



# Onondaga County Legislature

**JAMIE McNAMARA**  
Clerk

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## **RESOLUTION NOS. 27 - 35**

### **OFFICE OF THE CLERK**

**April 1, 2025**

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Listed below are the resolutions presented to the County Legislature at the April Session. The meeting was held at **1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 1, 2025.**

- A. CALL TO ORDER
- B. CALLING OF ROLL MEMBERS
- C. INVOCATION – **Mr. Garland** (Rev. Phil M. Turner, Pastor Bethany Baptist Church and President of the Intermunicipal Alliance)
- D. SALUTE TO THE FLAG – **Ms. Hernandez**
- E. PREVIOUS SESSION MINUTES APPROVED
- F. PRESENTATION OF COMMUNICATIONS
  - 1. **Communications:**
    - a. 3.3.25 – Memo from Chairman Timothy Burtis – Re: Appointment to the Onondaga County Industrial Development Agency (Garard Grannell)
    - b. 3.5.25 – Letter from County Executive Ryan McMahon – Re: Appointment to the Onondaga County Cultural Resources Trust (Nathaniel Stevens)
  - 2. **Public Comment:**
    - a. Public comment period had 1 speaker
- G. CALL OF RESPECTIVE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS (District 16)

### **3<sup>rd</sup> DISTRICT – MR. BURTIS**

- 1. **No. 27** Recommending Appointments to the Central New York Regional Transportation Authority (Theresa Wheatley, Mike Becallo, Matthew Cushing, Greg Popps, Robert Cuculich, Louella Williams, Colette Matthews-Carter, James Beebe, Tina Fitzgerald) (16-0-1 Abbott)
- 2. **No. 28** Confirming Appointment to the Onondaga County Industrial Development Agency (Garard Grannell) (16-0-1 Abbott)

### **4<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT – MS. GUNNIP, WAYS & MEANS**

- 3. **No. 29** Authorizing New York State Reimbursement for 2025 Expenses of the Recording Officer for the County of Onondaga for Administration of Mortgage Taxes (\$543,000) (16-0-1 Abbott)
- 4. **No. 30** Approving and Directing the Correction of Certain Errors on Tax Bills (16-0-1 Abbott)

5. **No. 31** Memorializing New York State to Enact Legislation (A3104/S5512) in Relation to Extending the Authorization to Impose an Additional Rate of Sales and Compensating Use Taxes in Onondaga County, and Requesting and Concurring in the Preparation of a Home Rule Request (16-0-1 Abbott)

**6<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT – MS. ABBOTT, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

6. **No. 32** Personnel Resolution (16-0-1 Abbott)

**10<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT – MR. OLSON, PUBLIC SAFETY**

7. **No. 33** Authorizing Execution of an Intermunicipal Agreement with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services Regarding Flood Mitigation Equipment (16-0-1 Abbott)

**12<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT – MR. KNAPP, PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

8. **No. 34** Confirming Appointment to the Trust for Cultural Resources of the County of Onondaga (Nathaniel Stevens) (16-0-1 Abbott)

**14<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT – DR. KELLY, HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**

9. **No. 35** Authorizing the Onondaga County Center for Forensic Sciences to Donate Surplus Equipment to the Syracuse University Forensic and National Security Sciences Institute (16-0-1 Abbott)

**LOCAL LAW**

- a. **PASSED** A Local Law Adopting a Domestic Partner Registry (*Sponsored by: Ms. Hernandez, Mr. Olson, Mr. Brown*) (16-0-1 Abbott)

H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

J. ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,



JAMIE McNAMARA, Clerk  
Onondaga County Legislature

APRIL 1, 2025 SESSION			ROLL CALL
LEGISLATOR	PRESENT:	ABSENT:	
1. MAY	✓		<i>Chairman Burtis called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m.</i>
2. MEAKER	✓		
4. GUNNIP	✓		
5. CODY	✓		
6. ABBOTT		✓	
7. ROMEO	✓		
8. FIATO - <i>Remote</i>	✓		
9. HARVEY	✓		
10. OLSON	✓		
11. McCARRON	✓		
12. KNAPP	✓		
13. BUSH	✓		
14. KELLY	✓		
15. BROWN	✓		
16. GARLAND	✓		
17. HERNANDEZ	✓		
3. BURTIS	✓		
TOTAL:	16	1	



# *Onondaga County Legislature*

**Timothy T. Burtis**

**Chairman**

401 Montgomery Street · Court House · Room 407 · Syracuse, New York 13202

Phone (315) 435-2070 · Fax (315) 435-8434

March 3, 2025

TO: Dave Knapp, Planning & Economic Development Chair

FROM: Tim Burtis, Chairman

RE: Appointment to the Onondaga County Industrial Development Agency

Submitted for your consideration is the appointment of Garard Grannell to the Onondaga County Industrial Development Agency. Mr. Grannell will be replacing Kevin Ryan.

This appointment requires confirmation by the full Legislature at its April 1, 2025 meeting.

**APPOINTMENT:**

Garard D. Grannell  
2445 E. Lake Road  
Skaneateles, New York 13152

**TERM EXPIRES:**

June 1, 2028

## **Garard D. Grannell**

Syracuse, NY

Email: [ggrannell@mohawkglobal.com](mailto:ggrannell@mohawkglobal.com) | Phone: (315) 382-6806

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### **SUMMARY**

Global trade entrepreneur and logistician with extensive expertise in supply chain management and transportation. Founder of Mohawk Global, a leading supply chain solutions firm, known for compassionate leadership and a people-first business philosophy. Committed to enriching the lives of employees, clients, suppliers, and communities. Accomplished leader with a passion for developing high-performing teams and fostering a positive organizational culture. Active in the field of conscious capitalism and higher education, serving on advisory boards and industry councils.

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### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

#### **Founder & CEO**

*Mohawk Global | Syracuse, NY | 1993 – Present*

- Founded and led a globally recognized supply chain solutions firm, committed to people-centered values and exceptional service.
- Built a company culture that prioritizes the enrichment of employees, which led to Mohawk Global being named one of the "Top 100 Best Workplaces" by *Fortune* in 2023 and certified as a *Great Place to Work* for 11 consecutive years.
- Pioneered innovative supply chain management strategies for diverse clients across various industries.
- Drove company growth to 9 offices across the US and 1 office in Canada, while maintaining a commitment to community and client relationships, resulting in sustained business success and impactful long-term partnerships.
- Oversees operations, logistics, and client relationships, ensuring timely and efficient global supply chain solutions.
- Co-founded MGL Europe, a Mohawk Global joint venture with 5 German and 4 Italy offices.

#### **Regional Sales Manager**

*John V. Carr & Sons, Inc. | Syracuse, NY | June, 1990 – September, 1993*

- Responsible for growing revenue in Upstate New York Region.

#### **Account Executive**

*Emery Worldwide | Syracuse, NY | May, 1988 – June, 1990*

- Responsible for growing revenue in the Syracuse and surrounding territory.

## **Active Member**

*Central New York Chapter of Conscious Capitalism | Utica, NY | 2015 – Present*

- Advocate for and promote the values of elevating humanity through business, fostering conscious leadership practices.
- Participate in thought leadership events and contribute to the local business community's development through responsible and ethical business practices.

## **Syracuse University**

*Franklin Supply Chain Advisory Board Member*

- Collaborate with university faculty and industry leaders to shape the future of supply chain education and innovation.

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## **EDUCATION**

Bachelor of Science in Marketing and Supply Chain Management

Syracuse University – Martin J. Whitman School of Management

Graduation: May 1988

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## **SKILLS & EXPERTISE**

- **Supply Chain & Logistics Management**
- **Business Leadership**
- **Strategic Planning**
- **Transportation Management**
- **Organizational Culture Development**
- **Community Engagement**
- **Conscious Capitalism**
- **Public Speaking & Thought Leadership**

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## **AWARDS & RECOGNITION**

- *2024 FORTUNE Best Workplaces for Millennials*
- Certified as a *Great Place to Work* (11 consecutive years)
- Leadership Greater Syracuse (2004)
- 40 under 40



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**J. Ryan McMahon II**  
*County Executive*

**Ann Rooney**  
*Deputy County Executive, Human Services*

**Brian J. Donnelly**  
*Deputy County Executive*

**Mary Beth Primo**  
*Deputy County Executive, Physical Services*

March 5, 2025

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE ONONDAGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE:

Pursuant to Section 22.05 of the New York State Arts and Cultural Affairs Law, I have appointed, subject to confirmation of the County Legislature, the following individual to serve as a member of the Onondaga County Cultural Resources Trust:

**APPOINTMENT:**

Mr. Nathaniel J. Stevens  
481 Hidden Falls Road  
Tully, New York 13159

**TERM EXPIRES:**

August 31, 2025

Mr. Steven's will be replacing Mr. Ryan Smith.

Your confirmation of this appointment would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

J. Ryan McMahon, II  
County Executive

cc: Legislature Dave Knapp, Chair, Planning & Economic Development Committee  
Ben Yaus, Esq., Law Department  
Lori Tarolli, Esq., Law Department  
Nancy Lowery, Deputy Economic Development  
Jamie, McNamara, Clerk

# NATHANIEL J. STEVENS

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481 Hidden Falls Road, Tully, New York 13159

[nathanieljstevens@gmail.com](mailto:nathanieljstevens@gmail.com)

(315) 382-5495

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

***Onondaga County Office of Economic Development*** (April 2016 – Present)

### **Deputy Director**

- Actively work with businesses to facilitate their growth and expansion in Onondaga County.
- Assist with the development of the Micron site by collaborating with National Grid, Onondaga County Water Authority, Onondaga County Department of Water Environment Protection and our federal, state and local partners.
- Treasurer for the Onondaga County Industrial Development Agency.
  - Manage the fiscal operations of the Agency.
  - Administer Sales Tax Abatement, Mortgage Recording Tax Abatement, and Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreements for the Agency.

***Onondaga County Parks Department*** (December 2010 – April 2016)

### **Administrative Director**

- Administered legislative, financial, personnel, and procurement duties.
  - Legislative: Prepared and presented the annual budget, presented resolutions to the County Legislature, and answered legislative information requests.
  - Financial: Budget preparation and administration, capital planning, fiscal year-end, capital and grant project administration, accounts receivable/payable.
  - Personnel: Hiring, contract administration, payroll, and disciplinary action.
  - Procurement: Approved requisitions; worked with the Division of Purchase to issue, analyze, and recommend public bids and requests for proposals.

***Onondaga County Division of Management and Budget*** (March 2010 – November 2010)

### **Budget Analyst**

- Assisted the Chief Fiscal Officer with the preparation and administration of the annual budget.

## COMMUNITY IMPACT

***Syracuse Regional Airport Authority Voting Member*** (January 2023 - Present)

***Boy Scouts of America Longhouse Council Executive Board Member*** (June 2020 - Present)

***Central New York Business Journal 40 Under 40 Honoree*** (November 2022)

## EDUCATION

***Maxwell School at Syracuse University*** (July 2009 – June 2010)

Master of Public Administration

***State University of New York College at Geneseo*** (August 2005 – May 2009)

Bachelor of Arts in Economics, *magna cum laude*



***April 1, 2025 Session***  
***Public Comment Period - Limited to 30 minutes***

**\*PLEASE PRINT\***

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April 1, 2025

Motion Made By Mr. Burtis

RESOLUTION NO. 27

RECOMMENDING APPOINTMENTS TO THE CENTRAL NEW YORK REGIONAL  
TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, pursuant to Public Authorities Law Section 1328, the Central New York Regional Transportation Authority was created by the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to said law, the Onondaga County Legislature is required to submit a list of names of persons recommended for appointment by the Governor of the State of New York, with advice and consent of the Senate, where such list must recommend two individuals for each appointment to said authority; and

WHEREAS, currently there exists one vacancy on the Central New York Regional Transportation Authority due to Brain M. Schultz, whose term expired July 31, 2024, becoming Executive Director; and

WHEREAS, the terms of appointment for Louella Williams and Tina M. Fitzgerald expired on July 31, 2018, and the terms of appointment for Robert F. Cuculich and Joseph A. Hardick expired on July 31, 2019; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that this County Legislature does hereby recommend for reappointment and appointment to the Central New York Regional Transportation Authority the following individuals:

Theresa Wheatley  
2335 Milton Avenue, Syracuse, New York 13209

Mike Becallo  
6161 Diffin Road, Cicero, New York 13039

Matthew Cushing  
109 Jewell Drive, Liverpool, New York 13088

Greg Popps  
135 Skyview Terrace, New York 13219

Robert F. Cuculich  
4965 Nestling Duck Road, Liverpool, New York 13090

Louella Williams  
200 Onondaga Avenue, Syracuse, New York 13207

Colette Matthews-Carter  
86 Cross Country Drive, Baldwinsville, New York 13027

James Beebe  
409 Ferndale Lane, Minoa, New York 13116

Tina M. Fitzgerald  
116 Roxboro Road, Syracuse, New York 13211

RESOLVED, the Clerk of this Onondaga County Legislature is directed to cause a certified copy of this resolution to be transmitted to the Governor of New York State and to the Secretary of the Central New York Regional Transportation Authority.

ADOPTED 4/1/2025



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 April 2025.

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Clerk, County Legislature

**APRIL 1, 2025  
SESSION**

**No. 27**

<b>LEGISLATORS</b>	<b>AYES:</b>	<b>NOES:</b>	<b>ABSENT:</b>	<b>EXCUSED:</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>1. MAY</b>					
<b>17. HERNANDEZ</b>					
<b>15. BROWN</b>					
<b>16. GARLAND</b>					
<b>2. MEAKER</b>					
<b>4. GUNNIP</b>					
<b>5. CODY</b>					
<b>6. ABBOTT</b>			✓		
<b>7. ROMEO</b>					
<b>8. FIATO – Remote</b>					
<b>9. HARVEY</b>					
<b>10. OLSON</b>					
<b>11. McCARRON</b>					
<b>12. KNAPP</b>					
<b>13. BUSH</b>					
<b>14. KELLY</b>					
<b>3. BURTIS</b>					
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	

April 1, 2025

Motion Made By Mr. Burtis

RESOLUTION NO. 28

CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT TO THE ONONDAGA COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT  
AGENCY

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 895 of the General Municipal Law, this Legislature is authorized to appoint the members of the Onondaga County Industrial Development Agency; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of this Legislature to confirm the appointment of the following individual as a member of the Onondaga County Industrial Development Agency; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following individual be confirmed as a member of the Onondaga County Industrial Development Agency for the term specified:

APPOINTMENT:

Garard D. Grannell  
2445 E. Lake Road  
Skaneateles, New York 13152

TERM EXPIRES:

June 1, 2028

ADOPTED 4/1/2025



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Clerk, County Legislature

**APRIL 1, 2025  
SESSION**

**No. 28**

<b>LEGISLATORS</b>	<b>AYES:</b>	<b>NOES:</b>	<b>ABSENT:</b>	<b>EXCUSED:</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>1. MAY</b>					
<b>17. HERNANDEZ</b>					
<b>15. BROWN</b>					
<b>16. GARLAND</b>					
<b>2. MEAKER</b>					
<b>4. GUNNIP</b>					
<b>5. CODY</b>					
<b>6. ABBOTT</b>			✓		
<b>7. ROMEO</b>					
<b>8. FIATO – <i>Remote</i></b>					
<b>9. HARVEY</b>					
<b>10. OLSON</b>					
<b>11. McCARRON</b>					
<b>12. KNAPP</b>					
<b>13. BUSH</b>					
<b>14. KELLY</b>					
<b>3. BURTIS</b>					
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	

April 1, 2025

Motion Made By Ms. Gunnip

RESOLUTION NO. 29

AUTHORIZING NEW YORK STATE REIMBURSEMENT FOR 2025 EXPENSES OF THE  
RECORDING OFFICER FOR THE COUNTY OF ONONDAGA FOR ADMINISTRATION OF  
MORTGAGE TAXES

WHEREAS, New York State Tax Law Section 262 provides that Recording Officers shall be entitled to receive necessary expenses for the administration of mortgage taxes as approved and allowed by the State Tax Commission; and

WHEREAS, the State Tax Commission did, by resolution duly adopted, determine that such mortgage tax expense be approved at the amount certified to the State Tax Commissioner by the County Legislature, provided it is a reasonable and necessary allowance for such expenses; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of this Legislature to certify said expenses for reimbursement by the State; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, by the Onondaga County Legislature that the sum of \$543,300 for the year 2025 be and the same hereby is determined as necessary, reasonable and proper allowance to be received by the Recording Officer of the County of Onondaga for the purpose of administering mortgage taxes in her office, as follows:

Clerk III Salary	\$53,246	
Plus additional sum as follows:		
Social Security	\$4,073	
Retirement	\$10,436	
Health Insurance	\$5,676	
Unemployment	\$64	
Workman's Compensation	\$1,142	
Dental Insurance	\$311	
Disability	<u>\$206</u>	
	\$21,908	\$75,154
Recording Clerk Salary (2) (\$46,677.00)	\$93,354	
Plus additional sum as follows:		
Social Security	\$7,142	
Retirement	\$18,297	
Health Insurance	\$30,420	
Unemployment	\$112	
Workman's Compensation	\$2,002	
Dental Insurance	\$1,686	
Disability	<u>\$361</u>	
	\$60,020	\$153,374

Deputy County Clerk Salary (2) (\$62,364)	\$124,728	
Plus additional sum as follows:		
Social Security	\$9,542	
Retirement	\$15,965	
Health Insurance	\$31,140	
Unemployment	\$149	
Workman's Compensation	\$2,675	
Dental Insurance	\$1,686	
Disability	<u>\$353</u>	
	\$61,510	\$186,238
Indirect Costs	\$20,733	
Office Supplies	\$3,069	
Data Processing Services	\$52,455	
Facilities Management	\$48,263	
Law Department Services	\$55	
Purchase Division Services	\$293	
Maintenance Utility Rents	\$3,321	
All Other Expenses	<u>\$345</u>	
	\$128,534	
		<u>\$128,534</u>
	Total	\$543,300

and, be it further

RESOLVED, that such additional sum of \$543,300 for the year 2025 is hereby certified to the State Tax Commissioner as the reasonable and necessary allowance for such expense; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature is hereby directed to forward 2 certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate County officials.

ADOPTED 4/1/2025



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Clerk, County Legislature



**APRIL 1, 2025  
SESSION**

**No. 29**

LEGISLATORS	AYES:	NOES:	ABSENT:	EXCUSED:	3
1. MAY					
17. HERNANDEZ					
15. BROWN					
16. GARLAND					
2. MEAKER					
4. GUNNIP					
5. CODY					
6. ABBOTT			✓		
7. ROMEO					
8. FIATO – <i>Remote</i>					
9. HARVEY					
10. OLSON					
11. McCARRON					
12. KNAPP					
13. BUSH					
14. KELLY					
3. BURTIS					
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	

April 1, 2025

Motion Made By Ms. Gunnip

RESOLUTION NO. 30

APPROVING AND DIRECTING THE CORRECTION OF CERTAIN ERRORS ON TAX BILLS

WHEREAS, the following named property owner has filed an application with the County Director of Real Property Tax Services for the correction of errors on the tax roll relative to their premises for tax year 2025, 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021 and 2020; and

WHEREAS, the County Director of Real Property Tax Services, acting as agent of this Legislature, which is the tax levying body of this County, has investigated the circumstances of the claimed errors and has submitted his recommendation that the applications for the corrections be approved; and

WHEREAS, Section 554 of the Real Property Tax Law prescribes the procedure for correction of clerical errors, errors in essential fact, and certain unlawful entries on tax rolls; and

WHEREAS, Section 556 of the Real Property Tax Law prescribes the manner in which refunds shall be charged back to appropriate municipality; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the report of the County Director of Real Property Tax Services be and the same hereby is accepted; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of this Legislature be and he hereby is authorized and directed to mail a notice of approval to each applicant and order the collecting officers of the appropriate Towns or the Commissioner of Finance, as the case may be, to correct the respective taxes as follows:

<u>NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT</u>	<u>TAX MAP NUMBER</u>	<u>AMOUNT OF TAX BILLED</u>	<u>CORRECTED TAX</u>
<u>CICERO</u> John & Constance Fisher 5511 State Route 31 Clay, NY 13041	091.-01-40.1	\$16,973.50	\$14,255.70
<u>CLAY</u> Town of Clay 4401 State Route 31 Liverpool, NY 13041	083.-01-20.1	\$5,848.66	\$505.50

ADOPTED 4/1/2025



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**APRIL 1, 2025  
SESSION**

**No. 30**

<b>LEGISLATORS</b>	<b>AYES:</b>	<b>NOES:</b>	<b>ABSENT:</b>	<b>EXCUSED:</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>1. MAY</b>					
<b>17. HERNANDEZ</b>					
<b>15. BROWN</b>					
<b>16. GARLAND</b>					
<b>2. MEAKER</b>					
<b>4. GUNNIP</b>					
<b>5. CODY</b>					
<b>6. ABBOTT</b>			✓		
<b>7. ROMEO</b>					
<b>8. FIATO – Remote</b>					
<b>9. HARVEY</b>					
<b>10. OLSON</b>					
<b>11. McCARRON</b>					
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<b>14. KELLY</b>					
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<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	

April 1, 2025

Motion Made By Ms. Gunnip

RESOLUTION NO. 31

MEMORIALIZING NEW YORK STATE TO ENACT LEGISLATION (A3104/S5512) IN RELATION TO EXTENDING THE AUTHORIZATION TO IMPOSE AN ADDITIONAL RATE OF SALES AND COMPENSATING USE TAXES IN ONONDAGA COUNTY, AND REQUESTING AND CONCURRING IN THE PREPARATION OF A HOME RULE REQUEST

WHEREAS, there has been introduced for adoption in the New York State Legislature legislation (A3104/S5512) entitled, "An Act to amend the tax law, in relation to extending the authorization of the county of Onondaga to impose an additional rate of sales and compensating use taxes" authorizing the county of Onondaga to impose an additional 1% rate of sales and compensating use taxes until November 30, 2027; and

WHEREAS, a Home Rule Request is required and necessary before the increase may be authorized by the State Legislature, and the County does not have the power to enact such legislation absent state enactment; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Onondaga County Legislature does hereby request the New York State Legislature to enact Assembly Bill No. A3104/Senate Bill No. S5512 entitled, "An Act to amend the tax law, in relation to extending the authorization of the county of Onondaga to impose an additional rate of sales and compensating use taxes" and requests and concurs in the preparation and submittal of a Home Rule Request regarding the same; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of this Legislature hereby is directed to send a certified copy of this resolution to the State Legislators representing Onondaga County and to the Governor of New York State, urging action on this request.

ADOPTED 4/1/2025



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Clerk, County Legislature

**APRIL 1, 2025  
SESSION**

**No. 31**

**LEGISLATORS**

**AYES:**

**NOES:**

**ABSENT:**

**EXCUSED:**

**5**

**1. MAY**

**17. HERNANDEZ**

**15. BROWN**

**16. GARLAND**

**2. MEAKER**

**4. GUNNIP**

**5. CODY**

**6. ABBOTT**

✓

**7. ROMEO**

**8. FIATO – *Remote***

**9. HARVEY**

**10. OLSON**

**11. McCARRON**

**12. KNAPP**

**13. BUSH**

**14. KELLY**

**3. BURTIS**

**TOTAL:**

**16**

**0**

**1**

**0**

April 1, 2025

Motion Made By Ms. Abbott

RESOLUTION NO. 32

PERSONNEL RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the County to provide for changes to personnel; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following personnel changes be and hereby authorized, effective the first full pay period after April 1, 2025:

Onondaga County Department of Water Environment Protection

Create 1 Administrative Officer (WEP) at Grade 33, \$74,903 - \$99,296

Create 1 Director of Community Relations (WEP) at Grade 35, \$89,998 - \$119,308

Create 1 Fleet Manager at Grade 35, \$89,998 - \$119,308

Abolish Employee Relations Officer (L109599) at Grade 33, \$74,903 - \$99,296

Abolish Equipment Maintenance Supervisor (L105510) at Grade 34, \$82,101 - \$108,838

Abolish Project Coordinator (L109178) at Grade 31, \$62,364 - \$82,674

and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of Personnel is authorized to make any administrative corrections as may be reasonably needed to effectuate the intent of this resolution.

ADOPTED 4/1/2025



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Clerk, County Legislature

**APRIL 1, 2025  
SESSION**

**No. 32**

<b>LEGISLATORS</b>	<b>AYES:</b>	<b>NOES:</b>	<b>ABSENT:</b>	<b>EXCUSED:</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>1. MAY</b>					
<b>17. HERNANDEZ</b>					
<b>15. BROWN</b>					
<b>16. GARLAND</b>					
<b>2. MEAKER</b>					
<b>4. GUNNIP</b>					
<b>5. CODY</b>					
<b>6. ABBOTT</b>			✓		
<b>7. ROMEO</b>					
<b>8. FIATO – Remote</b>					
<b>9. HARVEY</b>					
<b>10. OLSON</b>					
<b>11. McCARRON</b>					
<b>12. KNAPP</b>					
<b>13. BUSH</b>					
<b>14. KELLY</b>					
<b>3. BURTIS</b>					
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	

April 1, 2025

Motion Made By Mr. Olson

RESOLUTION NO. 33

**AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW YORK  
STATE DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES REGARDING  
FLOOD MITIGATION EQUIPMENT**

WHEREAS, the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) has appropriated funds to purchase flood mitigation equipment to support counties in emergency flood events, enhancing preparedness and response capabilities; and

WHEREAS, DHSES, upon execution of a memorandum of understanding with participating counties, will transfer possession, but not ownership, of flood mitigation equipment to such participating counties at no cost, subject to DHSES oversight and the requirement that any such county maintain said equipment; and

WHEREAS, to enhance flood mitigation efforts in Onondaga County and in an effort to help protect vulnerable areas and mitigate impacts from disasters, the County desires to receive, register, utilize and maintain such state-owned equipment; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to execute agreements and such other documents as may be reasonably necessary to implement the intent of this resolution.

ADOPTED 4/1/2025



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Clerk, County Legislature



**APRIL 1, 2025  
SESSION**

**No. 33**

LEGISLATORS	AYES:	NOES:	ABSENT:	EXCUSED:	7
1. MAY					
17. HERNANDEZ					
15. BROWN					
16. GARLAND					
2. MEAKER					
4. GUNNIP					
5. CODY					
6. ABBOTT			✓		
7. ROMEO					
8. FIATO – <i>Remote</i>					
9. HARVEY					
10. OLSON					
11. McCARRON					
12. KNAPP					
13. BUSH					
14. KELLY					
3. BURTIS					
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	

April 1, 2025

Motion Made By Mr. Knapp

RESOLUTION NO. 34

CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT TO THE TRUST FOR CULTURAL RESOURCES OF THE  
COUNTY OF ONONDAGA

WHEREAS, J. Ryan McMahon, II, Onondaga County Executive, has duly appointed and designated the following individual as a member of the Trust for Cultural Resources of the County of Onondaga:

APPOINTMENT:

Nathaniel J. Stevens  
481 Hidden Falls Road  
Tully, New York 13159

TERM EXPIRES:

August 31, 2025

WHEREAS, such appointment is made pursuant to section 22.05 of the New York State Arts and Cultural Affairs Law, subject to confirmation by the Onondaga County Legislature; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Onondaga County Legislature does hereby confirm the appointment of the above named individual as a member of the Trust for Cultural Resources for the County of Onondaga for the term specified or until subsequent action by the County Executive.

ADOPTED 4/1/25



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Clerk, County Legislature

**APRIL 1, 2025  
SESSION**

**No. 34**

LEGISLATORS	AYES:	NOES:	ABSENT:	EXCUSED:	8
1. MAY					
17. HERNANDEZ					
15. BROWN					
16. GARLAND					
2. MEAKER					
4. GUNNIP					
5. CODY					
6. ABBOTT			✓		
7. ROMEO					
8. FIATO – <i>Remote</i>					
9. HARVEY					
10. OLSON					
11. McCARRON					
12. KNAPP					
13. BUSH					
14. KELLY					
3. BURTIS					
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	

April 1, 2025

Motion Made By Dr. Kelly

RESOLUTION NO. 35

AUTHORIZING THE ONONDAGA COUNTY CENTER FOR FORENSIC SCIENCES TO DONATE  
SURPLUS EQUIPMENT TO THE SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY FORENSIC AND NATIONAL  
SECURITY SCIENCES INSTITUTE

WHEREAS, the Onondaga County Center for Forensic Sciences (CFS) has in its possession certain surplus laboratory equipment consisting of three traceable jumbo refrigerator/freezer thermometers that are past their useful life and are out of service, but which equipment would be of use to the Syracuse University Forensic and National Security Sciences Institute (FNSSI) for teaching/training purposes; and

WHEREAS, the depreciated fair market value of such CFS surplus equipment is \$0; and

WHEREAS, forensic instruments are specialized equipment acquired for forensic testing purposes and not generally suitable for disposition via public auction; and

WHEREAS, Syracuse University, a non-profit educational organization, through FNSSI, has requested such surplus equipment for educational purposes; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that CFS is authorized to donate the aforementioned surplus laboratory equipment to Syracuse University's FNSSI for educational purposes; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall supersede the provisions of Resolution No. 155-1999, as amended, to the extent necessary to carry out the intent of this resolution.

ADOPTED 4/1/2025



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Clerk, County Legislature

**APRIL 1, 2025  
SESSION**

**No. 35**

LEGISLATORS	AYES:	NOES:	ABSENT:	EXCUSED:	9
1. MAY					
17. HERNANDEZ					
15. BROWN					
16. GARLAND					
2. MEAKER					
4. GUNNIP					
5. CODY					
6. ABBOTT			✓		
7. ROMEO					
8. FIATO – <i>Remote</i>					
9. HARVEY					
10. OLSON					
11. McCARRON					
12. KNAPP					
13. BUSH					
14. KELLY					
3. BURTIS					
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	

LOCAL LAW NO. A - 2025

A LOCAL LAW ADOPTING A DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP REGISTRY

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF ONONDAGA COUNTY, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Purpose. The County of Onondaga recognizes that it is in the public interest for persons in committed relationships and who share common households to be able to register those qualifying domestic partnership relationships formally, which formal registration process may allow a domestic partner to qualify for certain health, employee, next of kin and other legal benefits and rights.

Section 2. Definitions. For the purposes of this Local Law, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

A. "Affidavit of Domestic Partnership" shall mean an affidavit prepared by the Onondaga County Clerk's Office and signed and notarized by both partners to a qualifying domestic partnership attesting thereof, in accordance with the rules adopted by the County Clerk and this Local Law.

B. "Affidavit of Termination" shall mean an affidavit prepared by the Onondaga County Clerk's Office and signed and notarized by one or both domestic partners attesting to the termination of a qualifying domestic partnership, in accordance with the rules adopted by the County Clerk and this Local Law.

C. "Domestic Partner" shall mean a person who, with respect to another person:

(i) is formally a party in a domestic partnership or similar relationship with the other person, entered into pursuant to the laws of the United States or any state, local or foreign jurisdiction, or registered as the domestic partner of the person with any registry maintained by the employer of either party or any state, municipality, or foreign jurisdiction; or

(ii) is formally recognized as a beneficiary or covered person under the other person's employment benefits or health insurance; or

(iii) is dependent or mutually interdependent on the other person for support, as evidenced by the totality of the circumstances indicating a mutual intent to be domestic partners including but not limited to: common ownership or joint leasing of real or personal property; common householding; shared income or shared expenses; children in common; signs of intent to marry or become domestic partners under subparagraph (i) or (ii) of this paragraph; or the length of the personal relationship of the persons; and

(iv) is not the adopted child of the other person, is unrelated to the other person by blood in a manner that would bar marriage to the other person in New York state, and is unrelated by blood in a manner that would bar marriage in New York state to a person who is the lawful spouse of the other person; and

(v) is an unmarried person 18 years of age or older and competent to contract; and

(vi) is not a party to another domestic partnership and/or has not been a party to another domestic partnership within the six (6) months immediately prior to registration.

Each party to a domestic partnership shall be considered to be the domestic partner of the other party.

D. “Domestic Partnership Registry” shall mean the registry maintained by the Onondaga County Clerk pursuant to this Local Law of all domestic partnerships registered hereunder.

### Section 3. Domestic Partnership Registration.

A. Persons meeting the definition of Domestic Partner under New York state law may register as Domestic Partners hereunder by executing an Affidavit of Domestic Partnership before a notary public and filing said affidavit in the Onondaga County Clerk’s Office. Persons submitting an Affidavit of Domestic Partnership must declare under penalty of perjury that:

- (i) The persons are residents of Onondaga County;
- (ii) Neither person is married;
- (iii) The persons are 18 years of age or older;
- (iv) The persons are competent to enter into a contract;
- (v) Neither person is the adopted child of the other person, is related to the other person by blood in a manner that would bar marriage to the other person in New York state, or is related by blood in a manner that would bar marriage in New York state to a person who is the lawful spouse of the other person;
- (vi) The persons are dependent or mutually interdependent on each other for support, live together, are in a close and personal relationship, and intend to remain in the relationship;
- (vii) The persons are each other’s sole Domestic Partner, each has no other Domestic Partner and the persons intend to remain each other’s sole Domestic Partner;
- (viii) Neither person has terminated a previous domestic partnership within the six (6) months immediately prior to the filing of the Affidavit of Domestic Partnership; and
- (ix) The persons agree to file an Affidavit of Termination in the event that the domestic partnership is terminated.

B. A domestic partnership shall be established and effective hereunder upon the filing of an Affidavit of Domestic Partnership, signed and notarized by both partners, with the Onondaga County Clerk’s Office. Both parties to the partnership must appear with an acceptable form of identification when the Affidavit of Domestic Partnership is filed at the Clerk’s Office. Except when one of the parties is incarcerated, in a hospital or other health care facility, or is unable to travel to the Clerk’s Office because of a disability, the Affidavit of Domestic Partnership shall be submitted to the County Clerk at the County Clerk’s Office. The County Clerk may adopt rules, consistent herewith, to the extent necessary to provide for the registration of Domestic Partners

when one of the partners is incarcerated, in a hospital or health care facility, or unable to travel by reason of disability, which shall be equivalent to the rules applicable to persons in such circumstances who apply for a marriage license.

C. No person shall be eligible to register in the Office of the County Clerk as a Domestic Partner if such person has terminated a previous domestic partnership during the six (6) months prior to the filing of the Affidavit of Domestic Partnership.

Section 4. Form of Declaration. All Affidavits of Domestic Partnership shall be executed and notarized on a form provided by the Office of the County Clerk in accordance with this Local Law. The Affidavit of Domestic Partnership shall contain the following information and shall be in substantially the following form:

We the undersigned, do hereby declare ourselves to be domestic partners. We reside in the County of Onondaga. We are both 18 years of age or older, unmarried and competent to enter into a contract. Neither person is the adopted child of the other person, is related to the other person by blood in a manner that would bar marriage to the other person in New York state, or is related by blood in a manner that would bar marriage in New York state to a person who is the lawful spouse of the other person. We are dependent or mutually interdependent on each other for support, live together, are in a close and personal relationship, and intend to remain in the relationship. We are each other's sole domestic partner, have no other domestic partner and intend to remain each other's sole domestic partner. Neither of us has terminated another domestic partnership within the last 6 months. We agree to file an Affidavit of Termination in the event that the domestic partnership is terminated.

Section 5. Amendment of Domestic Partnership. Either Domestic Partner may, on a form provided by the County Clerk, amend an Affidavit of Domestic Partnership filed with the Office of the County Clerk at any time to reflect a change in the information previously provided to the County Clerk.

Section 6. Termination of Domestic Partnership.

A. A domestic partnership shall end:

(i) as of the date that either of the Domestic Partners dies;

(ii) as of the date that either of the Domestic Partners marries; or

(iii) as of the date either or both Domestic Partners file an executed Affidavit of Termination, except that the death of a Domestic Partner shall not automatically terminate any benefits extended by third parties.

B. Either or both Domestic Partners may terminate a registered domestic partnership by filing in the Office of the County Clerk a notarized statement declaring, under the penalty of perjury, that the domestic partnership is terminated, on a form provided by the County Clerk. In the event that



only one of the partners executes the Affidavit of Termination, the terminating partner shall notify the other partner of said termination by Certified Mail, Return Receipt requested to the other partner's last known address, attest thereto, and provide a postal paid receipt as proof of the mailing via Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested with the terminating party's completed, signed, and notarized Affidavit of Termination.

C. When a domestic partnership has ended, at least one of the partners to the domestic partnership shall file an Affidavit of Termination with the Office of the County Clerk within 30 days thereof.

D. Upon the filing of the Affidavit of Termination, a former partner may cancel a declaration given to any third party by giving such third party a certified copy of the Affidavit of Termination.

Section 7. Fees. The County Clerk may charge a fee of \$35 per domestic partnership registration, amendment, or termination. Upon payment of the aforesaid fee, the filing party(ies) shall receive two certified copies of the applicable document. The fee for obtaining additional copies shall be the applicable fee authorized by this Onondaga County Legislature for such services.

Section 8. Registry. The County Clerk shall maintain a Domestic Partnership Registry consisting of a log of all registrations, amendments and terminations of domestic partnerships by name of each individual and date of filing in a format designed to facilitate public access to such registry. The Domestic Partnership Registry shall be a public record pursuant to the New York State Freedom of Information Law. The County Clerk shall treat any other information of a personally identifying nature relating to any individual as a matter of personal privacy exempt from disclosure under the New York State Freedom of Information Law. Nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit the publication of statistics pertaining to domestic partnership that have been registered with the Office of the County Clerk.

Section 9. Limited Effect and Intent. The intent of this Local Law is to establish a registration process in Onondaga County for domestic partnerships, as that term is defined by New York state law. Nothing in this Local Law shall be deemed to supersede, alter, affect or conflict with any state or federal laws or rules.

Section 10. 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 or 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 circumstances directly involved in the controversy in which such order or judgment shall be rendered.

Section 11. Effective Date. This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing, consistent with the provisions of the New York State Municipal Home Rule Law.

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**APRIL 1, 2025  
SESSION**

**Passed**

**LEGISLATORS**

**AYES:**

**NOES:**

**ABSENT:**

**EXCUSED:**

**Local Law A**

**1. MAY**

✓

**17. HERNANDEZ**

✓

**15. BROWN**

✓

**16. GARLAND**

✓

**2. MEAKER**

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**4. GUNNIP**

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**7. ROMEO**

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**9. HARVEY**

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**10. OLSON**

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**11. McCARRON**

✓

**12. KNAPP**

✓

**13. BUSH**

✓

**14. KELLY**

✓

**3. BURTIS**

✓

**TOTAL:**

**16**

**0**

**1**

**0**

*The meeting was  
adjourned at 1:37 p.m.*