



Kenneth W. Jenkins
County Executive

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the membership of the Westchester County LGBTQ Advisory Board:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kenneth W. Jenkins, County Executive of Westchester County, in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Westchester County Charter, appoint Christina Picciano, 50 Eastern Avenue, Apt. 1, Ossining, New York as a member of the Westchester County LGBTQ Advisory Board, for the term January 28, 2025 to December 31, 2028.

**Given under my hand
and seal this 28th day
of January, 2025.**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "K. W. Jenkins", written over a horizontal line. Below the line, the text "Kenneth W. Jenkins" and "County Executive" is printed in a serif font. A faint, circular official seal is visible in the background behind the signature.

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Kenneth W. Jenkins
Westchester County Executive

January 28, 2025

Christina Picciano
50 Eastern Avenue, Apt. 1
Ossining, NY 10562

Dear Christina,

It is my pleasure to appoint you to serve as a member of the Westchester County LGBTQ Advisory Board effective today, January 28, 2025. This appointment is for a term to expire on December 31, 2028.

Your appointment is subject to confirmation by the Westchester County Board of Legislators, but your service begins immediately. You must complete the attached Oath of Office within 30 days, either by appearing at the County Clerk's office or mailing the signed and notarized form to our office.

When you have filed your Oath of Office, a Resolution to confirm your appointment will be submitted to the County Board of Legislators. As part of the confirmation process, you may be called before the Board to be interviewed. Please contact Steve Bass at (914) 995-2914, for the date, place, and time of the upcoming meeting for your participation.

Pursuant to Local Law, as a member of a Westchester County Board and/or Commission, you are responsible for adhering to the requirements of our Code of Ethics.

Warmest wishes for a successful tenure.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "KWJ", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Kenneth W. Jenkins
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KWJ/ts

cc: Honorable Board of Legislators
Joan McDonald, Director of Operations
Steve Bass, Director of Intergovernmental Relations

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CHRISTINA PICCIANO

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📍 Ossining, NY

EDUCATION

SUNY Purchase

Bachelor of Music, Studio Production, Summa Cum Laude
Purchase, NY | 2008

AWARDS

Arts Alive Grant Recipient - Issued by Arts Westchester - 2024

LGBTQ+ Month Proclamation - Issued by Westchester County Legislator - Emiljana Ulaj - 2024

Westchester County Christina Picciano Day - Issued by Westchester Board of Legislators - June 4th 2024

New York State Senate SD 38 LGBTQ Hero
Issued by New York State Senator Elijah Reichlin Melnick - June 2021

LGBTQ+ Certificate of Recognition
Issued by Congressman Mondaire Jones - June 2021

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Ossining LGBTQ+ Alliance
- New York State Senate(District 38) Civil Rights Committee
- 9th Judicial Access to Justice Committee - LGBTQ+ Subcommittee
- Village of Ossining Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative Working Committee
- Ossining Documentary and Discussion Series
- Town of Ossining Democratic Committee District Leader

SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

- Grant recipient of Creatives Rebuild New York Artist Employment Grant with the LOFT LGBTQ+ Center 2022-2024
- Create and facilitate new intergenerational arts, music and advocacy programming and initiatives in the Hudson Valley - Westchester County
- LGBTQ+ community advocate with emphasis on political advocacy and social programming for 10+ years.
- Program coordinator for The Ossining LGBTQ+ Alliance, Hudson Valley Queer Collective and All My Friends Music.
- Proficient in social media marketing utilizing Tik Tok, Instagram Reels, Facebook and original graphics with Canva and Adobe Photoshop.
- Contributed to policy initiatives such as Gender Neutral Bathroom Signage (Village of Ossining), Police Reform Reinvention Collaborative Exec 203 Draft (Village of Ossining, Using LGBTQ+ Language and Pronouns: UCS Benchmark for Judges (NYS 9th Judicial Access to Justice LGBTQ+ Subcommittee 2023)
- Skilled in forging and retaining relationships with local businesses, non profit organizations, community advocacy groups, local leaders and municipalities including Bethany Arts Community, David Rockefeller Creatives Arts Center, NY Anti Violence Project, Purchase College, The LOFT LGBTQ+ Center, Prideworks, Arts Westchester, Peekskill Pride, Yonkers Pride, Croton Pride, The Village of Ossining, Westchester County Board of Legislators, The Ossining Public Library, Westchester LGBTQ Oral History Project, The Black Cow Coffee Company, Sing Sing Kill Brewery, Here Coffee Beer, Den of Wax, The Ossining Chamber of Commerce.
- Experienced public speaker for events, rallies and panels.
- Facilitate and create trainings focused on LGBTQ+ advocacy, policy and the arts including LGBTQ+ Social Justice in Art Music and Media
- Detail oriented with an ability to multitask while still keeping focus on important deadlines.
- Crisis management. Ability to troubleshoot and resolve challenges quickly and professionally.
- Proficient in G-Suite, Microsoft Office, PowerPoint, Canva, Nationbuilder, All social media platforms & Pro Tools. Basic understanding of Adobe Photoshop.

EXPERIENCE

CREATIVE REBUILDS NEW YORK ARTIST IN RESIDENCE - THE LOFT LGBTQ+ CENTER

WHITE PLAINS- HUDSON VALLEY| 2022 - PRESENT

- Grant recipient of Creative Rebuilds New York Artist Employment Grant - a two year employment opportunity to work with the LOFT LGBTQ+ Center to embolden and empower the LGBTQ+ community with the arts and advocacy as tools for social justice.
- Outreach, arts, advocacy and service to the LGBTQ+ community from youth-seniors totalling over 4000 interactions and 110 events since July 2022
- Fostering and developing new relationships with LGBTQ+ affirming businesses and organizations including: Bethany Arts Community, The David Rockefeller Creative Arts Center, Sing Sing Kill Brewery, The Black Cow Coffee Company, Den of Wax Vinyl Records, Mazzy's Bar, SUNY Purchase College.

- Board Member Hudson Valley Stonewall Democrats

INTERESTS

Music, Gardening, Outdoors, The Arts & time with my furbabies and wife.

- Partnering and connecting with neighboring non profits, pride organizations, community organizers, advocates, elected officials and local businesses.
- Creator and founder of LOFT Night Out - a monthly LGBTQ+ nightlife event featuring drag, queeraoke, queer music artists, dance parties and more.
- Founder of Queer Voices a bi monthly LGBTQ+ songwriters and performance support group. One meeting a month is dedicated to sharing our music and one meeting a month is our guest speaker series.
- Developed LGBTQ+ Social Justice in Art, Music and Media training and presentation: currently presented at Prideworks, Silver Connections Lunch and Learn, White Plains Library, Manhattanville college &, Fordham University
- Facilitate open mics at many of our outreach events such as Night of Resilience, Transtober Fest, Non Binary Night Out
- Organize talent and music for our annual events: LOFT Gala, LOFT Annual Brunch, Springfest, Westchester Pride
- Incorporate the arts and music for LOFTs ongoing programming and support groups: Unity Table, Silver Connections, Trans Services of the Hudson Valley, Hudson Valley Transforum, LOFT Families, Spirituality, + more

THE OSSINING LGBTQ+ ALLIANCE + HUDSON VALLEY QUEER COLLECTIVE

FOUNDER | OSSINING | 2017 - PRESENT

- Founder of The Ossining LGBTQ+ Alliance a volunteer organization that promotes a safe and welcoming environment for the LGBTQ community merging advocacy, performance and free events for the community.
- Worked alongside The Village of Ossining to create and promote the village's gender neutral bathroom signage policy, the first of its kind for a municipality in New York State in 2018
- Collaborated with LOFT LGBTQ+ Center with LOFT Night Out to bring monthly LGBTQ+ nightlife to Ossining using the arts and entertainment. Queeraoke, Drag Nights, queer music shows, dance parties and more.
- In 2020-21 worked with Ossining's Police Reform and Reinvention Working Committee, to review and update policies to protect the local LGBTQ+ community in response to New York State Executive Order 203.
 - Worked with The Village of Ossining, Matrix Consulting and The LOFT LGBTQ+ Center to host a virtual discussion on policing and police reform for our local LGBTQ+ community as well as provide specific recommendations to improve relations with the LGBTQ+ community and the Village of Ossining and local police department.
- Established an annual pride flag raising in downtown Ossining in honor of pride month highlighting members of the LGBTQ+ community and elected officials on the state, county and local level leading to the formation of official Flag Raising Policy.
- Curated several free screenings and panels with The Ossining Documentary and Discussion Series centering on issues of transgender rights, empowering LGBTQ+ youth of color, AIDS activism and awareness and the transgender military ban.
- Developed the LGBTQ+ Listening Library exhibit at Bethany Arts Center - an interactive exploration of queer identifying artists past present and future.

AUDIO ENGINEER

SELF | NEW YORK/REMOTE | 2010 - PRESENT

- Audio engineer and musician in commercial music, voice over narration and film.
- Record and edit voiceover narration, audio books, film and music while maintaining confidentiality for clients.
- Clients include: Simon and Schuster Audio, Kessler Media Productions, Harper Audio, CDM Studios, Penguin Audio

COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER
OATH OF OFFICE
For Appointees to County Boards and Commissions

STATE OF NEW YORK)

COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER)

) ss.:
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I, Christina Picciano do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support
(Print or Type Name)

the constitution of the United States, and the constitution of the State of New York, and that I will faithfully
discharge the duties of the office of LGBTQ Advisory Board in and for the
(Print or Type Board Name)

County of Westchester, according to the best of my ability.

Date: 2/5/25

[Signature]
(Signature)
[Signature]

Sworn to and subscribed before me this <u>05</u> day of <u>February</u> , <u>2025</u> .
<u>[Signature]</u>
(Signature)
<u>Stacey Reilly</u>
(Print or Type Name)
<u>Notary</u>
(Title of Official Administering Oath)

Stacey Reilly
Notary Public, State of New York
No. 01RE6108292
Qualified in Dutchess County
Commission Expires 4/12/28

Mail **original** Oath of Office to Office to Andrew Ferris, Office of the County Executive, 148 Martine Ave., Room 916D, White Plains, NY 10601 for filing **within thirty (30) days** of the commencement of the term of office or the notice of appointment.