



**COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
PEG-ACCESS
Alfredo Balarin, Chair**

DATE: **TUESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2025**

TIME: **5:30PM**

LOCATION: **Council Chambers-2nd Floor, City Hall**

LIVESTREAM: **YouTube—<https://www.youtube.com/@albanycommoncouncil>**
Facebook—<https://www.facebook.com/albany.commoncouncil>

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION:

- **Ordinance 2.41.25**
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PART 38 (PUBLIC, EDUCATION AND GOVERNMENT ACCESS OVERSIGHT BOARD [PEGAOB]) OF CHAPTER 42 (DEPARTMENTS AND COMMISSIONS) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY IN RELATION TO THE COMPOSITION OF THE PUBLIC, EDUCATION AND GOVERNMENT ACCESS OVERSIGHT BOARD
- **Public, Education and Government Access Oversight Board Interview**

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: YES

Council Member Balarin, on behalf of the Committee on Planning, Economic Development, and Land Use, introduced the following:

ORDINANCE 2.41.25

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The City of Albany, in Common Council convened, does hereby ordain and enact:

Section 1. Subsection (A) of section 42-376 (Membership; term; compensation; vacancies; quorum.) of Part 38 (Public, Education and Government Access Oversight Board) of Chapter 42 (Departments and Commissions) of Part I (Administrative Legislation) of the Code of the City of Albany is hereby amended to read as follows:

A. The PEGAOB shall be composed of 11 voting members, four of whom shall be appointed by the Common Council and three of whom shall be appointed by the Mayor; however, one such Mayoral appointee shall be subject to the restrictions described below. The term of each member shall be three years; provided, however, that of the initial members, two appointed by the Common Council shall serve for a one-year term; one appointed by the Common Council and one appointed by the Mayor shall serve for a two-year term; and one appointed by the Common Council and one appointed by the Mayor shall serve for a three-year term. The remaining members of the Board shall be composed of the following: one representative from the Albany City School District; one representative from the College of St. Rose State University of New York at Albany; one representative from the Albany Community Development Agency; one representative from the Albany Public Library District; and one current or former member of the local radio or television broadcast community who shall be appointed by the Mayor upon consultation with the PEGAOB Chairperson.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

**APPROVED AS TO FORM THIS
28TH DAY OF MARCH, 2025**

Corporation Counsel

To: **Shaniqua Jackson, City Clerk**

From: **Bryan Jimenez, Legislative Director**

Re: **Request for Common Council Legislation
Supporting Memorandum**

Date: **March 20, 2025**

Sponsor: **Council Member Balarin, on behalf of the Committee on Planning, Economic Development and Land Use**

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TITLE

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GENERAL PURPOSE OF LEGISLATION

To update the composition of the Public, Education and Government Access Oversight Board.

NECESSITY FOR LEGISLATION AND ANY CHANGE TO EXISTING LAW

With the closure of the College of Saint Rose, the Public, Education and Government Access Oversight Board lost a voting member of the body, affecting the board's ability to have a consistent quorum for regular meetings. Recognizing the importance of stakeholder positions on the board, this ordinance exchanges the College of Saint Rose with the University at Albany, another local higher education institution with significant media presence that has indicated its willingness to participate as part of the board.

As the board has been without this stakeholder member for a year, passage of the ordinance is requested as soon as is practicable.

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact is expected; members do not receive stipends and personnel costs remain the same.