



Onondaga County Legislature

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HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE AGENDA

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**12:30 p.m.
July 16, 2025**

**401 Montgomery St., Room 407 Court House
Syracuse, New York 13202**

- A. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting.
- B. Presentation of Resolutions and Local Laws:

1. COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH:

- a. Confirming Appointment to the Onondaga County Council on Environmental Health (Jeremy Euto)

2. HEALTH:

- a. Authorizing Execution of an Intermunicipal Agreement with SUNY Upstate Medical University to Establish an Academic Health Department Partnership

- C. Adjournment

1a.

August 5, 2025

Motion Made By Dr. Kelly

RESOLUTION NO. _____

CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT TO THE ONONDAGA COUNTY COUNCIL ON
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

WHEREAS, pursuant to Local Law No. 8-1996, J. Ryan McMahon, II, Onondaga County Executive, has duly appointed the following individual to serve as a member of the Onondaga County Council on Environmental Health:

APPOINTMENT:

Jeremy Euto
2405 Wave Way
Skaneateles, New York 13152

TERM EXPIRES:

December 31, 2026

WHEREAS, such appointment is 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 individual to serve as a member of the Onondaga County Council on Environmental Health for the term specified above or until subsequent action by the County Executive.



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County of Onondaga
Office of the County Executive

Brian J. Donnelly
Deputy County Executive

J. Ryan McMahon, II
County Executive

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Robert M. Petrovich
*Deputy County Executive
Economic Development & Planning*

June 24, 2025

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE ONONDAGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE:

Pursuant to Local Law No. 8 of 1996, I have appointed, subject to confirmation of the County Legislature, the following individual to serve as a member of the Onondaga County Council on Environmental Health:

APPOINTMENT:

Jeremy Euto
2405 Wave Way
Skaneateles, NY 13152

TERM EXPIRES:

December 31, 2026

Your confirmation of this appointment would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

J. Ryan McMahon, II
County Executive

cc: Legislator Cody Kelly, Chair, Health & Human Services Committee
Ben Yaus, Esq., Law Department
Jamie McNamara, Clerk, County Legislature

Jeremy J. Euto
PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

AVANGRID NETWORKS - NEW YORK STATE ELECTRIC & GAS (NYSEG) and ROCHESTER GAS AND ELECTRIC (RG&E)

Vice President – Regulatory, September 2022 - present

Responsible for regulatory strategy, policy guidance and energy-related regulatory matters for NYSEG and RG&E electric and gas transmission and distribution operations serving 1.9 million customers throughout New York State. Responsible for leading multi-billion dollar energy rate case proceedings before the New York Public Service Commission (NYPSC) to fund all aspects of NYSEG and RG&E day-to-day operations, electric and gas transmission and distribution system capital expenditures, and to maintain corporate financial integrity and achieve clean energy objectives. Oversee and develop NYSEG and RG&E multi-year and financial regulatory plans including supporting financial schedules and regulatory financial modeling for sales forecasts, rate of return, revenue requirements, margin analysis, rate design, costs of service studies, and regulatory financial projections. Oversee, create, review and provide policy guidance for NYSEG and RG&E regulatory compliance filings, pleadings, testimony, and data responses. Provide oversight and lead negotiations for energy and utility related litigation matters. Provide guidance and consultation on regulatory accounting and rate/tariff development and interpretation. Lead/coordinate stakeholder engagement and participation in ongoing regulatory proceedings before the NYPSC, New York Independent System Operator (NYISO) and Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). Coordinate with parent company Avangrid Networks Regulatory Finance and Accounting, Investor Relations and Reporting, Investment Planning and Treasury regarding financial and regulatory matters, strategic planning, and rate base forecasts and outcomes.

NATIONAL GRID

Assistant General Counsel, June 2012 – August 2022

Senior member of National Grid's NY Regulatory legal group – team lead for multiple teams engaged in negotiation and settlement of electric and gas utility rate cases, regulatory proceedings, advocating and lobbying on behalf of National Grid for legislative and regulatory reforms, joint utility collaborative efforts, and ongoing efforts to integrate renewable energy and policy reforms for the electric and gas industries, including NY's Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA). Responsible for preparing and coordinating joint utility filings in state and federal regulatory proceedings, hiring and managing outside counsel, working with National Grid's customer-facing businesses to address compliance issues and interaction with regulators, energy service companies, broadband providers, renewable energy companies, vendors, commercial developers, municipalities, and joint venture partners. Provided day-to-day legal support for regulatory, corporate and commercial matters impacting National Grid's New York operating companies, including reviewing and drafting proposed legislation, COVID response and arrears management efforts, Reforming the Energy Vision (REV), competitive energy markets, customer service and communications, utility billing systems, cyber security, credit and collections, data privacy, contact centers, economic development, energy affordability and customer protections, energy billing, pole attachments, corporate governance, negotiation of commercial contracts and agreements, Smart City technology deployment, taxation, review of Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) filings, and serving as liaison with sovereign Nation governments in New York.

Manager Network Strategy – Distribution Engineering, January 2009 – June 2012

Managed and supervised team of analysts and industry consultants working across National Grid's NY and New England service territories on advanced work management and geospatial information systems used in the design, construction and accounting for National Grid's US based electric and gas lines-of-business. Engineering management role included Electric Line Worker Class A field training. Led projects and initiatives to maximize production efficiency, increase standardization, evaluate labor and other risk factors, and drive process improvement and transformation across National Grid's electric and gas transmission and distribution businesses.

NIAGARA MOHAWK POWER CORPORATION/NATIONAL GRID

Senior Counsel, September 1999 – September 2008

In-house counsel working with senior management and client groups to manage and provide day-to-day legal support, analysis and advice for matters involving commercial and corporate transactions, litigation, telecommunications, real property transactions, environmental issues, state and federal regulatory compliance matters, FCC wireless licensing, and management of outside counsel. Specific tasks included review and drafting of agreements and commercial transactions; negotiation and resolution of disputes with vendors, contractors, licensors, telecommunications companies, municipalities, and joint venture partners; coordinating and preparing regulatory filings with the New York State Public Service Commission, the FCC, and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC); and representing the Company in state and federal regulatory proceedings.

AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER SERVICE CORPORATION (AEP)

Senior Counsel, August 1996 – August 1999

In-house counsel responsible for management of all legal services for multi-billion-dollar energy generation business unit, working in the areas of commercial transactions, state and federal regulatory compliance, litigation, intellectual property, environmental, employment and real property. Specific tasks included negotiation and review of more than \$100 million in contracts and commercial transactions per year, representing the Company in federal and state regulatory proceedings in the states of Michigan and Indiana, hiring and managing outside counsel, review of external and internal communications, investigation and resolution of employee discrimination issues, environmental planning, permitting and response, nuclear licensing, and management of property rights, easements and licenses.

OF COUNSEL TO NIAGARA MOHAWK POWER CORPORATION

Contract Attorney, March 1995 – August 1996

Attorney under contract working in the areas of corporate, commercial, intellectual property, litigation and environmental matters. Specific responsibilities include research, drafting and negotiating agreements and settlements, electronic discovery, environmental planning, permitting and response, providing support and legal advice for operations and compliance for energy generation business unit, and management of property rights, easements and licenses. Prior to working as a contract attorney, served as a law clerk to Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation from 3/1993-3/1995.

SCIENCE APPLICATIONS INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION (SAIC)

Project Coordinator/Mechanical Engineer, July 1988 – September 1991

Project Coordinator/Staff Scientist for SAIC specializing in the areas of complex risk assessment, project management, and computer modeling. Provided consulting and project management services to aerospace and utility companies throughout the United States, including complex risk assessment and failure analysis for NASA's Space Shuttle.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS/MEMBERSHIPS

Admitted to practice law in New York State (3/1995)

Admitted to practice law in US District Court for the Northern District of New York (8/1995)

Previously Licensed as Corporate Attorney for AEP in State of Michigan (8/1996-8/1999)

Certified Athletic Coach (NFSH) - Alpine Ski Racing Coach (USSA) (retired)

EDUCATION

1994 - Juris Doctor and Certificate in Law, Technology & Management Studies

Syracuse University, E.I. White College of Law

1988 - Bachelor of Science Mechanical Engineering

Syracuse University, L.C. Smith College of Engineering

August 5, 2025

Motion Made By Dr. Kelly

RESOLUTION NO. _____

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH SUNY UPSTATE
MEDICAL UNIVERSITY TO ESTABLISH AN ACADEMIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT
PARTNERSHIP

WHEREAS, the County of Onondaga, by and through its Health Department, faces an expanding need to efficiently engage local experts to address priority community health concerns; and

WHEREAS, the County seeks to create an Academic Health Department partnership with SUNY Upstate Medical University (“Upstate”) to allow the parties to collaborate both clinically and academically while exchanging resources and expertise; and

WHEREAS, the parties have identified initial clinical collaboration areas currently in process including immunizations, lead poisoning prevention, infectious disease control, and forensic pathology, with future expansion opportunities such as substance abuse treatment, medical and resident public health education and community exposure, and maternal-child health initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the parties have identified academic collaboration areas currently in process including trainee placements and observerships, data sharing, and basic research initiatives on tick-borne diseases and arboviral research, with future expansion opportunities including faculty exchange programs, advanced research initiatives, joint grant applications, and comprehensive professional development programs; and

WHEREAS, each party shall select three (3) individuals to serve on an advisory committee which will oversee the activities of the Academic Health Department, assist with collaboration between them, and hold at least an annual meeting to review the parties’ activities and their consistency with the intent of the agreement; and

WHEREAS, annual Academic Health Department partnership expenditures, if any, shall be subject to and contingent upon the availability of State and County budgetary appropriations and/or approvals; now, therefore be it

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



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Onondaga County Health Department Fact Sheet

Authorization to Execute Memorandum of Understanding with SUNY Upstate Medical University for Academic Health Department Partnership

PURPOSE

This memorandum requests authorization to negotiate and execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with SUNY Upstate Medical University to establish an Academic Health Department partnership that will enhance our capacity to address priority community health concerns through collaborative clinical and academic initiatives.

BACKGROUND

The Onondaga County Health Department faces increasing demands to efficiently engage local expertise in addressing complex public health challenges. Our nationally accredited department serves our community through various programs including disease prevention, health promotion, emergency preparedness, and direct clinical services. To enhance our effectiveness and expand our reach, we seek to formalize a partnership with SUNY Upstate Medical University.

SUNY Upstate Medical University is a comprehensive academic medical center consisting of four colleges (Medicine, Nursing, Health Professions, and Graduate Studies) and University Hospital. This partnership will create synergies between our public health expertise and Upstate's academic resources, clinical capabilities, and research infrastructure.

REQUEST

We request that the Legislature authorize the County Executive to negotiate and execute a Memorandum of Understanding with SUNY Upstate Medical University based on the key terms outlined above. This partnership aligns with our strategic goals of improving population health outcomes, enhancing service delivery, and maximizing the impact of public health investments.

The Academic Health Department model represents an innovative approach to public health practice that has been successful in other communities. By formalizing this partnership, we position Onondaga County as a leader in collaborative public health practice while directly benefiting our residents through enhanced services and improved health outcomes.

PROPOSED PARTNERSHIP STRUCTURE

Governance

The partnership will be overseen by an Advisory Committee with equal representation from both parties. The County's representatives will be selected by the Health Commissioner, while Upstate's representatives will be selected by the University President. The Committee will meet regularly to review activities and identify future collaboration opportunities.

Clinical Collaboration Areas

The partnership will focus on several key clinical areas where both parties can leverage their respective strengths, building upon multiple existing collaborations to include:

Current/In Process:

- Immunization Programs: Coordinated back-to-school immunization campaigns
- Lead Poisoning Prevention: Enhanced screening and treatment protocols
- Infectious Disease Control: Enhanced STD, tuberculosis, and refugee health programs
- Occupational Health: Treatment protocols for blood-borne pathogen exposure
- Foster Care Health Services: Specialized care for vulnerable populations (collaboration with DCFS)
- Forensic Pathology: Training of pathology residents and fellows, in collaboration with the Medical Examiner's Office

Future Expansion:

- Substance Abuse Services: Integrated substance use initiatives and peer services
- Mental Health Services: Collaboration between Upstate psychiatry residents and our Division of Mental Health
- Maternal and Child Health: Enhanced prenatal and pediatric linkages to care and services

Academic Collaboration Areas

The partnership will create valuable educational and research opportunities, building upon current areas of collaboration, to include:

Current/In Process:

- Student Placements: Hosting Upstate students, residents, and fellows in observerships and applied public health activities

- **Data Sharing:** Bilateral exchange of data systems to support evidence-based practice and local preparedness
- **Basic Research Initiatives:** Initial collaborative studies on tick-borne diseases and arboviral research

Future Expansion:

- **Faculty Exchange:** County staff teaching at Upstate and joint research initiatives
- **Advanced Research Programs:** Comprehensive health outcomes research and epidemiological studies
- **Grant Opportunities:** Joint applications for state and federal and other grant funding
- **Professional Development:** Advanced training programs and continuing education initiatives
- **Publication and Dissemination:** Joint publication of research findings and best practices

BENEFITS TO ONONDAGA COUNTY

1. **Enhanced Clinical Capacity:** Access to specialized medical expertise and residents/fellows to supplement our clinical programs
2. **Improved Population Health:** Coordinated approach to addressing health disparities and complex health challenges
3. **Educational Opportunities:** Professional development for our staff through teaching and research collaborations
4. **Resource Optimization:** Shared resources and expertise to maximize impact of public health funding
5. **Innovation:** Access to cutting-edge research and evidence-based practices
6. **Workforce Development:** Training opportunities for future public health professionals

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The proposed MOU establishes a framework for collaboration but does not commit either party to specific financial expenditures. Any transfer of funds will require separate agreements with appropriate legislative approvals where necessary. All partnership activities will be subject to availability of appropriations and legislative approval where required.

The partnership is designed to leverage existing resources more effectively rather than create new financial obligations. Potential cost savings may result from shared training programs, coordinated service delivery, and joint grant applications.

RISK MITIGATION

The proposed MOU will include several provisions to protect County interests:

- **Termination Provisions:** Appropriate termination clauses for material breach and convenience
- **Compliance Requirements:** All activities must comply with federal, state, and local laws and regulations
- **Insurance and Liability:** Clear provisions regarding liability coverage and insurance requirements
- **Site-Specific Requirements:** Flexibility to maintain our facility and personnel standards

NEXT STEPS

Upon legislative authorization, we will:

1. Finalize negotiations and execute the MOU with SUNY Upstate Medical University
2. Establish the Advisory Committee and schedule initial meetings
3. Develop specific collaboration protocols for priority areas as needed
4. Begin implementation of identified clinical and academic initiatives
5. Report regularly to the Legislature on partnership activities and outcomes