

*Sixth Special Meeting*  
*December 18, 2025*

The Sixth Special Meeting of 2025 was held on December 18, 2025 and was called to order by the Chair at 10:06 a.m. Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Sauerbrey, and Standinger were present with Legislator Roberts being absent.

Chair Sauerbrey asked Legislator Monell to have a moment of prayer. "Thank you, Lord, for another day that you allowed us to be here and we pray that you will continue to give us direction and guide us in all that we do. We pray that you would bless our time together and help us make the right decisions for Tioga County."

Legislator Monell led all Legislators and those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were six people in attendance.

Legislator Monell made a motion to bring forth two (2) resolutions for Legislature consideration, seconded by Legislator Brown. Motion carried.

Legislator Monell moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Brown.

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 500-25 APPPOINT COUNTY LEGISLATOR

WHEREAS: District 3 Legislative position representing the Town of Owego will become vacant as of January 1, 2026 due to resignation of Legislator Barbara J. Roberts; and

WHEREAS: The term of office for Legislative District 3 runs until December 31, 2027; and

WHEREAS: Pursuant to Local Law 3 of 2016, the vacancy may be filled by Legislative appointment by way of majority vote until such time as the office is filled as a result of a general election as provided by law; and

WHEREAS: The next upcoming general election is November 3, 2026; and

WHEREAS: The Legislature has found and determined that a qualified resident-elector residing in the Town of Owego shall be appointed to discharge the duties

of District 3 Legislator until December 31, 2026 with the understanding that continued service is contingent upon the results of the November 3, 2026 general election; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That David Cantella is hereby appointed District 3 Legislator effective January 2, 2026 to discharge the duties of District 3 Legislator until December 31, 2026.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Sauerbrey, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Roberts.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Monell moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Ciotoli.

REFERRED TO:

LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 501-25

CREATE AND FILL A TEMPORARY PART-TIME  
ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDER POSITION  
PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required to create and fill a Management/Confidential position; and

WHEREAS: The Public Defender has had a vacant full-time position without applicants since April 2025; and

WHEREAS: The appointment of Michael L. Arcesi to the position of Public Defender as of January 1, 2026, has created an opening for a second full-time Assistant Public Defender position; and

WHEREAS: No applicants have been identified for either full-time Assistant Public Defender positions; and

WHEREAS: The Public Defender has determined that the office cannot meet its present requirements without at least one additional Assistant Public Defender; and

WHEREAS: The retiring Public Defender, Thomas R. Cline, is willing to accept limited part-time temporary appointment to cover some town and village court representation for the month of January 2026 only; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That one part-time Assistant Public Defender position shall be temporarily created and funded for the period of January 1, 2026, through January 31, 2026, at a salary of \$3,000, which will be paid out in payroll #2, and temporarily increasing the part-time headcount from 5 to 6; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Public Defender is hereby authorized to appoint Thomas R. Cline to temporarily fill the part-time Assistant Public Defender position effective January 1, 2026; and be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution will be null and void in the event that a suitable candidate for the full-time Assistant Public Defender position can be found and appointed in January 2026, and that this position will be abolished as of February 1, 2026.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Sauerbrey, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Roberts.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

The meeting adjourned at 10:08 a.m.