

**WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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

**DATE: APRIL 16, 2024**

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<b>COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>	<b>OTHERS PRESENT:</b>
SUPERVISORS WILD	AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
MERLINO	LARRY ELMEN, COUNTY ATTORNEY
MADAY	KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
BEAN	JOHN TAFLAN, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
ETU	SUPERVISOR STRAINER
THOMAS	CHRISTINE NORTON, COUNTY TREASURER
	SARAH MCLENITHAN, DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD

**COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT:**  
SUPERVISOR DRISCOLL

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*Please note, the following contains a summarization of the meeting of the April 16, 2024 Personnel, Administration & Higher Education Committee; the meeting in its entirety can be viewed using the following links:*

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

*Warren County's YouTube Channel - Part 1 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6QYCTmw3XYc>*

*Part 2 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JBoT7BXPpPo>*

Mr. Wild called the meeting of the Personnel, Administration & Higher Education Committee to order at 10:00 a.m.

Copies of the meeting agenda were distributed; a copy of the agenda is on file with the meeting minutes.

Motion was made by Mr. Etu, seconded by Mr. Bean and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Driscoll absent*) to approve the minutes of the previous Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Privilege of the Floor/Public Comment was called for, but there was no one wishing to speak.

Commencing the agenda review with the following:

- 1A) Request for an executive session pursuant to Public Officers Law Section 105(1)(d), to discuss proposed, pending or current litigation, as follows: a. *John David Smith v. County of Warren and Warren County DSS*, Warren County Supreme Court, filed August 17, 2020, Index No. EF2020-266800; and b. *County of Warren v. The Continental Insurance Company and John David Smith*, Federal District Court NDNY Case No. 1:22-cv-00431-BKS.

Larry Elmen, *County Attorney*, requested that the County Treasurer be permitted to attend the executive session.

Motion was made by Mr. Etu, seconded by Mr. Merlino and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Driscoll absent*) to enter into an executive session pursuant to Section 105(1)(d) of the Public Officer's Law for the purposes outlined in the agenda.

Executive session was held from 10:02 a.m. until 10:36 a.m.

Mr. Wild noted no action was taken during the executive session.

The agenda review resumed as follows:

- 1B) Request to provide the County Attorney with authority to settle all pending claims in the matter of *John David Smith v. County of Warren and Warren County DSS*, Warren County Supreme Court, filed August 17, 2020, Index No. EF2020-266800, and to authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign settlement documents in a form approved by the County Attorney and to authorize payment.

Motion was made by Mr. Etu, seconded by Mr. Thomas and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Driscoll absent*) to approve the request and the necessary resolution was authorized for the April 19<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting.

Privilege of the Floor/Public Comment was called for, but there was no one wishing to speak.

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There being no further business to come before the Personnel, Administration & Higher Education Committee, on motion made by Mr. Etu, seconded by Mr. Thomas and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Driscoll absent*), Mr. Wild adjourned the meeting at 10:36 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sarah McLenithan, Deputy Clerk of the Board