



Government Operations Committee

Committee Meeting

60 Central Ave.
Cortland, NY 13045
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~ Agenda ~

Thursday, May 12, 2022

9:00 AM

Board Room

WebEx Meeting Information

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CALL TO ORDER

Attendee Name	Present	Absent	Late	Arrived
Committee Member Sandra Price	☐	☐	☐	
Committee Member George Wagner	☐	☐	☐	
Committee Vice Chair Kelly L. Fairchild-Preston	☐	☐	☐	
Committee Member Paul Heider	☐	☐	☐	
Committee Chair Richard Stock	☐	☐	☐	
Committee Member Susan Wilson	☐	☐	☐	
Committee Member Mitchel Eccleston	☐	☐	☐	

MINUTES

1. Government Operations Committee - Committee Meeting - Apr 14, 2022 9:00 AM

RESOLUTIONS

ON MOTION OF STOCK

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1

Eliminate Civil Service Exam Fees - Personnel/Civil Service

WHEREAS, the Personnel/Civil Service Department charges civil service exam fees (between \$7.50 - \$30.00 per exam) for its civil service exams, AND

WHEREAS, the number of civil service exam participants has been decreasing over the last several years and the County is desirous of attracting more exam candidates by eliminating the exam fee, AND

WHEREAS, the County pays the New York State Department of Civil Service for each exam ordered, NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Personnel/Civil Service Department will no longer require exam participants to pay a civil service exam fee beginning with civil service exams announced after May 26, 2022.

ON MOTION OF STOCK

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2

Amend 2022 Cortland County Legislative Calendar - Legislature

WHEREAS, Article VII, Number 1 of the Cortland County Legislature Rules of Order state, "The Legislature may, at any meeting, by resolution, change the time and place of the next regularly scheduled meeting.....", AND

WHEREAS, it is to the benefit of the Legislature to recess during the month of July 2022 and cancel all standing committee meetings and legislative session, NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Cortland County Legislature hereby amends the legislative calendar and cancels all legislative meetings for the month of July 2022.

ON MOTION OF STOCK

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3

Amend Resolution No. 259-15 Increasing Annual Legislative Compensation - Legislature

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 259-15 was adopted on September 24, 2015 to increase the annual pay of Cortland County legislators, AND

WHEREAS, the final resolved clause in Resolution No. 259-15 is unlawful, as the salary of a County Legislator cannot be changed mid-term of office by resolution, NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that Resolution No. 259-15 be and hereby is amended to remove the final resolved clause and read as follows:

WHEREAS, the Cortland County Legislature is currently paid \$6,000 per year, per Legislator, with the Chairman receiving \$15,000 and the Majority and Minority Leaders receiving \$6,500, AND

WHEREAS, the above salary has remained the same for 25 years (1991 was raised from \$5,000 to \$6,000), AND

WHEREAS, over the course of those 25 years additional compensation and/or benefits have been withdrawn, such as monthly meeting stipends (\$25 per meeting), and eligibility to participate in the County Health/Dental/Vision insurance plan, AND

WHEREAS, the Cortland County Budget & Finance Committee recommends an increase in salary for Legislators beginning in 2016, and an annual increase matching that of the Management Compensation Plan, NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Director of Budget & Finance, as Budget Officer, shall hereby include a Legislative salary of \$10,000 per legislator, \$19,000 for the Chairman and \$10,500 for Majority and Minority Leaders in the 2016 budget.

, AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Cortland County Personnel Department is hereby directed to correct the current legislative salary to reflect the amendment.

ON MOTION OF STOCK

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4

Authorize Annual Stipend for Legislative Liaison to Tompkins Cortland Community College - Legislature

WHEREAS, Section 5. Liaisons to the Board of Trustees contained within the Bylaws of the Tompkins Cortland Community College Board of Trustees provides the option of designating a non-voting liaison to participate in discussions and present materials, upon request, AND

WHEREAS, the role of the liaison requires preparation for, attendance at and travel to numerous meetings throughout the course of the year, AND

WHEREAS, due to the additional responsibilities and time spent by the Legislative Liaison Government Operations Committee recommends compensating the Legislative Liaison to the Tompkins Cortland Community College Board of Directors for performing these duties with a \$2,000 yearly stipend which would not be added to their base salary, NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Legislative Liaison to the Tompkins Cortland Community College Board of Directors will receive an annual \$2,000 stipend for performing the duties of Legislative Liaison to the Tompkins Cortland Community College Board of Directors effective May 27, 2022.

ON MOTION OF STOCK

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5

Local Law "E" of 2022 - a Local Law to Adopt Amendments to the New York State Open Meetings Law for the Expanded Use of Videoconferencing

WHEREAS, April 9, 2022 Governor Hochul signed an amendment to the Open Meetings Law to allow, until the expiration date of July 1, 2024, the expanded use of videoconferencing by public bodies in the conduct of open meetings, under extraordinary circumstance, regardless of a declaration of emergency, AND

WHEREAS, in order to continue meeting virtually, counties must adopt a local law to opt in, NOW THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED, by the County Legislature of the County of Cortland, as follows:

SECTION 1. PURPOSE

The Cortland County Legislature intends by this local law to allow for expansion of the use of videoconferencing to conduct open meetings.

SECTION 2. CONDITIONS

- a) Members of the Board shall be physically present at meetings, unless allowed remote attendance at locations that do not allow for in-person physical attendance by the public, under extraordinary circumstances.
- b) The list of extraordinary circumstances is non-exhaustive, but shall include illness, or any other significant or unexpected factor or event which precludes the member's physical attendance at such meeting. The following shall not be deemed as extraordinary circumstances: caregiving responsibilities, vacation or delayed travel.
- c) Members shall provide notice of their inability to attend a meeting to the Legislative Clerk's Office at least 24 hours prior to the meeting or as soon as reasonably able.
- d) The Chair of the Board shall retain discretion over permitted extraordinary circumstances for the Board and for Standing Committees when that Chair is unavailable, pursuant to Section 2(b) of this local law.
- e) The Standing Committee Chairs, when available, shall retain discretion over permitted extraordinary circumstances for their Committee, pursuant to Section 2(b) of this local

law.

- f) It is understood that members permitted to attend at a location that does not allow for in-person physical attendance by the public, will not count toward a quorum. Only members present at a physical location which allows for in-person attendance by the public, will count toward a quorum.
- g) Any members of the public attending a meeting must be able to hear, see and identify any member of the public body who is attending remotely while the meeting is being conducted.
- h) If video conferencing is used to conduct a meeting, the public notice shall inform the public where they can view and/or participate in such meeting, where required documents and records will be posted or available, and identify the physical location for the meeting where the public can attend.
- i) Meetings conducted using videoconferencing shall be recorded and those recordings shall be posted or linked within 5 business days of the meeting and maintained for 5 years thereafter. Recordings shall be transcribed upon request.
- j) In those meetings where videoconferencing is used the public shall be able to view the meeting via video and participate in the proceedings via videoconference in real time where public participation is authorized.
- k) The Cortland County Legislature may hold fully remote meetings, and in person participation requirements of the Law shall not apply, during: a state disaster emergency declared by the governor pursuant to section twenty-eight of the executive law, or a local state of emergency proclaimed by the chief executive of a county, city, village, or town pursuant to section twenty-four of the executive law, if the Legislature determines that the circumstances necessitating the emergency declaration would affect or impair the ability of the Legislature to hold an in person meeting.
- l) These written procedures shall be posted on the County's website.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or part of this Local Law or the application thereof, to any person, individual, corporation, firm, partnership, entity, or circumstance, shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional such order of judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or part of this Local Law or in its application to the person, individual, corporation, firm partnership, entity, or circumstance directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

SECTION 5. EXPIRATION

This local law shall be effective until July 1, 2024 as set forth by NYS in Chapter 56 of the Laws of 2022.

MONTHLY REPORTS

1. May Vacancy Report
2. Weights and Measures Monthly Report
3. County Clerk April 2022 Monthly Report
4. County Attorney Monthly Report

ADJOURNMENT