

THE PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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AGENDA
RULES, ENACTMENTS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE
TO BE HELD IN THE HISTORIC COURTHOUSE
CARMEL, NEW YORK 10512

Members: Chairman Birmingham and Legislators Ellner & Gouldman

Thursday April 10, 2025
(Immediately following Health Mtg. beginning at 6:00pm)

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Chairman's Verbal Report**
- 4. Approval/ Appointment/ Putnam County Representative/ Region 3 Fish & Wildlife Board/ Tozzi**
- 5. Approval/ Reappointment/ Putnam County Board of Ethics/ Scuccimarra**
- 6. Discussion/Approval/ Amendment of Legislative Manual/ Live Streaming Legislative Sessions, Public Meetings, and Public Hearings**
- 7. FYI/ Litigation Report**
- 8. Other Business**
- 9. Adjournment**

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Reso #4

Edward Gordon

From: MICHAEL G TOZZI < >
Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2025 12:39 PM
To: Putnam Co Legislature
Subject: New Region 3 Fish and Wildlife Rep request
Attachments: Document_250320_124048.pdf



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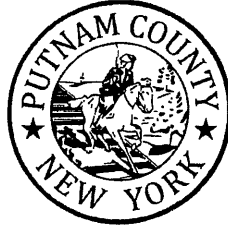
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Legislator Birmingham,

My name is Michael Tozzi I am seeking to replace Ray Merlatto as the Region 3 Fish and Wildlife Rep due to Ray Merlatto stepping down. Enclosed is my letter requesting approval and a resume, feel free to contact me with any questions

Thank You

Michael G. Tozzi



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PUTNAM COUNTY EXECUTIVE
KEVIN M. BYRNE

MEMORANDUM

Date: March 24, 2025

To: Amy Sayegh
Chairwoman, Putnam County Legislature

Cc: Diane Schonfeld
Clerk, Putnam County Legislature

From: Kevin Byrne
Putnam County Executive

Re: Re-appointment to Board of Ethics

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LEGISLATURE
PUTNAM COUNTY
CARMEL, NY

Pursuant to Section 55-12 of the Putnam County Code, it is my privilege to re-appoint Hon. Barbara Scuccimarra to the Putnam County Board of Ethics. Ms. Scuccimarra has directly expressed to me her interest in continuing to serve on the Board, and I have accepted her request. Her previous duly confirmed term ended on 12/31/24 (Resolution 271 of 2021).

Ms. Scuccimarra is a small business owner and former member of the Putnam County Legislature, a position she held from January 2015 to January 2019. Her service to Putnam County along with her community involvement and business experience make Ms. Scuccimarra an ideal candidate to continue on the Board and uphold the statutory requirements in Chapter 55 (Ethics, Code of, and Financial Disclosure) of our Code.

I therefore respectfully ask that the Legislature place Ms. Barbara Scuccimarra's re-appointment to the Board of Ethics on the next appropriate Committee meeting agenda with the intention that she be re-confirmed during the subsequent full meeting of the County Legislature. Her CV is attached for your review.

Thank you for your timely attention to this request and your commitment to the ethical guidelines set forth in our Count Code.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin M. Byrne
County Executive

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Committee Mtg _____ Resolution # _____
Introduced By _____ Regular Mtg _____
Seconded By _____ Special Mtg _____

APPROVAL - AMENDMENT OF LEGISLATIVE MANUAL - LIVE STREAMING LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS, PUBLIC MEETINGS, AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature recognizes the vital importance of fostering transparency, enhancing public access, and encouraging community engagement within the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, advancements in digital communication and technology provide invaluable opportunities for the residents of Putnam County to remain informed and actively involved in the decisions affecting their community, regardless of their ability to attend meetings in person; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature is committed to the principles of accountability and openness, ensuring that the public has full access to the discussions, decisions, and actions of its elected representatives; and

WHEREAS, live streaming of legislative sessions, public meetings and public hearings can help promote civic participation, improve government transparency, and increase public trust in the legislative process; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby expresses its strong support for the live streaming of all legislative sessions, public meetings, and public hearings as outlined in this resolution, to ensure that all citizens of Putnam County have the opportunity to observe and engage with the legislative process, whether in person or remotely, excluding matters heard in executive session; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature directs the implementation of the following live streaming procedures to maximize public access and participation in the legislative process by incorporating the following as a new Rule in the Legislative Manual:

RULE 34 – LIVE STREAMING LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS, PUBLIC MEETINGS, AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Live Streaming of Legislative Sessions

1. Live Streaming Availability:

All regular and special legislative sessions will be broadcast live, making use of digital platforms such as the County website or YouTube.

Legislator Addonizio _____
Legislator Birmingham _____
Legislator Crowley _____
Legislator Ellner _____
Legislator Gouldman _____
Legislator Jonke _____
Legislator Montgomery _____
Legislator Russo _____
Chairwoman Sayegh _____

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2. Public Access and Recording:

Sessions will be fully accessible online, with recordings available for on-demand viewing to ensure continued public access to legislative activities and deliberations.

B. Public Meetings, Committee Sessions, and Public Hearings

1. Live Streaming of Public Meetings:

Public meetings, committee sessions, and public hearings will also be live streamed.

C. Review and Feedback

1. Public Input:

The Legislature encourages ongoing feedback from the public on the live streaming process and will periodically review how the program can be improved for maximum effectiveness and accessibility.

And be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature and Director of Information Technology are hereby authorized to implement this initiative and ensure that all legislative sessions, public meetings, and public hearings are broadcast and archived for public access; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

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Legislator Birmingham _____
Legislator Crowley _____
Legislator Ellner _____
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Legislator Russo _____
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RESOLUTION

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B. Public Meetings, ~~and~~ Committee Sessions, ~~and~~ Public Hearings

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**April 10, 2025
Rules Meeting**

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FYI/ Litigation Report