

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: HIGHER EDUCATION

DATE: JUNE 5, 2026

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS WILD
ETU
CROCITTO

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

SUPERVISORS PATCHETT
O'NEILL

OTHERS PRESENT:

REPRESENTING SUNY ADIRONDACK:

DR. ANASTASIA URTZ, PRESIDENT
KEITH KAPLAN, VICE PRESIDENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES &
TREASURER

ERIC CONDUZIO, BUDGET ANALYST, ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

LISA DESTER, DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD

JOHN TAFLAN, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

KIMBERLY RICHARDS, COUNTY ATTORNEY

AMIE GONZALEZ, CHAIR, BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SUNY ADIRONDACK

DAVID JUDGE, BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SUNY ADIRONDACK

MEMBERS OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS & STAFF

LESLIE LOVELACE, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the June 5, 2026 meeting of the Higher Education Committee; the meeting in its entirety can be viewed on the Warren County website using the following links:

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

Warren County's YouTube Channel - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O41bQpCRM3c>

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

Mr. Wild called the meeting of the Higher Education Committee to order at 10:01 a.m.

The Committee commenced with the Action Agenda/New Business Items portion of the agenda, which included the following items:

- 1) Welcome and College Update was provided by Dr. Anastasia Urtz, *President, SUNY Adirondack*; who answered questions posed by Committee members. *A copy is on file with the meeting minutes.*
- 2) Review of 2026 - 2027 SUNY Adirondack Operating Budget Presentation was reviewed by Keith Kaplan, *Vice President for Administrative Services & Treasurer*, who answered questions posed by Committee members. *A copy of the presentation is on file with the meeting minutes.*

Mr. Etu exited the meeting during questions posed about the Budget at 10:54 a.m.; upon his exit, Chairman Geraghty served to make a quorum.

Dr. Urtz recognized SUNY Adirondack Board of Trustees Amie Gonzalez, *Chair*, and Robert Judge for their leadership, whom she noted were in attendance.

Mr. Kaplan extended his appreciation to Eric Conduzio, *Budget Analyst, Administrative Services*, and Lisa Dester, *Director of Business and Financial Affairs*, for their integral role in the Budget and tracking finances.

- 3) To approve the proposed 2026-2027 SUNY Adirondack Operating Budget.

Motion was made by Chairman Geraghty, seconded by Mr. Crocitto and carried by a unanimous vote

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of those present (*Messrs. Etu, Patchett and O'Neill absent*) to approve the proposed 2026-2027 SUNY Adirondack Operating Budget and authorize a public hearing for same, and the necessary resolution was authorized for the June 18th Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Washington County Board of Supervisors Community College and Finance Committees made motions to approve the proposed 2026-2027 SUNY Adirondack Operating Budget, as well.

Mr. Kaplan was asked to provide an update on the High Voltage Electrical upgrade, which he informed had been completed successfully on schedule and within Budget.

As there was no further business to come before the Higher Education Committee, on motion made by Chairman Geraghty, seconded by Mr. Crocitto and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Messrs. Etu, Patchett and O'Neill absent*), Mr. Wild adjourned the meeting at 11:01 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Lovelace, Legislative Office Specialist