



# Onondaga County Legislature

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## **\*VIRTUAL SPECIAL SESSION**

### **RESOLUTION NO. 33**

**March 9, 2021**

### **OFFICE OF THE CLERK**

Listed below are the resolutions presented to the County Legislature at the March Special Session. The meeting was held at **11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 9, 2021.**

- A. CALL TO ORDER
- B. CALLING OF ROLL MEMBERS
- C. INVOCATION – **Mr. Kinne**
- D. PRESENTATION OF COMMUNICATIONS
  - 1. **\*Public Comment:** Due to the current circumstances, written statements will be accepted via email to [jamiemcnamara@ongov.net](mailto:jamiemcnamara@ongov.net) or via USPS mail to the above address. Statements will be accepted through **10:00 a.m. on March 9, 2021** and will become part of the permanent record.
- E. CALL OF RESPECTIVE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS (District No. 15)

### **8<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT – MR. RYAN**

- 1. **NO. 33** Memorializing Resolution Adopting the Onondaga County Police Reform & Reinvention Collaborative Plan
  
- F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
- G. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR
- H. ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

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JAMIE McNAMARA, Clerk  
ONONDAGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

**MARCH 9, 2021  
SPECIAL SESSION**

**ROLL CALL**

<b>LEGISLATOR</b>	<b>PRESENT:</b>	<b>ABSENT:</b>	
<b>1. MAY</b>	✓		<i>Chairman Knapp called the meeting to order at 11:07 a.m.</i>
<b>2. ROWLEY</b>	✓		
<b>3. BURTIS</b>	✓		
<b>4. TASSONE</b>	✓		
<b>5. CODY</b>	✓		
<b>6. ABBOTT-KENAN</b>	✓		
<b>7. KUHN</b>	✓		
<b>8. RYAN</b>	✓		
<b>9. CHASE</b>	✓		
<b>10. HOLMQUIST</b>	✓		
<b>11. McBRIDE</b>	✓		
<b>13. BUSH</b>	✓		
<b>14. KELLY</b>	✓		
<b>15. KINNE</b>	✓		
<b>16. WILLIAMS</b>	✓		
<b>17. ERVIN</b>	✓		
<b>12. KNAPP</b>	✓		
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>0</b>	

March 9, 2021

Motion Made By Mr. Ryan, Mrs. Ervin, Mr. Knapp  
Mrs. Abbott-Kenan, Mrs. Tassone, Mr. Bush  
Ms. Cody

RESOLUTION NO. 33

MEMORIALIZING RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE ONONDAGA COUNTY POLICE REFORM &  
REINVENTION COLLABORATIVE PLAN

WHEREAS, Governor Cuomo's Executive Order No. 203: New York State Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative, directed that all municipalities in New York State, that have police forces, participate and submit a written plan, by April 1, 2021, to foster trust, fairness and legitimacy within communities throughout the State and to address any racial bias and disproportionate policing of communities of color; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative, required community stakeholders input and participation, along with an assessment of policing policies and recommendations throughout Onondaga County's Villages, Towns and City; and

WHEREAS, Onondaga County recognizes that it cannot have a strong community without strong neighborhoods and strong law enforcement partners maintaining public safety; and in order to do so, there must be mutual trust and respect between police and the communities they serve; and

WHEREAS, Onondaga County has followed the guidelines of the Police Reform & Reinvention Collaborative by reviewing the needs of the community served by Onondaga County Law Enforcement agencies and evaluated each agencies current policies and practices; established and evaluated policies that allow law enforcement to safely perform their duties; involved the entire community in the discussion by way of community forums; and received and addressed comments and recommendations from attendees; and

WHEREAS, based on Onondaga County's Collaborative community forums and input from community stakeholders and law enforcement, the Collaborative identified 7 major themes to address police reform, including: 1) rebuilding community trust; 2) addressing police demeanor, brutality and profiling; 3) improving recruitment and training; 4) engaging mental health and alternatives to police; 5) enhancing police organization and structure; 6) addressing systemic racism and poverty; and 7) engaging schools and youth to help reform and reinvent policing practices; and

WHEREAS, the Onondaga County Legislature has read, reviewed, and agreed with the information presented in the Collaborative Plan; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Onondaga County Legislature accepts and adopts the Onondaga County Police Reform & Reinvention Collaborative Plan; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Onondaga County Legislature, upon adoption of this resolution, will transmit the Onondaga County Police Reform & Reinvention Collaborative Plan to the New York State Department of Budget by the established deadline for full compliance.

ADOPTED 3/9/21



I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of the legislation duly adopted by the County Legislature of Onondaga County on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of December 2020.

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Clerk, County Legislature

**MARCH 9, 2021  
SPECIAL SESSION**

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<b>LEGISLATOR</b>	<b>AYES:</b>	<b>NOES:</b>	<b>ABSENT:</b>
<b>1. MAY</b>	✓		
<b>17. ERVIN</b>	✓		
<b>14. KELLY</b>	✓		
<b>15. KINNE</b>	✓		
<b>16. WILLIAMS</b>	✓		
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*The meeting was adjourned  
at 11:30 a.m.*