

Summary of Minutes
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
February 25, 2025
5:30 p.m.

Chairman Long called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dave Long (Chair), Howard Maffucci (Vice Chair), William Burgess, Susan Hughes-Smith, Mercedes Vazquez Simmons, Santos Cruz, Paul Dondorfer (RMM), Robert Colby, Tracy DiFlorio, Richard B. Milne, Jackie Smith, Yversha Román (Ex Officio)

OTHER LEGISLATORS PRESENT:

Steve Brew, Blake Keller, Rachel Barnhart, Ricky Frazier, Rose Bonnick, John B. Baynes, Albert Blankley

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:

Robert Franklin (CFO), John Bringewatt (County Attorney), Brendon Fleming (Sr. Deputy County Attorney), Miguel Munoz (Deputy County Attorney), Tim Henry (Public Safety Deputy Director), Adrienne Green (Legislative Liaison), Sean Murphy (Chief of Engineering & Facilities), Jennifer Curley (Sheriff's Admin), Michael Garland (DES Director), Richard Tantalo (Public Safety Director), Sarah Holt (Conflict Defender), Michael Fowler (Chief Deputy), Tom Frys (Transportation Director), Mark Funk (Assigned Counsel), David Reilich (BOE Deputy Commissioner)

PUBLIC FORUM:

There were no speakers.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of January 28, 2025 were approved as submitted.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 25-0044 -** Amend Resolution 378 of 2023 to Extend the Contract with the University of Rochester for the Continuing Development and Sustainment of the County's Medical Countermeasure Program – County Executive Adam J. Bello

MOVED by Legislator Maffucci, SECONDED by Legislator Vazquez Simmons.

ADOPTED: 11-0 (*Legislator Long Declared His Interest Prior to the Vote.*)

- 25-0045 -** Authorize Amendments to the Monroe County/Monroe County Bar Association Plan Regarding the Conflict Defender's Office and Assigned Counsel Program - County Executive Adam J. Bello

MOVED by Legislator Maffucci, SECONDED by Legislator Vazquez Simmons.

ADOPTED: 11-0

- 25-0046 -** Acceptance of a Grant from the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services for the Operation Stonegarden Program and Authorize Intermunicipal Agreements with the Towns of Greece, Irondequoit, and Webster - County Executive Adam J. Bello

MOVED by Legislator Maffucci, SECONDED by Legislator Burgess.

Legislator Milne raised a Point of Order and stated that Legislator Cruz's line of questioning was not germane to the referral. Chairman Long denied the request. Legislator Milne then made a motion to Appeal the Ruling of the Chair.

Legislator DiFlorio Seconded the Motion. A vote was taken and the Ruling of the Chair was Denied by the following vote:

Ayes - Legislators Burgess, Cruz, Hughes-Smith, Maffucci, and Long – 5

Noes - Legislators Colby, DiFlorio, Dondorfer, Milne, Smith, and Vazquez Simmons – 6

Legislator Smith raised a Point of Order and stated that Legislator Hughes-Smith's line of questioning was not germane to the referral. Chairman Long denied the request. Legislator Smith then made a motion to Appeal the Ruling of the Chair.

Legislator Dondorfer Seconded the Motion. A vote was taken and the Ruling of the Chair was Sustained by the following vote:

Ayes - Legislators Burgess, Cruz, Hughes-Smith, Maffucci, Long and Vazquez Simmons – 6

Noes - Legislators Colby, DiFlorio, Dondorfer, Milne, and Smith – 5

Legislator DiFlorio raised a Point of Order and stated that Legislator Hughes-Smith's line of questioning was not germane to the referral. Chairman Long denied the request. Legislator DiFlorio then made a motion to Appeal the Ruling of the Chair.

Legislator Smith Seconded the Motion. A vote was taken and the Ruling of the Chair was Sustained by the following vote:

Ayes - Legislators Burgess, Cruz, Hughes-Smith, Maffucci, Long and Vazquez Simmons – 6

Noes - Legislators Colby, DiFlorio, Dondorfer, Milne, and Smith – 5

ADOPTED: 8-3 (*Legislators Cruz, Hughes-Smith and Vazquez Simmons Voted in the Negative.*)

25-0047 - Authorize Intermunicipal Agreements with Participating Townships and Villages and a Contract with the University of Rochester Department of Public Safety for Reimbursement to the Monroe County Sheriff's Office for the Use of MCSO Health & Wellness Clinicians and Programs - County Executive Adam J. Bello

MOVED by Legislator Maffucci, SECONDED by Legislator Vazquez Simmons.

ADOPTED: 11-0 (*Legislator Long Declared His Interest Prior to the Vote.*)

25-0052 - Authorize an Intermunicipal Agreement with the City of Rochester for Traffic Control Services at Innovative Field – County Executive Adam J. Bello

MOVED by Legislator Maffucci, SECONDED by Legislator Vazquez Simmons.

ADOPTED: 11-0 (*Legislator Dondorfer Declared His Interest Prior to the Vote.*)

OTHER MATTERS:

Legislator Hughes-Smith requested information from the Sheriff's Department on their translation services.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no other matters, Chairman Long adjourned the meeting at 6:17 p.m.

The next Public Safety Committee Meeting **will be held on Tuesday, March 25, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,
David Grant
Clerk of the Legislature