

***FIRST DAY  
FOR ORGANIZATION AND SELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON  
Pursuant to Resolution 474 of 2022, adopted November 29, 2022***

Johnstown, NY

January 3, 2023

Roll Call – Quorum Present

Supervisors: Argotsinger, Blackmon, Bradt, Breh, Callery, Fagan, Goderie, Greene, Groff, Horton, Kinowski, Lauria, Wilson, Young

TOTAL: Present: 14 Absent: 6 (Supervisors Born, Bowman, Fogarty, Howard, Potter and Van Genderen)

The Organizational Meeting was called to order by Administrative Officer/Clerk of the Board Jon R. Stead, at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Stead welcomed everyone and wished them a “Happy New Year”. Mr. Stead thanked Mr. Fagan for his efforts serving as Chairman of the Board during 2022.

Mr. Stead stated that there were a lot of great accomplishments occurred during 2022. Mr. Stead stated that the occasion of the Organizational Meeting at the commencement of a new year, is a good time to recognize our Armed Services military personnel and government employees working to protect our country, as well as all the law enforcement and EMS personnel we rely on to keep the public safe.

Mr. Stead recognized Assemblyman Robert Smullen who was in attendance.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, Supervisor Fagan then moved for a Republican Caucus. The Board recessed for the Caucus at 10:05 a.m. and reconvened into Regular Session at 10:12 a.m.

Mr. Stead then called for nominations for Temporary Chairman, with Supervisor Greene nominating Supervisor Blackmon. Supervisor Bradt seconded the nomination. The Clerk then called for other nominations. There being no other nominations, the polls were closed upon a motion by Supervisor Argotsinger, seconded by Supervisor Groff and members voted to support the nomination.

Supervisor Blackmon was escorted to the dais by Supervisors Greene and Bradt. Temporary Chairman Blackmon then asked for nominations for Chairman of the Board for 2023.

Supervisor Wilson placed the name of Scott Horton, of Town of Caroga, in nomination for Chairman of the Board. Supervisor Wilson stated that Mr. Horton is a man who has earned the respect from all of us and will lead us through 2023. He continued by saying that Mr. Horton is a man who works as a team player and a consensus gatherer. Supervisor Wilson then expressed that it is an honor to nominate Scott Horton as Chairman of the Board for 2023.

The motion was seconded by Supervisor Callery. The Temporary Chairman then asked if there were other nominations. The polls were closed upon a motion by Supervisor Breh, seconded by

Supervisor Kinowski. The motion for Chairman of the Board carried unanimously in the form of Resolution No. 1.

Supervisors Wilson and Callery escorted Chairman Horton to the dais.

Chairman Horton expressed that it is an honor to be selected as Chairman of the Board and thanked those present. He stated that he would like to thank the Board of Supervisors for trusting him to serve as Chairman for 2023. He then recognized Administrative Officer/Clerk of the Board Jon Stead, Deputy Administrative Officer Beth Lathers, Legislative Aides Briana Chittenden and Justine Lewis, as well as Budget Director Alicia Cowan and Deputy Budget Director Frank Silveira. He expressed that he looks forward to working with all of them this year.

Chairman Horton stated that it is an honor to have Assemblyman Smullen here today. He then stated that he would like to recognize his wife Debbie for all of her support. He stated that it is with good fortune to serve for a county that has been greatly managed. He stated that Fulton County is in good financial shape and serves its people right. He stated that he looks forward to continuing the initiatives that started before him and will do his best to keep progress moving forward. Chairman Horton expressed that he will listen more than talk, work hard to understand the different points of view and encourage members of this board to make right decisions. He then stated that with the help of the Board, he will do his best to work with each and every Supervisor for the benefit of the citizens of Fulton County.

Chairman Horton then called for nominations for Vice Chairman of the Board for 2023. Supervisor Greene nominated Supervisor Blackmon. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Bradt. Chairman Horton then asked if there were other nominations. Supervisor Argotsinger moved that the polls be closed. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Groff and members voted to close the polls. Resolution No. 2 appointing the Vice Chairman was approved unanimously.

Action was then taken on Resolutions 3 through 5.

Mr. Horton stated that there will be a reception at Partners Pub at 12 noon today and expressed that all Board members and staff are invited.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Chairman Horton distributed the 2023 Standing Committee and Special Committee assignments.

There being no other business, Supervisor Goderie moved that the Board adjourn until January 9, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Fagan and unanimously carried. The Board adjourned at 10:24 a.m.

*Certified by:*

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*Jon R. Stead, Administrative Officer/DATE*  
*Clerk of the Board*

**Resolution No. 1**

Supervisor WILSON offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NAMING CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF THE COUNTY OF FULTON FOR THE YEAR 2023

RESOLVED, That Scott Horton of Caroga Lake, NY, be and hereby is named Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fulton for the year 2023.

Seconded by Supervisor CALLERY and adopted by the following vote:

TOTAL: Ayes: 14 Nays: 0 Absent: 6 (Supervisors Born, Bowman, Fogarty, Howard,  
Potter and Van Genderen)

**Resolution No. 2**

Supervisor GREENE offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NAMING VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF THE COUNTY OF FULTON FOR THE YEAR 2023

RESOLVED, That John H. Blackmon of Gloversville, NY, be and hereby is named Vice Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fulton for the year 2023.

Seconded by Supervisor BRADT and adopted by the following vote:

TOTAL: Ayes: 14 Nays: 0 Absent: 6 (Supervisors Born, Bowman, Fogarty, Howard, Potter and Van Genderen)

**Resolution No. 3**

Supervisor FAGAN offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE RULES OF ORDER FOR THE YEAR 2023

RESOLVED, That the Rules of Order, as adopted January 8, 1990, and any and all amendments made thereto (last revised December 29, 2012) be and hereby are adopted as the Rules of Order of the Board for the year 2023.

Seconded by Supervisor GREENE and adopted by the following vote:

TOTAL: Ayes: 14 Nays: 0 Absent: 6 (Supervisors Born, Bowman, Fogarty, Howard, Potter and Van Genderen)

**Resolution No. 4**

Supervisor CALLERY offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION APPOINTING LEE HOLLENBECK REPUBLICAN BOARD OF ELECTIONS COMMISSIONER

WHEREAS, the term of Republican Board of Elections Commissioner expired on December 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 662 of 2008 fixed a two-year term for Board of Elections Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Fulton County Republican Committee has filed with the Board of Supervisors a recommendation that Lee Hollenbeck be appointed Board of Elections Commissioner; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED That the Fulton County Board of Supervisors, upon the recommendation of the Fulton County Republican Committee, hereby appoints Lee Hollenbeck, of Broadalbin, NY, as Board of Elections Commissioner of Fulton County, effective January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the County Treasurer, Lee Hollenbeck, Personnel Director, Fulton County Republican Committee, Fulton County Clerk, as provided by Section 30, Subdivision 3 of the Election Law, Administrative Officer/Clerk of the Board, and to each and every other person, institution or agency which will further the purport of this Resolution.

Seconded by Supervisor BREH and adopted by the following vote:

TOTAL: Ayes: 14 Nays: 0 Absent: 6 (Supervisors Born, Bowman, Fogarty, Howard, Potter and Van Genderen)

**Resolution No. 5**

Supervisor LAURIA offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION APPOINTING ROBERT S. GALINSKY DEMOCRAT BOARD OF ELECTIONS COMMISSIONER

WHEREAS, the term of Democrat Board of Elections Commissioner expired on December 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 662 of 2008 fixed a two-year term for Board of Elections Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Fulton County Democrat Committee has filed with the Board of Supervisors a recommendation that Robert S. Galinsky be appointed Board of Elections Commissioner; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED That the Fulton County Board of Supervisors, upon the recommendation of the Fulton County Democrat Committee, hereby appoints Robert S. Galinsky, of Johnstown, NY, as Board of Elections Commissioner of Fulton County, effective January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the County Treasurer, Robert S. Galinsky, Personnel Director, Fulton County Democrat Committee, Fulton County Clerk, as provided by Section 30, Subdivision 3 of the Election Law, Administrative Officer/Clerk of the Board, and to each and every other person, institution or agency which will further the purport of this Resolution.

Seconded by Supervisor YOUNG and adopted by the following vote:

TOTAL: Ayes: 14 Nays: 0 Absent: 6 (Supervisors Born, Bowman, Fogarty, Howard, Potter and Van Genderen)