



Onondaga County Legislature

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PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AGENDA

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9:00 a.m.
December 10, 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. **PLANNING:**
 - a. Confirming Reappointments to the Onondaga County Cultural Resources Trust (Nathaniel J. Stevens, Leslie Garcea)
 - b. Confirming Reappointment to the Onondaga County Planning Board (Michael W. La Flair)
 - 2. **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:**
 - a. Amending the 2025 County Budget to Provide for the Appropriation of General Fund Balance to Support Shape Up for Veterans (\$150,000)
- C. Adjournment

December 16, 2025

Motion Made By Mr. Knapp

RESOLUTION NO. _____

CONFIRMING REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE ONONDAGA COUNTY CULTURAL RESOURCES TRUST

WHEREAS, J. Ryan McMahon, II, Onondaga County Executive, has duly reappointed and designated pursuant to Section 22.05 of the New York State Arts and Cultural Affairs Law, subject to confirmation of the County Legislature, the following individuals to serve as members of the Onondaga County Cultural Resources Trust:

REAPPOINTMENTS:

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

TERM EXPIRES:

August 31, 2031

Leslie Garcea
1123 Cumberland Avenue
Syracuse, New York 13210

August 31, 2031

WHEREAS, it is the desire of this Legislature to confirm said reappointments; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Onondaga County Legislature does hereby confirm the reappointment of the above individuals to serve as members of the Onondaga County Cultural Resources Trust for the term specified above or until subsequent action by the County Executive.



1a.

County of Onondaga
Office of the County Executive

Brian J. Donnelly
Deputy County Executive

J. Ryan McMahon, II
County Executive

Ann Rooney
*Deputy County Executive
Human Services*

Cydney M. Johnson
*Deputy County Executive
Physical Services*

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

November 26, 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 reappointed, subject to confirmation of the County Legislature, the following individuals to serve as a member of the Onondaga County Cultural Resources Trust:

REAPPOINTMENT:

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

TERM EXPIRES:

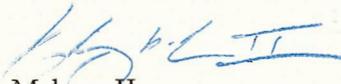
August 31, 2031

Ms. Leslie Garcea
1123 Cumberland Avenue
Syracuse, New York 13210

August 31, 2031

Your confirmation of these reappointments would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,


J. Ryan McMahon, II
County Executive

cc: Legislature Dave Knapp, Chair, Planning & Economic Development Committee
Jamie, McNamara, Clerk, Onondaga County Legislature

NATHANIEL J. STEVENS

481 Hidden Falls Road, Tully, New York 13159

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*

Leslie Garcea
1123 Cumberland Ave
Syracuse, NY 13210

New York State Blues Festival board president Leslie Garcea has been an active participant in the music scene in Syracuse for many years, actively promoting and supporting live, local music. Leslie holds a BA from Muskingum College in Ohio and a Masters in Reading Education from State University of NY in Cortland. Transitioning from teaching students in the elementary classroom, Leslie retired from the Syracuse City School District as a Literacy Instructional Coach, in-servicing classroom teachers on effective teaching strategies to help their students become proficient in both reading and writing. Retirement in 2013 has allowed Leslie more time to pursue her passion of supporting live music.

Having served as Development Director of the New York State Blues Festival since 2012, Leslie was elected president in 2017. She is credited with securing multiple sponsors, writing and securing several high-stakes government grants, and leaving the 28-year festival on solid ground in recent years. Recently adding Blues in the Schools, a teaching artist program, to the 2019 pre-festival activities has brought the Blues Festival directly to the youth in the community. Educational programs such as this, presenting a free festival for the entire community to enjoy and introducing multiple generations to this important genre of American music ensures the preservation of the blues in Central New York. The mission of the festival is to “preserve, protect and promote blues music in New York State by offering the largest FREE blues festival in the Northeast, one of the last remaining free festivals” and Leslie is proud to be part of this important organization.

December 16, 2025

Motion Made By Mr. Knapp

RESOLUTION NO. _____

CONFIRMING REAPPOINTMENT TO THE ONONDAGA COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

WHEREAS, J. Ryan McMahon, II, Onondaga County Executive, has duly reappointed, and designated, pursuant to Article XII, Section 12.01 of the Onondaga County Administrative Code, subject to confirmation by the County Legislature, the following individual to serve as a member of the Onondaga County Planning Board:

REAPPOINTMENT:

Michael LaFlair
221 Horan Road
Syracuse, New York 13209

TERM EXPIRES:

December 31, 2028

and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of this Legislature to confirm said reappointment; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Onondaga County Legislature does hereby confirm the reappointment of the above individual to serve as a member of the Onondaga County Planning Board for the term specified above or until subsequent action by the County Executive.



1b.

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

November 24, 2025

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE ONONDAGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE:

Pursuant to Article XII, Section 12.01 of the Onondaga County Administrative Code, I have reappointed the following individual, subject to confirmation of the County Legislature, to the Onondaga County Planning Board:

APPOINTMENT:

Mr. Michael LaFlair
221 Horan Road
Syracuse, New York 13209

TERM EXPIRES:

December 31, 2028

Your confirmation of this appointment would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,


J. Ryan McMahon, II
County Executive

cc: Legislator Dave Knapp, Chair, Planning and Economic Development Committee
Jamie McNamara, Clerk, County Legislature

Michael W. La Flair

1b.

- 221 Horan Road, Solway, New York 13209 ▪
- (315)706-8803(c) ▪ mwlaflair@aol.com ▪

EDUCATION:

2023	Western & CNY Health Foundation – Health Leadership Fellow
2019	Tax Credit Compliance Professional (C3P)
2016	Marsellus Executive Development Program
2008	Masters in Business Administration (MBA) Le Moyne College – Syracuse, N.Y.
2005	B. S. Business Administration/Concentration in Leadership Le Moyne College - Syracuse, N.Y. (Deans List) Delta Mu Delta – National Honor Society for Business Administration Omicron Delta Epsilon – International Honor Society for Economics

EXPERIENCE:

2022 – Present

Onondaga County – Syracuse, New York

Administrative Planning & Funding Coordinator

The work involves responsibility for organizing and overseeing comprehensive planning and financial administration activities for the Onondaga County Division of Community Development. Duties also include oversee the funding, accounting and auditing of contractual agreements and municipal projects. Typical oversight of over 100 projects in a calendar year. Responsibilities also include departmental digital marketing as well as liaison to all County municipalities.

2018 - 2022

Housing Visions Unlimited – Syracuse, New York

Director of Community & Government Relations

Responsible for providing strategic leadership while executing a multifaceted approach to increasing the visibility and revenues of Housing Visions; development and implementation of a coordinated and comprehensive marketing, public relations and communications strategy that positions the agency as a valued community partner; plan and organize fundraising events to support the organizations overall mission, strategic plan and provide for continued organizational growth; Manage grant writing and ensure oversight of grant compliance. Oversight of all commercial leasing as well as facilitating and education on legislative advocacy issues across 15 municipalities in New York and Pennsylvania.

2013 - 2018

Northeast Hawley Development Association, Inc. (NEHDA) – Syracuse, New York

Executive Director

As Executive Director my responsibilities included the development and monitoring of program (Community, Economic and Housing Development) and organizational budgets including protocols/procedures resulting in approximately 30% operational cost savings. Well versed in strategic planning and facilitation by translating mission and goals into operating plans with clear benchmarks and objectives. This has allowed us to refocus our efforts with tangible results. My experience with development and grants management allowed us to respond to municipal request in minimal time. Restructured organizational development and capacity building for staffing, volunteers and BOD members. This enabled all stakeholders to be a part of the rebuilding process more efficiently in the expanded census tracts service area. Extensive advocacy work and constituency building by articulating issues on behalf of residents and stakeholders as they relate to community, economic and social development. This led to a greater awareness of the NEHDA brand and allowed us to be recognized as the “go to” agency on the North side for any community engagement situation. In addition, it allowed us to leverage our work resulting in a 95% increase in funding and further revenue producing agreements.

2011 - 2013

Onondaga County – Syracuse, New York

Comptroller's Office – Special Assistant to the Comptroller

As part of the Consolidation, Shared Services and Integration tax force, I assisted local government officials in managing resources efficiently and effectively and help provide accountability for tax dollars spent to support government operations. I supervised fellow employees and project partners in auditing financial reports/statements, edit reports/studies, and review contractual and financial relationships among municipalities, quasi-government entities and not-for-profits. I also assisted and participated with these same groups in the preparation of Grant applications and public presentations.

Administrative Intern – Metropolitan Water Board

I performed duties that were normally overseen by the Fiscal Officer; assisting in planning & directing financial & accounting activities, providing accurate & timely information on fiscal, forecasting, budgetary and all other financial reports fully reconciled with the Comptroller's Office, the Executive Director and BOD including a \$9 mil. Operating Budget and Capital Projects exceeding \$34 mil. Recording and analyzing of all departmental A/R and A/P. I reestablished internal processes for inventory, purchasing & budgetary accounting with programs utilized through QuickBooks.

2008 - 2010

Housing Visions Unlimited – Syracuse, New York

Development Project Manager

Responsible for applying and securing funding through federal, state and local agencies, as well as private banks to develop quality affordable housing projects ranging from \$7 million to \$12 million. Coordinated and interacted with project partners including other key Housing Visions staff, state and local government officials, architects, general contractor, financial institutions and investing members; developed and strengthened partnerships with local communities to solidify collaborative relationships to ensure success of multi-million dollar capital projects. I supervised and managed project partners to meet construction timeline, budget parameters and compliance with government regulations and investor requirements. Primary lead on projects totaling \$29.7 mil. yielding 108 rental units & an office bldg./garage, as well as secondary lead on projects totaling \$50 mil. yielding 232 rental units.

2006 - 2008

The Bank of New York Mellon – East Syracuse, New York

Senior Investment Manager Liaison/Assistant Team Leader - PIMCO Team

Originally hired to work with domestic clients, I was promoted to a team dedicated to a single client – PIMCO. Responsible for Global portfolios; executing foreign exchanges, lines of credit and income collection, securities lending and corporate actions. Daily monitoring of STIF investments, overdrafts, sale-fails and credit exceptions, timely and accurate settlements of stocks, bonds, currencies, credit default Swaps, futures and option transactions. Answer all customer inquiries and maintain all records. A member of the initial team that was instrumental in the migration of the Investment Support Services Group to Syracuse.

2005

Fresno's Southwest Restaurant & Bar – N. Syracuse, New York

General Manager

Responsible for the managing of a \$2 million/63 employee restaurant including the development and growth of people, sales and profits. Managed the restaurant in accordance with established company standards, policies and procedures. Optimized profits by controlling food, beverage and labor cost by an average decrease of 2.3%. Increased sales by 8.7% through ensuring guest satisfaction and prompt problem resolution. Staffed, trained and developed restaurant managers and hourly employees through orientations, ongoing feedback, establishment of performance expectations and by conducting performance reviews.

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

09/2025-Present PEACE, Inc – Board of Directors
01/2020-Present Syracuse-Onondaga County Planning Agency (Vice Chair)
01/2019-Present Greater Syracuse Land Bank – Board of Directors (Treasurer)
02/2016-Present Onondaga County Civic Development Corporation – Board of Directors (Chair)
06/2012-Present NYS Licensed Notary Public – Onondaga County
01/2012-Present Town of Camillus – Town Councilor
01/2016-01/2022 Neighborhood Preservation Coalition of NYS – Board of Directors Upstate Vice-President
09/2015-01/2021 Onondaga Citizens League – Board of Directors
02/2015-04/2020 Syracuse Northeast Community Center – Board of Directors
04/2015-10/2017 Erie Canal Museum – Board of Trustees
01/2010-01/2017 FOCUS Greater Syracuse – Board of Directors
05/2009-09/2011 Syracuse 20/20 – Government Modernization Committee
01/2009-12/2011 Town of Camillus – Board of Zoning Appeals
10/2004-12/2010 40 Below – Member of the Re-Adaptive/Re-Use & Marketing Comm.
05/2004-Present Town of Camillus Republican Committee

- NYS DOT I-81 Section 106 Consulting Party
- Project Advisory Committee – City of Syracuse Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance Revision
- City of Syracuse Stadium Task Force
- City of Syracuse ReZone Syracuse – Task Force
- Onondaga County Neighborhood Initiative
- Continuing Education – Over 220 hrs. in Grant Funding, Building Science, Energy Efficiency, Budgeting, Fiscal Planning, Urban Planning and Tax Credits programs.
- NYSDOT/SMTC I-81 Challenge Panel, Community Resource Committee & Cultural Impact Committee
- MDA of Syracuse & CNY LandBank/National Vacant Properties Campaign

2a.

December 16, 2025

Motion Made By Mr. Knapp

RESOLUTION NO. _____

AMENDING THE 2025 COUNTY BUDGET TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF
GENERAL FUND BALANCE TO SUPPORT SHAPE UP FOR VETERANS

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend the 2025 County Budget to appropriate funds from general fund balance for additional support for the Shape Up for Veterans program; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the 2025 County Budget is amended as follows:

REVENUES:

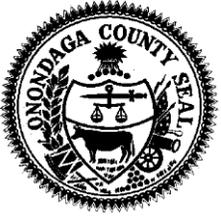
In Admin Unit 3520000000	
Community Development	
In Speed Type #180005	
In Account 590083 – Appropriated Fund Balance	\$150,000

APPROPRIATIONS:

In Admin Unit 3520000000	
Community Development	
In Speed Type #180005	
In Account 668720– Transfer to Grant Expenditures	\$150,000

and, be it further

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.



**DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAM AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION SHEET**

PURPOSE:

Authorize funding for the Shape-Up for Veterans Program

OBJECTIVE/ WORK PLAN:

To obtain funding so more Veterans can be assisted

FUNDING SOURCE:

Fund Balance Transfer

BUDGET:

\$150,000