



THE CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE
NEW YORK
SPECIAL COMMON COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, August 25, 2021 6:00 pm

Changepoint Theatre

Chair Salem called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

- I. Welcome
- II. Indigenous Land Acknowledgment
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. ~~Roll Call~~
Attendance: 7 Present, 2 Absent (Councilmember R. Johnson, Councilmember L. Johnson)
- V. Introduction of Presenters
 1. **SNUG**- Debra Long, Director
 2. **City of Poughkeepsie Police Department**- Chief Tom Pape
 3. **Dutchess County Department of Behavioral and Community Health**- Dr. Christopher St. Germain, Clinical Director of Coordinated Services
 4. **Hudson River Housing**- Christa Hines, Executive Director
 5. **Mental Health America of Dutchess County**- Andrew O'Grady, LCSW-R, CEO
 6. **Equitable Future, Inc.** – Brian Robinson, CEO
- VI. Presentations
- VII. Public Comment
 1. Ken Stickle – Catharine St.
 2. Doug Nobiletti –Academy St.
 3. Jamar Cummings – 418 Maple St.
 4. Joanna Frang – The Art Effect, 489 Main St.
 5. Talent Davis – 57 Cannon St.
 6. Darrett Roberts – 148 Franklin St.
 7. Fatimah Carmen Luisa Martinez – 5th Ward

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8. Cleopatra Jordan – Executive Director, Real Skills Network
9. Satara Brown – Founder, ROCC Inc.
10. Giancarlo Llaverias – Elected Official, Town of Poughkeepsie
11. Roy Watterson, Founder, Our Community Foundation
12. Lala, 4 Oak. St. – Poughkeepsie Farm Project
13. Randy Johnson Sr., Dutchess County Legislator
14. Liz O’Raffity – CEO/Founder of Growing Stems, 295 Mill St.
15. Nick Kalogris – Maryland Ave.
16. Debra Gause
17. Laurie Sandow – S. Grand Ave.
18. Eileen Peters Weinberg – 330 Main St.
19. Tanaya Brown – 19 Hammersley Ave.
20. Randi Chalfin – resident, Poughkeepsie Underwear Factory
21. Dr. Felicia Watson, PCSD
22. Barbara McCain, resident, Poughkeepsie Underwear Factory
23. Debra Long, Founder, SNUG
24. Davone Strouder – Tubman Terrace
25. Jeff Aman – Barnard Ave.
26. Dr. Eric Rosser, Superintendent PCSD

VIII. Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilmember Brannen and seconded by Councilmember Menist to adjourn the meeting at 9:58 p.m.

Dated: September 9, 2021

I hereby certify that this true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Special Common Council Meeting held on August 25, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

**Jasmin Nicole Davis
City Chamberlain**