

## WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

**COMMITTEE: JOINT PERSONNEL, ADMINISTRATION & HIGHER EDUCATION AND FINANCE**

**DATE: DECEMBER 20, 2022**

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**PERSONNEL, ADMINISTRATION & HIGHER  
EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

SUPERVISORS THOMAS  
CONOVER  
WILD  
BRAYMER  
RUNYON

**PERSONNEL, ADMINISTRATION & HIGHER  
EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

SUPERVISORS BEATY  
FRASIER

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

SUPERVISORS LEGGETT  
THOMAS  
BRUNO  
MERLINO  
RUNYON  
DIAMOND  
DRISCOLL

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

REPRESENTING SUNY ADIRONDACK:

DR. KRISTINE DUFFY, PRESIDENT  
KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD  
JOHN TAFLAN, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  
LARRY ELMEN, COUNTY ATTORNEY  
SARAH MCLENITHAN, DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD

SUPERVISORS HOGAN  
MAGOWAN  
SEEBER

TAMMIE DELORENZO, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  
DON LEHMAN, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS  
MIKE SWAN, COUNTY TREASURER  
MOLLY GANOTES-GLEASON, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

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*Please note, the following contains a summarization of the December 20, 2022 joint meeting of the Personnel, Administration & Higher Education and Finance Committees; the meeting in its entirety can be viewed on the Warren County website using the following link: <https://warrencountyny.gov/mma>*

Mr. Thomas called the Personnel, Administration & Higher Education Committee meeting to order at 11:02 a.m.

Mr. Leggett called the Finance Committee meeting to order at 11:03 a.m.

Privilege of the floor and public comment was called for, but there was no one wishing to speak.

Mr. Thomas noted the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the proposed changes to the SUNY Adirondack funding formula. It was noted an executive session may be required, as this matter related to an agreement between Warren and Washington Counties involving the funding formula for SUNY Adirondack. Mr. Thomas indicated the first thing they needed to address was whether they would like to move forward with making changes to the current funding formula before any discussions regarding changes to the agreement amongst the two Counties was discussed.

Mr. Diamond entered the meeting at 11:06 a.m.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Dr. Kristine Duffy, *President, SUNY Adirondack*, who provided an overview of the purpose of the sponsor contribution to the college and an explanation of why they were requesting it to be increased to 15% of their total operating budget which would align them with the amount their peer institutions received. She proceeded to answer questions posed by the Committee members and others present.

Larry Elmen, *County Attorney*, noted upon further review he determined the discussion regarding an agreement with another County did not meet the requirements for an executive session under the Open Meetings Law.

Mr. Leggett reviewed in detail an attachment distributed to the Committee members regarding the SUNY Adirondack funding formula depicting different scenarios to achieve the 15% over a period of a few years and answered questions posed by the Committee members and others present; a copy of the attachment regarding possible changes to the funding formula is on file with the meeting minutes.

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The consensus of the Personnel, Administration & Higher Education and Finance Committees was to move forward with developing a new funding formula to gradually increase the amount provided to SUNY Adirondack 15% of their total operating budget over a period of time. It was also noted that Messrs. Thomas, Leggett and the County Administrator would contact Washington County to determine whether they were interested in moving forward with changing the funding formula.

Ms. Braymer exited the meeting at 12:29 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Personnel, Administration & Higher Education and Finance Committees, Mr. Thomas adjourned the meeting at 12:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sarah McLenithan, Deputy Clerk of the Board