



Hudson Valley Regional Council Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

4:00 – 5:00 PM

Videoconference via Zoom

- **Call to Order:** HVRC Board Chairwoman Bridget Gibbons called the meeting to order at 4:03 PM and provided information on how the meeting may be attended. HVRC Executive Director Carla Castillo initiated the roll call. A quorum was present.
- **Motion to Open the Meeting:** At 4:07 PM, Chairwoman Gibbons requested a motion to open the meeting
 - Motion: Olga Tirado, President, O Communications, Dutchess County
 - Second: Althema Goodson, Committee Staff for Appointments and Veterans, Seniors & Youth Committees, Westchester County
- **Chairwoman's Report:** At 4:08 PM, Chairwoman Gibbons gave her report:
 - HVRC continued to maintain organizational continuity during recent staff transitions.
 - Welcomed Dennis Doyle, Joshua Potossek, and Althema Goodson to the expanded Executive Committee
- **Executive Director's Report:** At 4:10 PM, Ms. Castillo gave her Executive Director's Report:
 - Staffing updates
 - Grant and contracting updates
 - Programmatic updates
- **Financial Report:** At 4:23 PM, Financial & Administrative Director Robin Sattin gave his report on the financial status of HVRC.
- **Presentations:** At 4:30 PM, Ms. Castillo introduced the following presentations:
 - **SolarAPP+:** Presented by Patrick Hayakawa, Head of Go-to-Market at the SolarAPP Foundation, and Julie Noble, Sustainability Coordinator and Project Manager for the City of Kingston and HVRC Board Member. The presentation covered automated solar permitting and the City of Kingston's implementation.
 - **FEMA Community Rating System:** Presented by Thomas Song, FEMA Community Rating System Liaison, and Robert Drake, Deputy Supervisor of the Town of Shandaken. The presentation provided an overview of the program and the Town of Shandaken's experience.
- **Public Comment:** At 5:04 PM, Chairwoman Gibbons asked for public comment. There was none.

- **Adjournment:** At 5:05 PM, Chairwoman Gibbons asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 PM.
 - Motion: Nadia Rajs, Legislative Chair, Sullivan County
 - Second: Amy Dooley, Legislator, Ulster County
 - Vote: Approved unanimously

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 September 16, 2026, appears on the following page.

Attendees of the HVRC Board Meeting of September 16, 2026

Kathleen Abels, Putnam County President of Putnam County Economic Development Corporation 40 Gleneida Avenue, Carmel, NY 10512 Tracey Bartels, Ulster County Non-Government Member 529 West 42nd Street, New York, NY 10036 Peter Criswell, Ulster County Legislative Chair 244 Fair Street, 6th Floor, Kingston, NY 12401 Amy Dooley, Ulster County Legislator 54 Vinyard Avenue, Highland, NY 12528 Dennis Doyle, Ulster County Director of Planning 244 Fair Street, Kingston, NY 12401 Vivian England, Rockland County Legislative & Constituent Liaison to the Chair 11 New Hempstead Road, New City, NY 10956 Vedat Gashi, Westchester County Legislative Chair 148 Martine Ave, 8th Floor, White Plains, NY 10601 Bridget Gibbons, Westchester County Director of Economic Development 148 Martine Avenue, White Plains, NY 10601 Althema Goodson, Westchester County Committee Staff for Appointments and Veterans, Seniors & Youth Committees 148 Martine Ave., 8th FL, White Plains, NY 10601	Steve Gross, Orange County Economic Development Director 40 Matthews Street, Goshen, NY 10924 Charlene Indelicato, Westchester County Yonkers Commissioner, Dept. of Planning & Dev. 20 S Broadway, Ste 923, Yonkers, NY 10701 Ramona Monteverde, Orange County Councilwoman of the City of Newburgh, Ward 2 294 Broadway, Newburgh, NY 12550 Sa'eed "Tyrone King" Mustafa, Orange County Councilman, Town of Highlands 254 Main Street, Highland Falls, NY 10928 Jenna Nazario, Rockland County Economic Development and Tourism Director 50 Sanatorium Rd, Building A, 8th floor, Rm 325, Pomona, NY 10970 Julie Noble, Ulster County City of Kingston Sustainability Coordinator 467 Broadway, Kingston, NY 12401 Laura Russo, Putnam County Legislator 40 Gleneida Avenue, Carmel, New York 10512 Michael Specht, Rockland County Supervisor of the Town of Ramapo 237 Route 59, Suffern, NY 10901 Olga Tirado, Dutchess County President, O Communications 23 Riverside Drive, Corning, NY 14830
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Quorum: 18 Board members; quorum met.

Also attending: Nadia Raijz, Sullivan County, Legislative Chair

HVRC Staff in Attendance: Amanda Peçana Hickey, Brandon Toye, Caleb Fine, Carla Castillo, Elaine Sheddan, Elizabeth Sun, Evelyn Laferriere, Katie Hall, Lauren Bunce, Pem Dorji Tamang, Robin Sattin, Ryan Crobett, Sehrish Asghar.