



Hudson Valley Regional Council Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 18, 2026

4:00 – 5:00 PM

Videoconference via Zoom

- **Call to Order:** HVRC Board Chairwoman Bridget Gibbons called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM and provided information on how the meeting may be attended. HVRC Executive Director Carla Castillo initiated the roll call. Chairwoman Gibbons asked for a motion to open the meeting.
- **Motion to Open the Meeting:** Meeting was opened at 4:05 PM.
 - Motion: Nadia Rajs, Legislative Chair, Legislator, District 2, Sullivan County
 - Second: Kathleen Abels, Economic Development Corporation President, Putnam County
- **Chairwoman's Report:** At 4:06 PM, Chairwoman Gibbons gave her report:
 - Thanked former Board Members and welcomed new Board Members.
- **Executive Director's Report:** At 4:07 PM, Chairwoman Gibbons turned it over to Ms. Castillo who gave her Executive Director's Report:
 - Staffing updates
 - Grant & Contracting updates
 - Programmatic updates
- **Financial Report:** At 4:16 PM, Financial & Administrative Director, Robin Sattin gave his report on the financial status of HVRC.
- **Financial & Administrative Updates:** At 4:18 PM, Ms. Castillo gave her report:
 - NYS GML Article 12-B Section 239-H
 - OML Requirements for HVRC Meetings
 - Executive Committee Expansion
 - Policies & Procedures update
 - Treasurer Nominations
- **Resolution – Appointment of 2026 Board Officers:** At 4:38 PM, Ms. Castillo provided information on Resolution 2026-01, which would appoint Board Officers for 2026. At 4:39 PM Chairwoman Gibbons called for a motion to approve and adopt the resolution.
 - **Motion:** Peter Criswell, Legislative Chair, Legislator, District 7, Ulster County
 - **Second:** Nadia Rajs, Legislative Chair, Legislator, District 2, Sullivan County
 - **Vote:** Approved unanimously

- **Resolution – Authorization for Selection of Independent Auditor for Audit Years 2025-2027 and Establishment of Ongoing Three-Year Audit Procurement Cycle:** At 4:39 PM, Ms. Castillo provided information on Resolution 2026-02, which would authorize issuing an RFP and selection of an independent auditor for 2025-2027 and establish an ongoing three-Year audit procurement cycle. At 4:40 PM, Chairwoman Gibbons called for a motion to approve and adopt the resolution.
 - **Motion:** Kristofer Munn, Legislator, District 20, Dutchess County
 - **Second:** Michael Specht, Supervisor, Town of Ramapo, Rockland County
 - **Vote:** Approved unanimously
- **Resolution – Amending By-Laws of the Hudson Valley Regional Council: Updating the Executive Committee:** At 4:39 PM, Ms. Castillo provided information on Resolution 2026-03, which would update the By-Laws related to the Executive Committee. At 4:44 PM, Ms. Castillo asked for questions about the resolution. Board members discussed the size of the Committee, quorum considerations, and meeting requirements. Concerns were raised about maintaining adequate representation and alignment with NYS Open Meetings Law. After discussion, the Board agreed to revise the proposal to set the Executive Committee at eight members (four officers and four at-large members) and require the Committee to meet at least six times per year. The resolution was amended accordingly. At 4:59 PM, Chairwoman Gibbons called for a motion to approve and adopt the resolution.
 - **Motion:** Barbara Barosa, Planning, Development, & Public Transportation Commissioner, Putnam County
 - **Second:** Jennifer Coccozza, Deputy Commissioner, Planning & Development, Dutchess County
 - **Vote:** Approved unanimously
- **Upcoming Meeting Dates:** At 5:00 PM, Ms. Castillo listed the 2026 Quarterly Meeting dates.
- **Public Comment:** At 5:01 PM, Chairwoman Gibbons asked for public comment. There was none.
- **Adjournment:** At 5:01 PM, Chairwoman Gibbons asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 5:02 PM.
 - **Motion:** Nadia Rajs, Legislative Chair, Legislator, District 2, Sullivan County
 - **Second:** Amy Dooley, Legislator, District 9, Ulster County

Minutes submitted by Financial & Administrative Director, Robin Sattin.

Minutes reviewed and approved by Board Secretary, Julie Noble.

The official listing of attendees of the HVRC Board Meeting of February 18, 2026, appears on the following page.

Attendees of the HVRC Board Meeting of February 18, 2026

Quorum met: Yes.

<p>Kathleen Abels, Putnam County President of Putnam County Economic Development Corporation 737 Milltown Road, Brewster, NY 10509</p> <p>Barbara Barosa, Putnam County Commissioner of Planning, Development, and Public Transportation 841 Fair Street, Carmel, NY 10512</p> <p>Tracey Bartels, Ulster County Non-Government member 56 Sand Hill Road, Gardiner, NY 12525</p> <p>Heather Brown, Sullivan County Commissioner of Division of Planning, Community Development, and Environmental Management 100 North Street, Monticello, NY 12701</p> <p>Jennifer Coccozza, Dutchess County Deputy Planning Commissioner Dutchess County Department of Planning & Department, 85 Civic Center Plaza, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601</p> <p>Peter Criswell, Ulster County Legislative Chair, District 7 244 Fair Street, 6th Floor, Kingston, NY 12401</p> <p>Amy Dooley, Ulster County Legislator, District 9 89 Vinyard Avenue, Highland, NY 12528</p> <p>Dennis Doyle, Ulster County Director of Planning 244 Fair Street, Kingston, NY 12401</p> <p>Bridget Gibbons, Westchester County Economic Development Director 148 Martine Avenue, White Plains, NY 10601</p> <p>Steven Gross, Orange County Economic Development Director 40 Matthews Street, Goshen, NY 10924</p>	<p>Charlene Indelicato, Westchester County Yonkers Commissioner, Department of Planning & Dev. 20 S Broadway, Ste 923, Yonkers, NY 10701</p> <p>Ramona Monteverde, Orange County Councilwoman of the City of Newburgh, Ward 2 294 Broadway, Newburgh, NY 12550</p> <p>Kristofer Munn, Dutchess County Legislator, District 20 14 North Drive, Red Hook, NY 12571</p> <p>Jenna Nazario, Rockland County Director of Economic Development and Tourism 50 Sanatorium Road, Building A, 8th Floor, Pomona, NY 10970</p> <p>Juile Noble, Ulster County Sustainability Coordinator of the City of Kingston 467 Broadway, Kingston, NY 12401</p> <p>Joshua Potosek, Sullivan County County Manager 100 North Street, Monticello, NY 12701</p> <p>Nadia Rajs, Sullivan County Legislative Chair, District 2 Orange County Community College 115 South Street, Middletown, NY 10940</p> <p>Laura Russo, Putnam County Legislator, District 4 40 Gleneida Avenue, Carmel NY 10512</p> <p>Alan Sorensen, Orange County Planning Commissioner 24 Main Street, Goshen, NY 10924</p> <p>Michael Specht, Rockland County Supervisor of the Town of Ramapo 237 Route 59, Suffern, NY 10901</p>
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HVRC Staff Attending Remotely: Sehrish Asghar, Lauren Bunce, Carla Castillo, Ryan Corbett, Sofie diTommaso, Caleb Fine, Evelyn Laferriere, Eleanor Peck, Robin Sattin, Elizabeth Sun, Brandon Toyé