



**ALBANY COMMON COUNCIL
PUBLIC, EDUCATION AND GOVERNMENT ACCESS OVERSIGHT BOARD
AD-HOC COMMITTEE MINUTES
Alfredo Balarin, Chair**

Meeting called by: Alfredo Balarin, Chair | Date: August 19, 2025 | Time: 5:37 PM

Committee Members Present:

Balarin, Chair | Clarke Zamer

City Personnel Present:

Bryan Jimenez (Legislative Director), Robert Wenner (Research Counsel), Alyssa Kamara (Junior Policy Analyst); Brad Glass (Planning Director)

Minutes

Agenda Item(s):

- **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:

Public comment was heard.

- Keith Irish, Albany, NY – PEG Appointment process and meeting noticing

Discussion:

- Ordinance 2.41.25
 - Committee Member Zamer asked if a board member has been identified by the University at Albany, which was confirmed by Public, Education and Government Access Oversight Board Chair Donald Hyman.
 - Committee Member Zamer moved to pass Ordinance 2.41.25 out of committee with a positive recommendation, seconded by Committee Chair Balarin, and passed by voice vote.
- Committee Chair Balarin called Omonike Akinyemi to discuss her qualifications and interest in serving on the PEGAOB.
 - Committee Member Zamer asked for additional information on Akinyemi's Albany High School background, to which Akinyemi responded.

- Committee Member Zamer moved to enter executive session to discuss the appointment of a particular individual to the Public, Education and Government Access Oversight Board, seconded by Committee Chair Balarin, and passed by voice vote.
- Committee Member Zamer moved to exit executive session, seconded by Committee Chair Balarin, and passed by voice vote.
- Committee Member Zamer moved to pass the individual discussed during executive session to the full Council for appointment to the Public, Education and Government Access Oversight Board, seconded by Committee Chair Balarin, and passed by voice vote.

Adjourn:

Committee Member Zamer moved to adjourn meeting, which passed by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 6:02 PM.

Meeting Link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IOw8InMlaOE>

Respectfully Submitted,

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