



Planning Board

Monroe County, New York

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County Executive

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Monroe County Planning Board Meeting Minutes, July 30, 2026

A meeting of the Monroe County Planning Board (MCPB) was held on July 30, 2026, at 3:30 pm, in person, via Zoom, and live streamed on YouTube.

Members Present: William Santos, MCPB Chair; Mike Wiedemer, Vice Chair (via zoom); Dave Watson, citizen member; Tyrese Bryant, citizen member; Elizabeth McDade, citizen member; Milton Pichardo, citizen member (via zoom) (joined 3:42); Victor Sanchez, citizen member); Rachel Barnhart, Legislator; Jennifer Cesario, Dir. of Finance, Richard Tantalo, Dir. of Public Safety; Sean Murphy, Chief of Engineering & Facilities Mgmt. Dept. of Environmental Services

Alternates Present: Conor McMahon (for Deputy Co. Exec. Amy Grower); Joe Leathersich (for Asst. Co. Exec. Adrienne Green); Joe Taddeo, Finance; Andy Fraser, DES

Planning Staff Present: Pat Gooch, Sr. Associate Planner; Yixuan Lin, Sr. Planner, Secretary to the Board; Grace Sherburne, Planner II; Lisa Huntoon, Asst. to the Secretary to the Bd.

Others Present: Monroe Community Hospital: Desmond Jackson, Deputy Executive Director; Karie Mann, Finance Administrator / Assistant Deputy Controller
Law Dept: Bridget Cook, Deputy County Attorney

Chairman Santos called the meeting to order at 3:32 pm.

APPROVAL OF THE April 30, 2026 MEETING MINUTES:

Motion: Mr. Watson

Seconded: Mr. Sanchez

Vote: Motion Approved

APPROVAL OF THE June 8, 2026 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES:

Motion: Ms. Cesario

Seconded: Mr. Bryant

Vote: Motion Approved

ANNOUNCEMENTS and COMMUNICATIONS:

- Ms. Yixuan Lin shared an update on the Capital Improvement Program. Previously the Board had reviewed and discussed the 2027-2032 CIP. It was adopted by the County Legislature at the July 14th meeting. Board members will be provided a paper copy after the adopted version is printed.
- A Training Program, hosted by the Planning Department, was held on July 15th at MCC which provided 4-hours of training for local planning board and zoning board members. There was a total of 59 participants who were provided training on Integrating Complete Street Principles into Land Use Decisions.

Additionally, the Planning Department just announced a full-day Complete Street Technical Training Workshop. Priority registration is currently open for town, village and city municipal planners and engineers. After August 14th the training registration will open for private sector planners and engineers.

Training for the fall SEQR and Site Plan Review will take place in late September. We will notify the Board when registration is open.

ACTION ITEMS:

- a. **Amend the 2026-2031 Capital Improvement Program and the 2026 Capital Budget to add the project entitled “MCH Dialysis Unit” in the amount of \$5,000,000.**

Presenters: Desmond Jackson, Monroe Community Hospital; Sean Murphy, Environmental Services

Discussion: Mr. Jackson explained they are currently finalizing lease agreements with URMC for the renovation of the dialysis center. This will allow the hospital to bring dialysis service back into the facility. This will relieve stress of current residents from having to go outside the hospital to get dialysis care. The center will serve both residents within MCH and the community as well and also open up beds at URMC.

Mr. Murphy shared that the renovation is about 7,000 sq ft. on the first floor of the Faith Building. They will need to demo the old unit and remove all of the old equipment, piping, etc. and will be constructed to URMC’s method of operation. New code requirements will also need to be met. The cost is approximately \$3.9 million for the renovation work itself plus fees for construction management and subcontractors to bring it to a total of \$5 million.

Mr. Jackson and Mr. Murphy provided the below information in response to questions from the Board:

- URMC will be the tenant.
- The space was previously occupied by Fresenius Medical Care which suspended its on-site services due to staffing shortages.
- The new lease will be 10-years with extensions of up to four additional terms of five-years each.
- It has been approximately 3-4 years that they have not had dialysis services inside the hospital.
- There will not be a dedicated entrance, it will be accessed via the main entrance.
- This project will utilize the State fund for the renovation cost.

Mr. Sanchez and Mr. Pichardo abstained from voting and recused themselves from the discussion due to a potential conflict of interest.

Motion: Mr. Murphy

Seconded: Ms. McDade

Vote: Passed

- Ayes: 10
- Nays: 0
- Abstentions: 2 (Mr. Sanchez and Mr. Pichardo)

OTHER BUSINESS:

Introduction of the Comprehensive Plan Update

Presenter: Mr. Patrick Gooch

Mr. Gooch provided a PowerPoint presentation of Plan Forward – A Comprehensive Plan for Monroe County. He shared where the County is currently in the process, what the Board's role is and how the plan will move forward in the future. Mr. Gooch explained why the County is undertaking this process, what a comprehensive plan is and what it will do for the County.

Mr. Gooch also noted that the Planning Board is given a specific role through the County Charter and Administrative Code to review the Comprehensive Development Plan and make a recommendation to the County Legislature to adopt the Plan.

Ms. Lin went over the project team's current effort to address the comments received from the Public Review, including the topic on homelessness and housing instability.

Mr. Gooch provided the below information in response to questions from the Board:

- The target completion date for the Comprehensive Plan is the end of this year.
- The last comprehensive plan was completed in 1979.
- Following adoption of the Plan, the intent is to have a tracking report to monitor the implementation progress and conduct updates to the Plan every 5-10 years.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

- August 20, 2026 at 3:30 pm

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: Ms. Cesario

Seconded: Mr. Tantalo

Adjournment: 4:28 pm

