



## **MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING**

### **Monday, January 5, 2026**

The Common Council was convened and called to order by Council President Kimbrough at 7:02 PM.

The roll being called, the following answered to their names: Adams, Anane, Balarin, Brodie, Farrell, Flynn, Hoey, Johnson, Jones, Keegan, Lumpkin, Powell, Williamson, and Zamer

Also present was the following staff: Shaniqua Jackson, Bryan Jimenez, Robert Wenner, Alyssa Kamara, Carly Johnson, Arianna Costello; Robert Magee

Council President Kimbrough led the Council in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and requested a moment of silence.

The proceedings of the meeting are as follows:

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### **Public Comment**

- Lo Stoke, Albany, NY – Alex Stokes Contompasis
- Tom Ellis, Albany, NY – Spoke on concerns about the structural stability of multi-floor buildings, supported the Tudor Historic District, and asked for improved crosswalk maintenance
- Keith Irish, Albany, NY – New term concerns, Channel Albany

There being no further speakers, Council President Kimbrough declared the Public Comment Period closed.

### **Consideration of Resolutions**

*Council Member Farrell moved to add Resolution 1.11.26R to the agenda via Majority Consent; the motion was seconded by Council Member Flynn and passed by voice vote.*

*Council Member Farrell noticed Resolution 1.11.26R and asked for its introduction and passage.*

City Clerk Shaniqua Jackson read the resolution:

#### **RESOLUTION 1.11.26R**

#### **A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING SHANIQUA JACKSON AS CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF ALBANY**

\*The following spoke prior to passage: Farrell

**There being no further discussion, Council President Kimbrough called for a vote thereon and the resolution was ADOPTED.**

**Passed by the following vote of all the Council Members elected voting in favor thereof:**

*Resolution 1.11.26R was co-sponsored by Council Members Adams, Anane, Balarin, Brodie, Flynn, Hoey, Powell, and Zamer*

Affirmative – Adams, Anane, Balarin, Brodie, Farrell, Flynn, Hoey, Johnson, Jones, Keegan, Lumpkin, Powell, Williamson, and Zamer

Affirmative: 14 | Negative: 0 | Abstain: 0

### **President Pro Tempore Election**

*Council Member Anane moved to nominate Council Member Farrell as President Pro Tempore; the motion was seconded by Council Member Zamer and passed by voice vote.*

### **Majority Leader Election**

*Council Member Keegan moved to nominate Council Member Balarin as Majority Leader; the motion was seconded by Council Member Brodie.*

*Council Member Adams moved to nominate Council Member Johnson as Majority Leader; the motion was seconded by Council Member Hoey.*

Discussion was held regarding the nominations to the position of Majority Leader.

- Council Member Balarin discussed his qualifications for serving as Majority Leader.
- Council Member Johnson discussed his qualifications for serving as Majority Leader.
- Research Counsel Robert Wenner clarified the procedure for voting on a Majority Leader.

**There being no further discussion, Council President Kimbrough called for a vote on the motion to nominate Council Member Balarin as Majority Leader; and the appointment of Council Member Balarin to the position of Majority Leader was approved.**

Affirmative – Balarin, Brodie, Farrell, Flynn, Keegan, Lumpkin, Powell, Williamson, and Zamer  
Negative – Adams, Anane, Hoey, Johnson, and Jones

Affirmative: 9 | Negative: 5 | Abstain: 0

Council Member Adams moved to withdraw his nomination of Council Member Johnson as Majority Leader.

### **Committee Assignments**

President Pro Tempore Farrell held the assignments of Council Members to the standing committees.

### **Rules of Procedure Adoption**

President Pro Tempore Farrell moved to offer the updated Rules of Procedure of the Common Council for adoption; the motion was seconded by Council Member Hoey and passed by voice vote.

### **Official Newspaper Designation**

President Pro Tempore Farrell moved designate the Albany Times Union as the Official Newspaper of the City of Albany; the motion was seconded by Council Member Hoey and passed by voice vote.

### **Miscellaneous and Unfinished Business**

#### **President Pro Tempore Farrell**

- Spoke on committee assignments.

#### **Council Member Hoey**

- Spoke on the importance of council members using their city email addresses.
  - City Clerk Jackson noted that city emails are currently being prepared.
  - Research Counsel Wenner noted that he is available for any legal questions.

**President Pro Tempore Farrell**

- Spoke on the upcoming orientation.
- City Clerk Jackson clarified the date of the orientation.

**Council Member Balarin**

- Thanked Council Member Johnson for running for Majority Leader.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, President Pro Tempore Farrell moved to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by Council Member Hoey. The meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM.

**The link for this night's meeting:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SQOAinBPQPU>

Respectfully submitted,

*Carly Johnson*

Junior Legislative Aide

**Full Texts**

**Council Member Farrell introduced the following:**

**RESOLUTION 1.11.26R (MC)**

**A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING SHANIQUEA JACKSON AS CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF ALBANY**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 32 of the Second Class Cities law, “[t]he common council shall choose a clerk to hold office during the term for which its members were elected”; and

**WHEREAS**, the role of the City Clerk involves attending the meetings of the Common Council, keeping a journal of its proceedings, and discharging such other duties as may be prescribed by law or ordinance;

**WHEREAS**, the City Clerk serves as the chief administrator for the Office of the City Clerk, Secretary to the Board of Contract and Supply, Clerk of the Common Council, as well as oversees the Office of Vital Statistics, acting as Registrar for the City of Albany; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Shaniqua Jackson is hereby reappointed as City Clerk of the City of Albany for a term commencing January 1, 2026 and ending on December 31, 2029.

**To:** Shaniqua Jackson, City Clerk  
**From:** Carly Johnson, Junior Legislative Aide  
**Re:** Common Council Legislation  
Supporting Memorandum  
**Date:** December 11, 2025  
**Sponsor:** Council Member Farrell

**RESOLUTION 1.11.26R (MC)**

**TITLE**

A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING SHANIQUA JACKSON AS CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF ALBANY

**GENERAL PURPOSE OF LEGISLATION**

Pursuant to Section 32 of the Second Class Cities law, “[t]he common council shall choose a clerk to hold office during the term for which its members were elected”.

**FISCAL IMPACT(S)**

None.