

Appointments Meeting Agenda



Committee Chair: Anant Nambiar

800 Michaelian Office Bldg.
148 Martine Avenue, 8th Floor
White Plains, NY 10601
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Monday, February 9, 2026

4:00 PM

Committee Room

CALL TO ORDER

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MINUTES APPROVAL

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Organizational Meeting for the 2026 Legislative Term

1. Set a quorum.
2. Selection of Committee Vice-Chair.
3. Setting a meeting date and time.
1. [2026-48](#) **APPT-Deputy County Executive-McDonald**

A RESOLUTION appointing Joan McDonald as the Deputy County Executive of Westchester County, effective February 1, 2026.

COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS

Guest: Deputy County Executive Joan McDonald

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT



Kenneth W. Jenkins
County Executive

January 27, 2026

Westchester County Board of Legislators
800 Michaelian Office Building
148 Martine Avenue
White Plains, New York 10601

Dear Members of the Board of Legislators:

In accordance with Section 110.21 of the Laws of Westchester County, enclosed is a resolution to confirm Joan McDonald as the Deputy County Executive of Westchester County, effective February 1, 2026.

I have made a thorough review of Ms. McDonald's credentials and experience, and have determined that her appointment as Deputy County Executive is in the best interests of the County.

Therefore, I respectfully recommend and urge your Honorable Board to adopt the attached resolution confirming the appointment, effective February 1, 2026, of Joan McDonald as Deputy County Executive of Westchester County.

Sincerely,

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

Kenneth W. Jenkins
County Executive

KWJ/SDK/nn
Attachment

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WESTCHESTER COUNTY

Kenneth W. Jenkins
County Executive

January 27, 2026

Joan McDonald
6 Daniella Court
Mahopac, NY 10541

Dear Ms. McDonald:

It is my pleasure to appoint you, effective February 1, 2026, as Deputy County Executive of Westchester County. Please be advised that while this appointment authorizes you to immediately assume the duties and responsibilities of said office, your appointment is subject to confirmation by the Westchester County Board of Legislators.

Pending your confirmation by the Board of Legislators and in accordance with New York State law, you must take and file an oath of office in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk. Please be advised that your failure to take and file such an oath within thirty days of the date of this appointment letter, or within thirty days after the commencement of your term, will result in the office of Deputy County Executive being deemed vacant. If you have any questions with regard to these legal requirements, please contact the County Attorney.

Thank you for your previous service to Westchester County and I look forward to continuing to work with you.

Sincerely,



Kenneth W. Jenkins
County Executive

KWJ/SDK/nn

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RESOLUTION - 2026

TO THE COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS
OF THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, NEW YORK

WHEREAS, the County Executive having appointed Joan McDonald as the Deputy County Executive of Westchester County, effective February 1, 2026, in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Laws of Westchester County, as amended, and subject to the confirmation of this Board; it is

RESOLVED, that said appointment be and is hereby confirmed.

Dated: _____, 2026
White Plains, New York

JOAN McDONALD

Joan McDonald is an experienced executive in public management, transportation, economic and community development, public finance and public policy.

On January 1, 2018, Joan was appointed Director of Operations for Westchester County. As the Director of Operations, Joan is responsible for setting all public policies for the County; has direct supervision over the 12 County Departments and 4,500 employees. Joan has direct responsibility for overseeing the \$2.2 billion County budget. Joan has served as Chair of the Westchester County IDA and Westchester County LDC since 2018.

Some of the initiatives which Joan spearheaded for the County include the creation of the Downtown Investment Grant (DIG) program, the housing Flex Fund, the Landlord Tenant Assistance Program (LTAP) program, and overseeing the improvements and restructuring of the Capital Program. Joan managed the County COVID-19 response including the \$20 million small business and not-for-profit grant program, the \$10 million food insecurity program and the \$5 million remote learning centers program.

Joan provided strategy and guidance to the County Executive and Deputy County Executive as they restored stability to the County finances, which lead to the restoration of Westchester's Triple-A bond rating from both Fitch and Standard and Poors.

In August 2020, Joan was appointed Chair of the New York State Bridge Authority Board of Commissioners. In April 2024, Governor Hochul appointed her to the Thruway Authority Board of Directors. Joan Co-Chaired the transportation group of the NYSERDA New York State Climate Impacts Assessment. She is also on the Board of Directors of NY CREATES.

Joan served as Commissioner of the New York State Department of Transportation from 2011 - 2015, overseeing 8,300 employees with an annual budget of \$4 billion. Under Joan's leadership NYSDOT implemented 30 design/build, best value contracts, including the \$550 million Kosciuszko Bridge, the Department's largest contract. As Commissioner, Joan chaired the Northeast Corridor Commission; served on the Tappan Zee Bridge Blue Ribbon Selection Panel; co-chaired the Tappan Zee Bridge Mass Transit Task Force and served on the Executive Committee of the Transportation Research Board.

As Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development from 2007 to 2010 Joan led CT's economic development efforts through the "Great Recession". During her tenure, Joan chaired Connecticut Innovations, investing funds in various start-up companies in the biotechnical, aviation and IT sectors. Under her leadership, the State developed its first ever strategic economic development plan; negotiated agreements with several Fortune 500 companies and initiated transit oriented development in all of Connecticut's major cities.

Joan has served in senior management positions for the City of New York, Metro-North Railroad and the New York State Assembly.

From August 2015 through December 2020, Joan served on the National Infrastructure Advisory Council (NIAC), where she participated in studies related to water resiliency and cyber security on a national level. From September 2016 through December 2020 she was on the TRB policy committee to evaluate the future of the Interstate Highway System, including the impact of climate change.

Joan received her Bachelor of Arts from LeMoyne College and her Masters of Public Administration from Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government.