



The City of Poughkeepsie New York

Common Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 16, 2025

6:30 PM

Common Council Chambers

**Welcome to the regularly scheduled Meeting of the City of Poughkeepsie
Common Council the date is September 16, 2025, and the time is 6:38pm**

I. ROLL CALL

7 Present, 2 Absent (2nd Ward Councilmember Evan Menist, Council Member At-Large Da'Ron Wilson)

II. REVIEW OF MINUTES

A motion to Approve minutes was made by 3rd Ward Council Member Brown and seconded by 8th Ward Councilmember McClinton.

Informational Meeting Minutes and CCM Minutes of September 2, 2025 - VOICE VOTE	
Yes/Aye:	1st Ward Council Member Henry, 3rd Ward Council Member Brown, 5th Ward Council Member James, 6th Ward Council Member Grant, 7th Ward Council Member Patterson Thompson, 4th Ward Council Member Shook, 8th Ward Councilmember McClinton
No/Nay:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	2nd Ward Councilmember Menist, Council Member At-Large Wilson
Result:	Passed

1. Common Council Meeting of September 2, 2025
2. Informational Meeting of September 2, 2025

III. READING OF ITEMS by the City Chamberlain of any resolutions not listed on the printed agenda

IV. PRESENTATIONS OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

1. **FROM POUGHKEEPSIE ALLIANCE**, a presentation regarding future projects in the City of Poughkeepsie
2. **FROM SAMARA**, a presentation regarding AI tracking system in city vehicles

V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Three (3) minutes per person up to 45 minutes of public comment on any agenda and non-agenda item.

Paul Brenner- 184 S. Grand Ave

Daniel Atonna- 116 College Ave

Laurie Sandow- S Grand Ave*

***Submitted written comments for the official record**

VI. NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

VII. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND BOARDS:

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA: MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

IX. CONSENT AGENDA: ORDINANCES AND LOCAL LAWS:

X. ACTION AGENDA: MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

XI. ACTION AGENDA: ORDINANCES AND LOCAL LAWS:

XII. MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

One, I just want to bring up The Alliance and they did a presentation which was a great presentation. We really appreciate the work that they do in the City of Poughkeepsie and they didn't bring up about the park steward position and so that was kind of came out of we went to Kingston, to the Radio Kingston Park and they have a park steward that's in the park, overseeing the park to ensure that individuals are operating properly in the park. And, so they wanted to do something like that here, and wanted us to designate maybe an area where maybe some of our individuals that are homeless or other individuals can go to the park that are not in the same park with our kids. And I said, well, before we would even try doing that, let's see if we can get some park student positions in some of the parks that we have kids that are in and also other people like to occupy those parks. So I really do appreciate The Alliance and some of the other organizations that got together to put the funding in place and the park stewards have been hired

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and one's in Earline Patrice Park, one's at Malcolm X Park and there's one they're supposed to be starting in Pershing Park. So they'll be working in the parks until about November or the end of October and then they'll come back again when it comes to the spring. So, that something to help in the parks because we've been having a few issues in the park. We want to make sure that our kids are in the park and that there will be someone there to kind of monitor what's going on. So, we'll see how that goes and whether we need to get other park stewards or how we're going to move forward with that in the future. Also, too, I know that some of you might have gotten the complaints because I happened to ride by to see it, but over on North White Street, it's a mess. There's a lot going on right now. There's a vacant property that's there. There's individuals now occupying that property and also there are people lined up sitting in chairs along the walkway there as our kids are coming from school and to school similar to what was happening in front of Dollar General. So we are going to address that we'll bring our street outreach teams to go on to that particular section like we did at the vacant lots on Main Street. To see about these individuals getting services but also letting them know that we're not going to tolerate that happening in that area of the street that they have to leave. So, we'll be doing that in the next couple of days because I found out it started up about a couple of weeks ago or a few weeks ago. So it's been an ongoing problem. And I guess as people are moving from one area, I don't know why they felt like that was going to be OK. But right now, it was a really sad sight to see. And from what I understand, a couple of kids were basically kind of harassed, asking from people, asking them for money as they were walking through there. And I'm not tolerating people to be harassed or being bothered as they're going to school. So if you see anything, any of your council members, please let me know right away so that we can kind of deal with this and address this situation. Once it gets cold, it's not going to be as bad because individuals find inside places to go, but we really have to be mindful of what happens when the weather gets warmer, especially in the springtime, and also what we're going to do until it gets cold. So I just want to make sure I put that out there because everyone is starting to hear more and more about it now. So I'm starting to get something else today, but I noticed it going to a meeting at the school yesterday. So I think it will be mainly you, Council Member Grant, that will probably see it more.

Councilmember Grant: I've made calls about it over the past couple of weeks, so I'm aware of it too.

Mayor Flowers: Yeah, so, I mean, we can talk about that, you know, so that way can be part of those efforts to go over there and to kind of address it, because most of these people I don't know that's over there. I only know one person that I saw sitting on the step. So, well, we'll work on it. Definitely.

The other thing is to is that the city administrator and I were invited to a meeting with the county executive today. And so she did mention her goals and her plans for a version of a Y.O.U on the site, at the YMCA site. So we're waiting to see what would happen and hopefully that announcement will come out soon. But yeah, we were asked to come in for a meeting and that was something that they discussed. So we'll see what happens. But she mentioned they're going to.. they wanted to show us what they had and what they want to do moving forward. I'm not completely pleased with it, but it is a start. It's a conversation, so I'm sure once they released it that, you know, the community can give their input, and she says she wants to work with the

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community about it, so stay tuned for that as it comes forward.

Also, as you know, we're working on the budget, so we will have the budget ready for the council by October 15th, and I'm pretty sure the Finance Committee has been meeting, so we'll have more meetings, I guess. Is there a public meeting? It's going to be set up soon because I'm not sure I know you set that up soon, so I know it came for us. A couple of community members asked about it, so I did tell them that that should be coming out soon, so I have a public meeting regarding that. I also want to welcome six new police officers and two firefighters that were sworn in last week. Also, too, that as you know we have our DRI workshops in public meetings and there is one last public workshop that's going to be on September 18th, which is Thursday from four to seven p.m. It is at the DoubleTree Hotel. Anyone is welcome, it's open to the public. We want to hear more feedback about the potential DRI projects because, eventually, they're going to be finalized and sent up to the state to make the final decision about which projects would actually be awarded under our DRI award.

Also too, it was mentioned about the Hometown Heroes Banners. We are working on trying to put something in the budget to try to see if we can, you know...when the presentation came to us, it was basically stating that the Hometown Heroes, there was to be someone from the VFW or American Legion that will work on it to determine the eligibility. And that they will send us... a person would order the banners, they'll be sent to us, and then our DPW staff would actually mount them to the poles. And so we identified poles because we wanted to see how many we would have, and in areas that we can actually put the banners, but then later on we were told that they didn't have the bandwidth, and so that we would hire someone. And we don't have that capability to do that right now, but we were thinking about maybe if they had someone, you might have a volunteer or so that might want to stipend a few dollars to kind of process that, because you don't know how often they're coming through. So that was something we're looking at. And then also we were looking at some other options as well. But I know Council Member McClinton, this is like one of your babies. You know, we talked about it, you know, when I first got in here and then it was... You know, when that happened, it was kind of like fell to the wayside, but it's something that we will continue on. So I'll be working closely with you so we can make it happen. So it would definitely be something that we can have up on our poles by the spring as soon as the weather breaks to be able to do that. So something is definitely needed that we should have to honor our veterans, especially in the City of Poughkeepsie.

I do want to ask everyone to please remind people to sign up for *The Buzz*. Because of the fact they were putting more and more information in *The Buzz* so that way they're more aware about what's happening in the City of Poughkeepsie and because of the fact that you know we have something that people can go to to find out what's happening more and people are sending us their flyers of free events that are happening workshops that are happening that can really benefit our residents so we really want to encourage people to sign up for that. And also I..thank you Council Member Henry and Council Member McClinton for your comments in regards of what we're trying to do here in the City of Poughkeepsie, and I have to say, despite the negative comments and some of the untrue statements that hear, I really commend each and every one of you of the work that you are doing. And the fact that you're also working in a unified state to really move this city forward. It is definitely a pleasure working with you. Everything we do, majority of the things that we speak about. is either in these meetings or they hear about on *The*

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Buzz, or they see us all out in the public and people in the City of Poughkeepsie see it and I get the comments about it all the time and everybody knows I'm at a lot of events and I'm all over the place but they talk about how they commend the work that this council and administration is doing so regardless of the comments and the negative comments that we get and the attacks that we give every week from a particular person, please note that there's others that are out there that see the work that you're doing and commend the work that's being done. So I thank each and every one of you for that, for having that unity spirit and making sure to move our city forward.

So thank you.

XIII. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

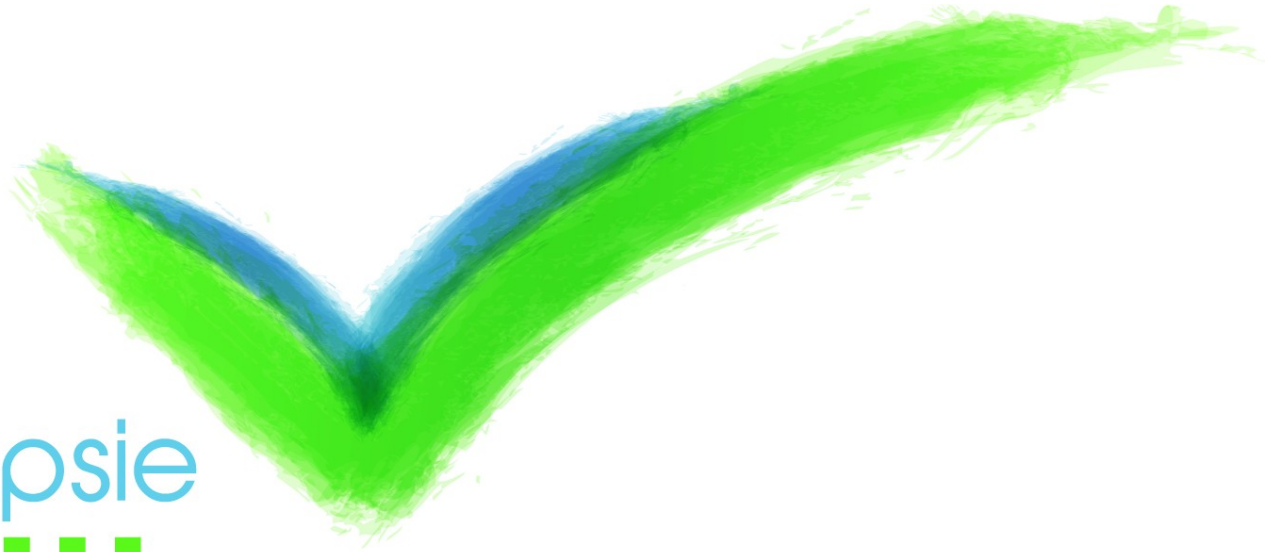
XIV. ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:50pm a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by 7th Ward Council Member Patterson Thompson and seconded by 6th Ward Council Member Grant.

Dated: September 18, 2025

I hereby certify that this true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Common Council Meeting held on Tuesday, September 16, 2025.

**Respectfully submitted,
Donna M. DeLuca
Deputy City Chamberlain**



Poughkeepsie

Alliance

Mission

The mission of the Poughkeepsie Alliance, Inc. (the Alliance) is to enhance the quality of life in and promote the economic revitalization of the City of Poughkeepsie by partnering with local stakeholders including citizens, and private, public and non-profit organizations (a Private Public Partnership model).

The Alliance's greatest strength is its ability to lend the strong business, nonprofit, medical & educational institution acumen of its diverse Board of Directors, through partnership, across sectors in a nonpartisan manner to affect change quickly.

Our all-volunteer, 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization is funded through project-specific grants and the direct contributions of its board members and supporters.

Our work focuses on projects such as critical workforce shortages, improving public spaces, and the needs of youth involvement within the community. Prospective projects are vetted by our Project Selection and Review Committee and then recommended to our Board of Directors for approval.

Organizational History

- Started in 2014 by founder, Paul Calogerakis, formerly a Sr Vice President at Key Bank
- Incorporated as a 501(c)3 nonprofit that same year.
- Established a Board of Directors comprised of major stakeholders in the community including:
 - Corporations
 - Financial Institutions
 - City Residents
 - Healthcare Facilities
 - Media Representatives
 - Higher Education
 - Nonprofits
 - Chamber of Commerce
 - Local Government Officials
- An initial contribution from each Board Member, along with grant funds that were applied for and awarded for various projects, has carried the organization through its first ten years.



BOARD OFFICERS

Chair – Mary Linge

Vice-Chair – Brian Doyle

Treasurer – Eileen Lomoriello

Secretary – Stacey MacDonald

Chair Emeritus – Paul Calogerakis

Administrator – Theresa Gill



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Poughkeepsie Children's Cabinet
Scenic Hudson
The Art Effect
Walkway Over The Hudson

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HIGHER EDUCATION

Dutchess Community College

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Board Member

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Diana Pollard*

Edward Antonio

Wesley Dixon

CITY RESIDENTS (No Affiliation)

Board Members

Paul Calogerakis

Wesley Lee

Tim Massie

Brian Doyle

Mario Johnson

MUNICIPAL CONNECTIONS

City of Poughkeepsie Government

Common Council

City of Poughkeepsie Schools

Board Member

Mayor Yvonne Flowers*

Stacey MacDonald

Da’Ron Wilson*

Gregory Mott*

*Ex-Officio Members

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History of Projects

Supported by the
Poughkeepsie Alliance

Poughkeepsie Welcome Sign

2015



Garden Street Entrance

2015



Kaal Rock Connector

2016



Mural Square Park 2017



Pershing Avenue Community Garden

2018



Digital Learning Initiative

2020



Fiscal Mapping Project 2022

Poughkeepsie Children's Cabinet Fiscal Map - FY19

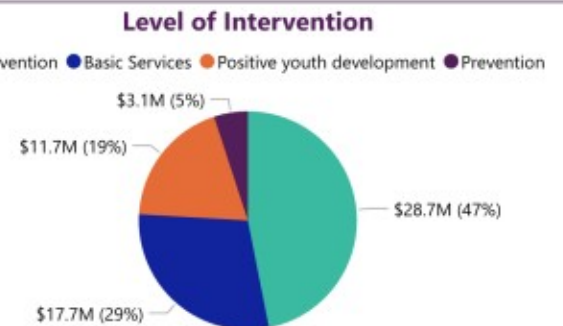
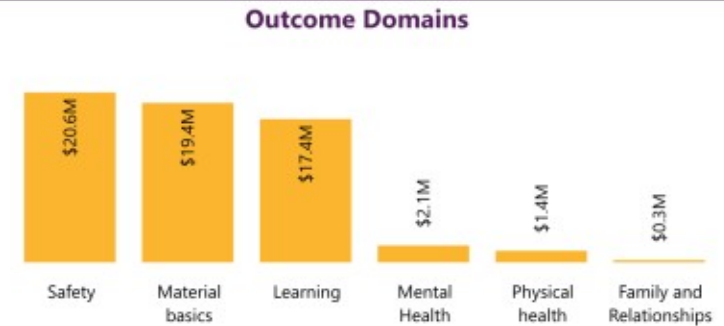
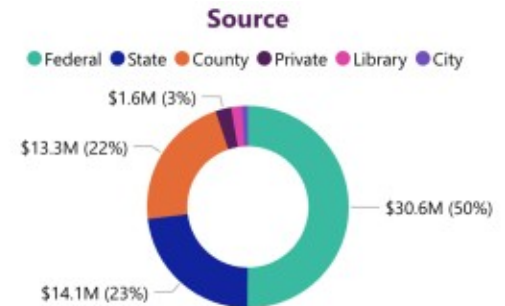
Investment in Children and Youth (0-19)

\$61M

The Poughkeepsie Children's Cabinet Fiscal Map is a comprehensive analysis of public and philanthropic investments in youth and children in Poughkeepsie. It is designed to be a resource for city leaders and youth services stakeholders seeking to visualize funding streams and align spending with priorities. In addition, nonprofits, residents, and community groups are encouraged to use the resource to better understand investments in youth and children. Through a data-driven process, the Poughkeepsie Children's Cabinet, in partnership with the national nonprofit Children's Funding Project, worked with public agencies, philanthropic donors, and nonprofits to obtain fiscal data related to youth, children and relevant family services. Fiscal data was organized into different categories to provide a more detailed analysis. For more information, please see the Appendix (Page 4). *This project was made possible through the generous support of the Poughkeepsie Alliance.*

How to Use: To take full advantage of the fiscal map's data visualization software, move your cursor and click on the segments of the data visualization elements (i.e. chart, pie, table) to view the specific information for that segment. Right-clicking over different elements and segments will provide additional data visualization options.

Funding Stream Name	Description	Amount	Granting Agency
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)	SNAP provides nutrition benefits to supplement the food budget of needy families so they can purchase healthy food and move towards self-sufficiency.	\$8,287,980	US Department of Agriculture
TANF Cash Assistance to Families	TANF stands for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families. The TANF program, which is time limited, assists families with children when the parents or other responsible relatives cannot provide for the family's basic needs.	\$6,399,746	US Department of Health and Human Services
Foster Care - County Funding	This unit provides services to children placed in care through voluntary surrender by parents, court order by Family Court, or removal of a child from his or her home due to abuse or neglect. Services provided include foster care, institutional care, adoption, non-secure detention, adoption subsidies and preventive care. This also includes Committee on Special Education school placements.	\$5,560,332	Dutchess County Department of Community and Family Services
Foster Care - Child Care	This unit provides services to children placed in care through voluntary	\$2,370,362	Office of Children



Corey Ingram Circle & Champions Walk Memorial

2021-2024



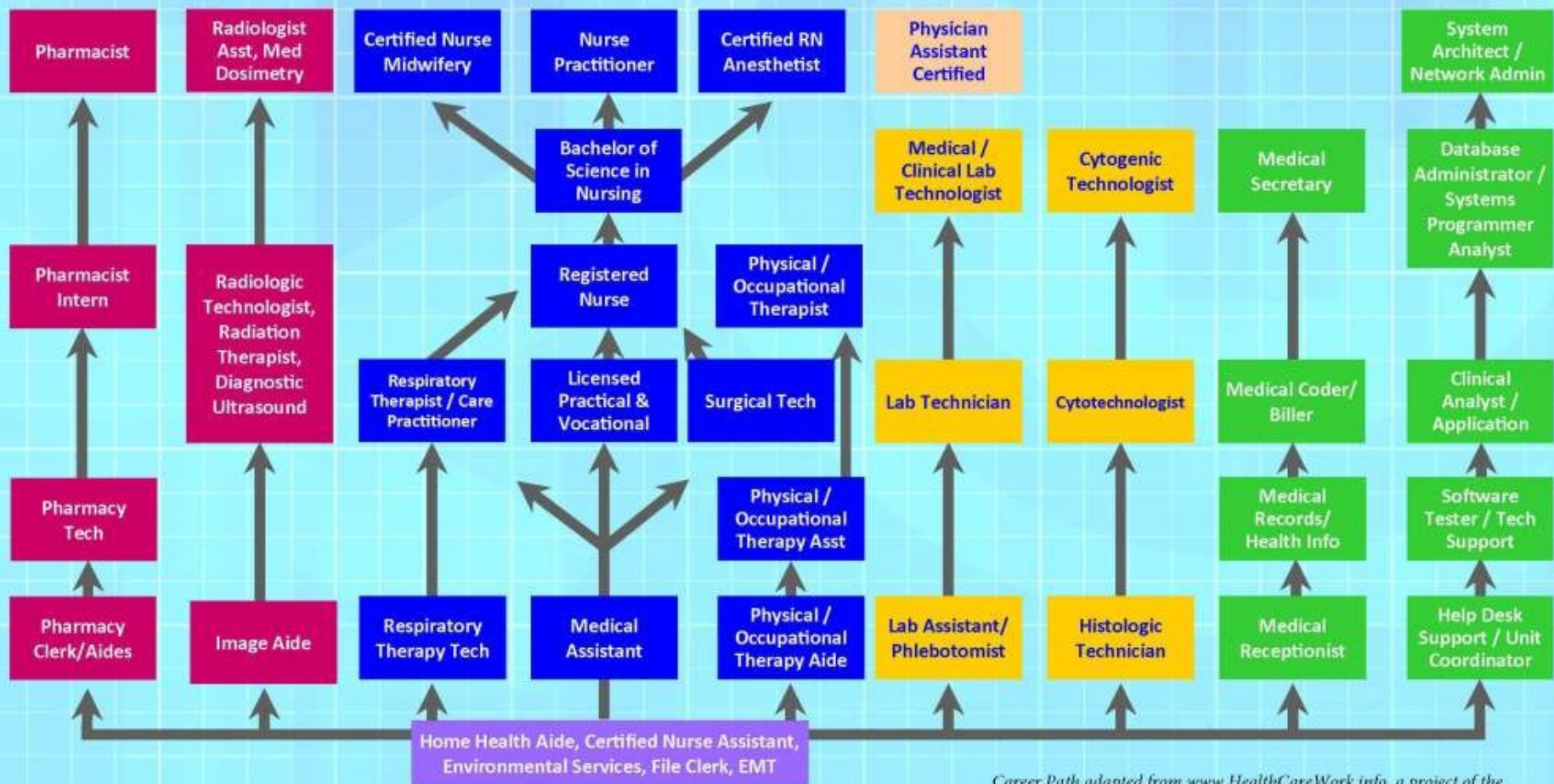
Academy Street Welcome Sign 2025



Career Paths in Healthcare

2025

Career Paths in Health Care



Career Path adapted from www.HealthCareWork.info, a project of the Northwest Alliance for Health Skills and NW WDC.



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Q & A