising role to the VP of Student Affairs on division policy, direction, and student life matters.
- \* Assisted the VP by representing the division on various campus wide committees, including the IT User Council, Academic Standards and Safety Committees.
- \* Assisted the VP in managing and conducting new student orientations and graduations 16 times per year within a unique educational calendar.
- \* For three years (2012-15), served as interim advisor and mentor for the Group Leader program at the CIA, a long standing and prestigious tradition at the college which provides academic and culinary leadership opportunities for a select portion of the student body.

**Dutchess County Government, Poughkeepsie, NY**  
**Director of Parks, January 2006 to May 2007**

- \* After only 18 months with the County, promoted to Director to speed the revitalization of this underperforming division within the Department of Public Works.
- \* Responsible for the complete management of the division encompassing six parks, 16 full-time and 21 seasonal employees, with an annual budget of \$1.6 M.
- \* Fully responsible for the annual budget projection, adherence and performance.
- \* Managed all personnel matters including staff meetings, hiring, orientations, evaluations and termination decisions and actions.
- \* Assisted the Commissioner of Public Works in securing a \$4.9M capital bond parks improvement initiative, gaining approval from both the County Executive and DC Legislature.
- \* Responsible for consultant selection, bid process, and project oversight for a new pavilion constructed at Wilcox Park.
- \* Continued to be fully responsible for the management of concert events at the Band Shell at Bowdoin Park, hosting two concerts in 2006 that drew over 12,000 attendees.

**Assistant Director of Parks, June 2004 to January 2006**

- \* Direct oversight and management of all programs and special event offerings.
- \* Fully responsible for sport leagues and schools usage of the park facilities including contracts and rental agreements.
- \* Responsible for implementing a marketing plan for the division's facilities which included brochures, presentations to community groups, and participation in fairs and expositions.
- \* Co-project leader for the beginning development and master plan of a new riverfront park.
- \* Played a prominent role in the implementation of a new web-based park facilities reservation software package.
- \* Advised and assisted with the project management of a new band shell facility constructed at Bowdoin Park.
- \* Directed, managed and led all aspects of the inaugural concert event at this new facility, drawing over 10,000 attendees.
- \* Assisted the Commissioner of Public Works with long-term planning projects for the division including capital projects, master plans, and a significant role as liaison to the main tenant of Dutchess Stadium, the Hudson Valley Renegades.

**Town of Washington, Millbrook, NY**  
**Director of Recreation, June 1990 to June 2004**

- \* Hired as first full-time Director of Recreation for the Millbrook community.
- \* Expanded offerings from 16 to 53 year round programs, moving from mostly youth oriented programs to include opportunities for teens, adults, and senior citizens.
- \* Prepared, directed, and accounted for all fiscal operations of the \$300,000 annual budget.
- \* Interviewed, hired and supervised one full-time, one half-time, and sixty seasonal employees.
- \* Completely managed and operated the town park and swimming facilities as well as programs within the Millbrook Village Hall, a former YMCA facility.
- \* Responsible for all public and media relations including the design and production of bi-annual brochures and weekly columns for the local newspaper.
- \* Secured funding through grant opportunities and acted as project manager for the construction of two municipal tennis courts, two park playgrounds, a fishing dock and miniature golf facility.

**East Stroudsburg University, East Stroudsburg, PA**  
**Athletic Department Graduate Assistant, January to May 1990**

- \* Assisted with athletic eligibility clearance in processing medical, insurance and NCAA forms for the Division II program.
- \* Assisted with home and away athletic contest management under the direction of the Associate Director of Athletics.
- \* Involved with the organization and coordination of fund raising programs for the athletics scholarship fund including a golf tournament and telephone solicitation campaign.

**Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, NY**

**Assistant to the Director of Athletics, September 1988 to June 1989**

- \* Served as a sabbatical replacement for one academic year.
- \* Responsible for all home event administration and supervision.
- \* Handled travel and lodging arrangements for the 18 intercollegiate teams.
- \* Served as tournament director for three Vassar Invitational tournaments.
- \* Handled NCAA and ECAC relations in dealing with eligibility and post-season tournament participation for the Division III program.
- \* Assisted the Director of Athletics with contest scheduling and equipment purchases.
- \* Directly supervised two grounds/fields staff in preparing athletic fields for use.
- \* Served as Assistant Men's Varsity Tennis Coach

**EDUCATION**

**East Stroudsburg University, East Stroudsburg, PA**

*Master of Education, 1994*

**St. John's University, Jamaica, NY**

*Bachelor of Science, 1988*

## ***Budget, Finance, and Personnel Committee Roll Call***

| <i><b>District</b></i>                          | <i><b>Name</b></i> | <i><b>Yes</b></i> | <i><b>No</b></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 1 - Town of Poughkeepsie               | Redl (VC)          | X                 |                  |
| District 4 - Hyde Park and Town of Poughkeepsie | Lawler (C)         | X                 |                  |
| District 7 - Hyde Park and Pleasant Valley      | Darrow             | X                 |                  |
| District 8 - City and Town of Poughkeepsie      | Brendli            |                   | ABSENT           |
| District 10 - City of Poughkeepsie              | Johnson            | X                 |                  |
| District 18 - City of Beacon and Fishkill       | Rhodes             | X                 |                  |
| District 21 - East Fishkill                     | Caswell            | X                 |                  |

|                               |                                  |                                            |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| <b>Present:</b> <u>  11  </u> | <b>Resolution:</b> <u>      </u> | <b>Total :</b> <u>  11  </u> <u>      </u> |
| <b>Absent:</b> <u>   1   </u> | <b>Motion:</b> <u>      </u>     | <b>Yes</b> <b>No</b>                       |
| <b>Vacant:</b> <u>      </u>  |                                  | <b>Abstentions:</b> <u>      </u>          |

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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         | X   |        |
| 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      |     | ABSENT |
| District 10 - City of Poughkeepsie                                | Johnson      |     | ABSENT |
| 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        | X   |        |
| 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      | X   |        |
| 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   |        |

|                 |               |                    |               |                     |               |               |
|-----------------|---------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>Present:</b> | <u>23</u>     | <b>Resolution:</b> | <u>      </u> | <b>Total :</b>      | <u>23</u>     | <u>      </u> |
| <b>Absent:</b>  | <u>2</u>      | <b>Motion:</b>     | <u>      </u> |                     | <b>Yes</b>    | <b>No</b>     |
| <b>Vacant:</b>  | <u>      </u> |                    |               | <b>Abstentions:</b> | <u>      </u> |               |

CONSENT AGENDA: RESOLUTIONS 076, 077, 093, 094, 099, 101, 102, 106, 107 OF THE YEAR 2026