

# Warren County Board of Supervisors

**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
FRIDAY AUGUST 30, 2024**



*Please note that the following is a summarization of the Board Meeting; the meeting, in its entirety, can be viewed using the following links:*

Warren County website: <https://warrencountyny.gov/mma>

YouTube: Part 1 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PfUZCoTziHc>

Part 2 - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eReXW\\_9V\\_gg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eReXW_9V_gg)

## NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF WARREN COUNTY:

You are hereby notified that I, KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Warren, pursuant to the power vested in me by Section (B) of the Rules of the Board of Supervisors, hereby call and convene a special meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Warren County to be held in the Supervisors' Room in the Warren County Municipal Center, Town of Queensbury, New York, on **August 30, 2024 AT 11:00 A.M.**, for the purpose of:

1. Discussing matters regarding a particular person that may lead to the discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of that particular person, per Section 105(1)(f) of the Public Officer's Law; and
2. Any other such business which may appropriately be brought before the Board of Supervisors.

The Clerk of the Board of Supervisors is hereby directed to call for the meeting and give written notice to all members of the Board of Supervisors of such meeting.

Dated: August 19, 2024

  
KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN  
Warren County Board of Supervisors

To the Members of the Board of Supervisors: At the direction of the Chairman of the Board, I am notifying you of the Special Meeting called for the time, place and purposes set forth above.

  
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK  
Warren County Board of Supervisors

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Warren convened at the Supervisors' Room in the Warren

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County Municipal Center, Lake George, New York, at 11:00 a.m.; Supervisor Kevin B. Geraghty presiding. Salute to the flag was led by Supervisor Conover.

Roll called, the following members present:

Supervisors Conover, Maday, Gilligan, Turner, Bruno, Driscoll, Patchett, Geraci, Bean, Crocitto, Merlino, Strough, Wild, Magowan, Strainer, Etu, Thomas and Geraghty - 18. Supervisors Diamond and Runyon absent - 2.

Chairman Geraghty called for public comment, but there was no one wishing to speak.

At the Chairman's request, County Attorney advised an executive session was requested pursuant to Section 105(1)(f) of the Public Officer's Law for the purpose of discussing matters regarding a particular person that may lead to the discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of that particular person. It was also suggested that the Director of Human Resources and the Vice Chair of the Board of Ethics be permitted to attend the executive session.

Motion was made by Supervisor Geraci, seconded by Supervisor Patchett and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisors Diamond and Runyon absent*) to enter into an executive session pursuant to Section 105(1)(f) of the Public Officer's Law for the purposes outlined above, as well as to permit the Director of Human Resources and Vice Chair of the Board of Ethics to remain in attendance for the closed session.

Executive session was held from 11:03 a.m. until 12:22 p.m.

Upon reconvening, Chairman Geraghty announced no action was taken during the executive session.

Supervisor Magowan apprised he would be recusing himself from the remainder of the meeting and exited at 12:23 p.m.

Motion was Supervisor Bruno, seconded by Supervisor Bean and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisors Diamond, Magowan and Runyon absent*) to waive the Standing Rule of the Board relating to the requirement that all resolutions be approved through the established Committee structure in advance of a Board Meeting in order to entertain a resolution regarding the conduct of At-Large Supervisor Brad Magowan which violated sections of the Warren County Code of Ethics. It was noted this would be proposed Resolution No. 299 of 2024.

Motion was made by Supervisor Geraci and seconded by Supervisor Bean to adopt the twenty-five findings of fact recommended by the Warren County Board of Ethics advisory decision dated August 8, 2024 for Complaint No. 2024-2. A brief discussion ensued during which Supervisors Geraci and Bean amended their motion to note the complaint was against At-Large Supervisor Brad Magowan. Chairman Geraghty called the question and the motion as amended was carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisors Diamond, Magowan and Runyon absent*). It was noted this would be proposed Resolution No. 300 of 2024.

At the Chairman's request, County Attorney advised a motion was necessary to authorize a resolution indicating that the conduct of At-Large Supervisor Brad Magowan violated the following sections of the Warren County Code of Ethics: Section 15A, Interest and Contracts; Section 15b, Interest and Contracts; Section 7, Annual Disclosures; Section 6, Disclosure of Interest and Legislation and other matters; Section 8 Recusal and Abstention; and Section 11a(3), Private Employment and Conflict with Official Duties, adding those violations were stated by the advisory decision dated August 8, 2024. The necessary motion was made by Supervisor Bruno, seconded by Supervisor Thomas and carried by

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unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisors Diamond, Magowan and Runyon absent*), to authorize a resolution as outlined above. It was noted this would be proposed Resolution No. 301 of 2024.

Next, County Attorney advised a motion was necessary to indicate the Warren County Board of Supervisors believed the appropriate discipline against At-Large Supervisor Brad Magowan, based upon the twenty-five findings and fact, as well as the six violations of the Warren County Code of Ethics, was public censure as a result of the exhaustive deliberations of the Warren County Board of Supervisors to include statements made by At-Large Supervisor Brad Magowan which accepted responsibility for the Code of Ethics violations stated herein. The necessary motion was made by Supervisor Etu, seconded by Supervisor Patchett and carried by unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisors Diamond, Magowan and Runyon absent*) to authorize a resolution as outlined above. It was noted this would be proposed Resolution No. 302 of 2024.

A discussion ensued, during which County Attorney requested that proposed Resolution Nos. 300-302 be combined into one resolution. It was the consensus of the Board to combine the three resolutions authorized into one, as requested. Clerk noted for the record that the resolutions would be numbered as proposed Resolution No. 299 (*waiving the Rules of the Board*), and proposed Resolution No. 300 (*adopting the findings of the Board of Ethics and taking action regarding same*).

Voting on resolutions occurred. Resolution Nos. 299-300 were approved as presented.

Chairman Geraghty offered privilege of the floor, but no one wished to speak.

Prior to adjourning Chairman Geraghty thanked the Vice Chair of the Board of Ethics for taking the time to attend today's meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, on motion made by Supervisor Thomas and seconded by Supervisor Etu, Chairman Geraghty declared the meeting closed at 12:31 p.m.