

# Appointments Meeting Agenda



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**Monday, April 28, 2025**

**4:15 PM**

**Committee Room**

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## CALL TO ORDER

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## MINUTES APPROVAL

Monday, April 21, 2025 - 4:15PM

## I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. [2025-93](#) APPT-Youth Board-Ferrara

A RESOLUTION appointing JoAnne Ferrara as a member of the Westchester County Youth Board for the term January 29, 2025 to December 31, 2027.

**COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS**

2. [2025-127](#) APPT--Police Board-Palladino

A RESOLUTION appointing Steven Palladino as a member of the Westchester County Police Board for the term March 6, 2025 to December 31, 2028.

**COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS**

3. [2025-163](#) RES - Rent Guidelines Board - Felsenfeld

A RESOLUTION appointing Natalie Felsenfeld as a Public Member of the Westchester County Rent Guidelines Board for a term to commence upon approval by the State Division of Housing and Community Renewal (DHCR) and expire on December 31, 2029.

4. [2025-164](#) RES - Rent Guidelines Board - Smith

A RESOLUTION appointing Gregory Robeson Smith as a Public Member of the Westchester County Rent Guidelines Board for a term to commence upon approval by the State Division of Housing and Community Renewal (DHCR) and expire on December 31, 2029.

## II. OTHER BUSINESS

## III. RECEIVE & FILE

## ADJOURNMENT

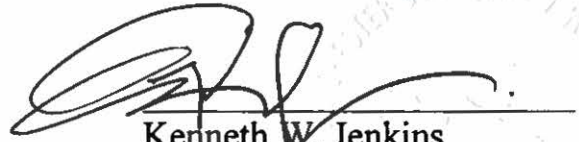


**Kenneth W. Jenkins**  
County Executive

**WHEREAS**, a vacancy exists in the membership of the Westchester County Youth 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 JoAnne Ferrara, Ed.D, 29 Lafayette Drive, Port Chester, New York as a member of the Westchester County Youth Board, for the term January 29, 2025 to December 31, 2027.

Given under my hand  
and seal this 29<sup>th</sup> day  
of January, 2025.



Kenneth W. Jenkins  
County Executive

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Kenneth W. Jenkins  
Westchester County Executive

January 29, 2025

Dr. JoAnne Ferrara, Ed.D  
29 Lafayette Drive  
Port Chester, NY 10573

Dear Dr. Ferrara,

It is my pleasure to appoint you to serve as a member of the Westchester County Youth Advisory Board effective today, Wednesday, January 29, 2025. This appointment is for a term to expire on December 31, 2027.

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 Susan Weisman at (914) 995-2753, 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", written over a horizontal line.

Kenneth W. Jenkins  
Westchester County Executive

KWJ/ts

cc: Honorable Board of Legislators  
Joan McDonald, Director of Operations  
Ernest McFadden, Exec. Director, Youth Bureau

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***JoAnne Ferrara, Ed.D***

29 Lafayette Drive  
Port Chester N.Y., 10573  
Jferrara@live.com  
914-980-4805

## **EDUCATION**

Doctor of Education, Department of Educational Leadership: Fischler School of Education and Human Services. NSU, Southeastern University, North Miami, FL.  
Professional Diploma in Educational Administration and Supervision. City University of New York, Brooklyn College, Brooklyn, N.Y.  
Masters of Science, Yeshiva University, New York, N.Y.  
Specialization: Reading  
B.S., Elementary/Special Education. City University of New York, York College, Queens, N. Y.

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Strategies for Whole Education, LLC**

**2013-present**

### **President**

A **WBE certified** company providing professional development and technical assistance in the areas of community school implementation, trauma-responsive practices and school university partnerships.

**New York State Eastern Region Technical Assistance Center for Community Schools, Rockland, NY**

### **Chief Program Officer**

**2022-2023**

Organize, prepare, and deliver professional development and technical assistance to Family Resource Centers and Community Schools in judicial districts 3, 4, 9, 10 as well as other entities.

**Manhattanville University, Purchase, NY**

**1995-2022**

**Professor, Emeritus**

**2023**

**Associate Dean for Undergraduate Advising**

**2011- 2022**

**Manhattanville College, Purchase, NY. Adjunct Professor** 1995- 2002  
Clinical supervisor of student teachers  
Taught courses

**New York City Department of Education Supervisor** 1986-1992  
Served as an assistant principal for fifteen self- contained special education classes in grades k-6 ( 180 students)  
Provided vision and leadership for the implementation of school's mission  
Developed mainstreaming program  
Provided in-service training

**New York City Department of Education, Staff Developer** 1984-1986  
Provided on- site training for newly appointed special education teachers.  
New York City Department of Education, Brooklyn, N. Y. Reading Teacher Special Education Teacher, General Education Teacher

### **TEACHING CERTIFICATIONS**

Certified Neurocycle Facilitator (2022)  
Sanctuary Trauma Training (2014)  
New York State School District Administrator  
New York State Teaching Certificate (N-6)  
New York State Reading Teacher (1-6)

### **LICENSES**

New York City Department of Education:  
Senior Special Education Program Specialist  
Assistant Principal Elementary/Middle  
Assistant Principal Special Education  
Supervisor Special Education  
Teacher of Emotionally Handicapped  
Teacher of Common Branches  
Reading Teacher

### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

School Board Member, Port Chester School District  
Member, New York State Community School Networking Committee  
Member, Coalition for Community Schools Research Practice Partnerships  
Series, Lead Editor Professional Development Schools Research Book Series  
Co- section Editor of PDS Partners  
Co-chair of National Association for Professional Development Schools publication committee  
University of Central Florida Community School Advisory Board, 2022  
Director of Public Relations for Lower Hudson Council for Administrative Women in Education 2014-2020

### **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

Ferrara, J., Nath, J. book series (Eds) (2017) Forward In M., Buchanan & M., Cosenza (Eds) *Visions from professional development school partners: Connecting professional development and clinical practice*, published by Information Age Publishing.

Ferrara, J., Nath, J., Guadarrama, I., & Beebe, R. book series (Eds.) (2017). *Expanding opportunities to link research and clinical practice, professional development schools research* (Vol. 6). Information Age.

Santiago, E., Yanosy, S., Ferrara, J., & Harrison, L. (2016). *The sanctuary classroom companion planner*. Sanctuary Institute. Author.

Ferrara, J. (2015). Forward. In P. Drew, T. Heafner, M. Chapman, & M. Spooner (Eds.), *Professional development schools and transformative partnerships* (p. xix). Information Science Reference IGI Global.

Ferrara, J., Nath., & Guadarrama, I. (Eds.) 2014 *Creating visions for university-school partnerships, professional development schools research, (Volume 5)*. Information Age.

Ferrara, J. (2014). *Professional development schools: Creative solutions for educators*. L Rowman & Littlefield Education.

Santiago, E., Ferrara, J. & Quinn, J. (2012). *Whole child, whole school: Applying theory to practice in a community school*. Rowman and Littlefield Education.

Wepner, S., B., & the Changing Suburbs Institute (2012). *Changing suburbs, changing students: Helping school leaders face the challenges*. Corwin Press

### **Articles:**

Caldas, S. J., Gómez, D. W., & Ferrara, J. (2019). A comparative analysis of the impact of a full-service community school on student achievement. *Journal of Education for Students Placed at Risk (JESPAR)*, 25(1) doi: 10.1080/10824669.2019.1615921

Ebner, J., & Ferrara, J., (2018). A PDS as a catalyst for change in a London primary school. *PDS Partners Newsletter*, 13 (3), 15-16.

Santiago, E., Ferrara, J. , & Yanosy, S. (2017). Vignette: Public-private partnerships to create trauma responsive schools. In D Zacarian, L, Alvarez-Ortiz, & J., Hayes. *Teaching to strenghts: Supporting students living with trauma, violence, and chronic stress* (pp. 172-175). Alexandria, VA: ASCD.

Ferrara, J., & Gómez, D. W. (2014). Broadening the scope of PDS liaisons' roles in community schools. *School-University Partnerships*, 7(1), 101-17.

Santiago, E., Ferrara, J., Yanosy, S., & Norman, K. (2019) Improving public education by creating sanctuary in schools: A response to stress and trauma in children and adolescents growing up in poverty. In P. Jenlink, (Ed.), *Teacher Preparation at the intersection of race and poverty in today's schools*. (pp. 31-54). Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield Education.

Ferrara, J., & Gómez, D. W. (2019). Re-imagining teacher preparation: The role of community schools. In J. Ferrara & R. Jacobson (Eds.). *Community schools: People and places transforming education and communities* (pp. 57-69). Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield.

Deacon, M., Ferrara, J., Mills, T., Hewitt, C. (2019). Freedom to lead: Building school leadership capacity in the United Kingdom. In V. Storey (Ed), *Leading in change: Implications of school diversification for school leadership preparation in England and the United States*. (pp.79-92). Charlotte, NC: Information Age.

Ferrara, J. & Gomez, D. (2014). Negotiating the expanded roles of PDS liaisons in full-service community schools. In J. Ferrara & J. Nath & I. Guadarrama, (Eds.), *Creating visions for university-school partnerships, professional development schools research, volume 5* (pp.317-326). Charlotte, NC: Information Age.

Siry, C., Ferrara, J., & Lang, D. (2014) Preparing preservice teachers in a PDS context: Insights into field-based methods courses. In J. Ferrara, J. Nath, & I. Guadarrama (Eds.), *Creating visions for university-school partnerships, professional development schools research, volume 5* (pp.179-192). Charlotte, NC: Information Age.

Gómez, D. W., Ferrara, J., Santiago, E., Fanelli, F., & Taylor, R. (2012). Full-service community schools: A district's commitment to educating the whole child. In A. Honigsfeld & A. Cohan (Eds.), *Breaking the mold of education for culturally and linguistically diverse students: Innovative and successful practices for the 21<sup>st</sup> century* (pp. 65-73). Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield Education.

Ferrara, J. & Santiago, E. (2011). Helping preservice teachers support the needs of the "whole child" in a PDS. In I. Guadarrama, J. Ramsey, & J. Nath (Eds.), *Investigating university-school partnerships, Professional Development Schools Research, Volume 4*. (pp. 373-378). Charlotte, NC : Information Age.

Ferrara, J., Santiago, E., & Siry, C. (2008). Preparing teachers to serve diverse learners: A PDS /full-service community school model. In I. Guadarrama, J. Ramsey, & J. Nath (Eds.), *Professional Development Schools research, Volume 3*. Greenwich, Connecticut: Information Age Publishing, 151-161.

### Newsletters

Ebner, J., & Ferrara, J., (2018). A PDS as a catalyst for change in a London primary school. *PDS Partners Newsletter*, 13 (3), 15-16.



Jacobson, R., Ferrara, J. (2019, July) *Community schools: People and places transforming education and communities*. IEL

Santiago, E., Ferrara, J., Flores, M., (2019, June) *The Principal and Community School Coordinator: Sharing Leadership in School Transformation*. ETAC Webinar Series

Santiago, E., & Ferrara, J. (2019, April) *Effective School and Community based Partnerships*. ETAC Webinar Series

Ferlazzo, L., Ferrara, J. (2017, February) Why community schools are effective? Education Week [www.barnradionetwork.com/classroom-q-and-a/4250](http://www.barnradionetwork.com/classroom-q-and-a/4250)

### Videos

More than a Score (2015, May).  
A Strategic Reading Approach (2019, April)

### Blogs

Ferrara, J. (2017, February, 8) Ed Week

Flores, M & Ferrara, J. (2016, June 18) Study Visits: A time for reflection and peer learning. [Web log post]. Retrieved from <http://www.childrensaidsociety.org/community-schools/partnership-press/june-2016/what-we-can-learn.html>

Ferrara, J. (2015, July 3) What we can learn from Wales [Web log post]. Retrieved from <http://www.childrensaidsociety.org/community-schools/partnership-press/july-2015/what-we-can-learn.html>

Ferrara, J. & Santiago, S. (2015, February 4) Blending elements of practice to support children and teachers [Web log post]. Retrieved from <http://inservice.ascd.org/education-resources/blending-elements-of-practice/>

Ferrara, J. & Santiago, S. (2014, November 4) Community schools: Whole child education in action [Web log post]. Retrieved from <http://inservice.ascd.org/education-resources/community-schools-whole-child-education-in-action/>

Ferrara, J. (2014, November 4) It takes more than a community to lead a community school [Web log post]. Retrieved from <http://www.childrensaidsociety.org/community-schools/partnership-press/nov-2014/it-takes-more-than.html>

Ferrara, J. (2014, July 25) If you build it, they will participate: Creating pillars of practice in a professional development school. [Web log post]. Retrieved from <http://www.childrensaidsociety.org/community-schools/partnership-press/july-2014/if-you-build-it.html>

**Ferrara, J.** (2022, April 12). Keynote Speaker. *Creating collective wellbeing in community schools*. Mental Health for School Leaders Conference. Belfast Northern Ireland.

**Ferrara, J.** (February, 2016) Keynote Speaker. *Life in a Community School: A Strategy for Engagement and Collaboration*. Family Engagement Conference, Newport, Wales.

## **PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

### **International/National**

Dresden, J., **Ferrara, J.**, Neapolitan, J. E., Yendol-Hoppey, D., Beck, J. S., Faison, M. Z., Janis, S., Provinzano, K., & Rutten, L. (2024, April). Surveying the landscape of research on school-university partnerships. Symposium presented at the American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.

Dresden, J., **Ferrara, J.** (2024, March). Surveying the landscape of research on school-university partnerships. Symposium to be presented at the national Association of School-University Partnerships Annual Meeting, Anaheim, CA.

Cosenza, M. **Ferrara, J.**, Dresden, J., Rutten, L. (2024 March) *Writing for NASUP Publications*. NASUP (National Association of School-University Partnerships), national Conference. Anaheim, CA.

Cosenza, M, **Ferrara, J.**, Gomez, D. (2024, March) *Exemplary professional development school model*. NASUP (National Association of School-University Partnerships) National Conference. Anaheim, CA.

Cosenza, M., Dresden, J., Ferrara, J., Garin, E., Hoppey, D., \*Rutten, L., & Sapp, L. (2023, October 13). *Possibilities and tensions: Artificial intelligence and scholarship in/about school-university partnerships* [Panel discussion]. Fall 2023 Leadership Retreat of the National Association for Professional Development Schools. \*Equal, alphabetical coauthorship.

**Ferrara, J.** (2023, July 18). *Strategies for Equity and Access*. Summer Institute for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, Southern Westchester BOCES.

**Ferrara, J.** (2023, May 18) *Teaching in Community Focused Schools*. Ysgol Maes Hyfryd, Wales.

**Ferrara, J.** (2023, May 17) *Building Community Focused Schools*. Wexham, Wales.

**Ferrara, J.**, (2023, March 28) *Community Schools 101*. School Board presentation, Hyde Park, NY.

Gómez, D. W., & Ferrara, J. (2018, March). *PDS to the Rescue: Partners in Evidence for Standard 4 of CAEP Self-study*. National conference of the National Association of Professional Development Schools, Jacksonville, FL. (peer reviewed)

Garas-York, K., del Prado Hill, P., & Ferrara, J. (2018, March). *Doing PDS: Stories and strategies from successful clinically rich practice*. National conference of the National Association of Professional Development Schools, Jacksonville, FL.

Ebner, J. & Ferrara, J. (2018, March). *PDSs reach across the pond*. National conference of the National Association of Professional Development Schools, Jacksonville, FL.

Gómez, D. W., & Ferrara, J. (2018, March). *PDS to the rescue: Partners in evidence for standard 4 of CAEP self-study*. National conference of the National Association of Professional Development Schools, Jacksonville, FL.

Carvin, J. & Ferrara, J. (2018, February). *Building global character education at Jinling Primary School*. Nanjing, China.

Ferrara, J., (January 2017). *Poverty and the Brain*. Rockland 21C Family Resource Educators' Newtwork Meeting, Rockland, NY.

Caldas, S., Gómez, D. W., & Ferrara, J. (2017, April). *A Comparative Study on the Impact of a PDS on Student Achievement*. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association, San Antonio, TX. (peer reviewed)

Gómez, D. W., & Ferrara, J., Caldas, S. (2017, March). *A tale of two schools: Impact of a PDS on student achievement*. Paper presentation at the Annual Conference of the National Association for Professional Development Schools (NAPDS), Washington, DC. (peer reviewed)

Ferrara, J., Watkins, L. Grigg, R. (April, 2016). *Developing Community Schools on Both Sides of the Atlantic*. National Coalition of Community Schools, Annual Meeting, Albuquerque, NM.

Ferrara, J. (December, 2015). *Preparing Teachers for Community Schools*. University of Pennsylvania, Community Schools Conference. Philadelphia, PA

Ferrara, J., Santiago, E., Norman, K., (March, 2015) *Creating an Ecosystem for School Reform*. Raising the Bar on Academic Achievement: Improving School Climate and Discipline for Westchester County's African American Students. Westchester, NY.

Ferrara, J., (March, 2015). *Building equity through practice*. Annual conference of the National Association for Professional Development Schools, Atlanta, GA.

Ferrara, J. & Gomez, D. (February, 2013). *The changing roles of PDS liaisons in non-traditional settings*. Annual conference of the National Association for Professional Development Schools, New Orleans, LA.

Huber, L., Ferrara, J., Gomez, D. (February, 2013). *Field-based courses are more than learning methods: The potential for PDS to empower pre-service teachers*. Annual conference of the National Association for Professional Development Schools, New Orleans, LA.

Ferrara, J., Santiago, E., (July, 2012). *Whole Child, Whole School: Applying Theory to Practice in Community Schools*. 2012 Summer Institute: Guardians of Equity: Moving Beyond a Deficit Model Annual Conference. NYU's Metro Center, New York, NY.

Ferrara, J. (March, 2012). *Constructing a community school*. Association for Supervision & Curriculum Development, Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA.

Siers, R. Ramey, C., Ferrara, J. (March, 2012). *Writing for the NAPDS magazine*. Annual conference of the National Association for Professional Development Schools, Las Vegas, NV.

Polly, D., Lewis, P., Ferrara, J. ( March, 2012). *Dangling the carrot: Convincing university faculty to participate in PDS activities*. Annual conference of the National Association for Professional Development Schools, Las Vegas, NV.

Ferrara, J. (March, 2012). *A unique collaboration for clinical practice: The Community School PDS*. Annual conference of the National Association for Professional Development Schools, Las Vegas, NV.

Huber, L., Ferrara, J., Sinabeaux, C. (March, 2012). *Clinical practice is everyone's business: Garnering the resources within a PDS network*. Annual conference of the National Association for Professional Development Schools, Las Vegas, NV.

Wepner, S. Ferrara, J., (2012). Roundtable presentation at the annual meeting of the American Association of Colleges of Teacher Education, Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL.

Ferrara, J., Terracciano, B., Flores, M. (2011, March). *The PDS within full-service community school: Preparing teachers for urban challenges*. Annual conference of the National Association for Professional Development Schools, New Orleans, LA.

Ferrara, J., Gomez, D. W., Lang, D.E., Huber, L. (2011, March). *Building PDSs to respond to the changing needs in suburban schools*. Annual conference of the National Association for Professional Development Schools, New Orleans, LA.

Ferrara, J., & Flores, M. (April, 2010). *Preparing teachers in a full-service community school model*. National Coalition of Community Schools, Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, April 9, 2010.

Interest group facilitated at the Coalition of Essential Schools Fall Forum, Chicago, Illinois, November 3, 2006.

Ferrara J. & Siry, C. "The power of college / community school partnerships to promote reciprocal learning opportunities". Paper presented at the Association of Teacher Educators Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia, February 20, 2006.

Morris, T. & Ferrara, J. The Empathic Teacher: Findings the Other in One's Self. New Teacher Center Symposium: Santa Cruz, California, February 14, 2004

Ferrara, J. & Morris, T. Preparing Teachers for a 21<sup>st</sup> Century School Model. Paper presented at the Association of Teacher Educators Annual Meeting: Dallas, Texas, February 23, 2004.

Rockwood, k. Ferrara, J. , Santiago, E., Budde, K. & Cruz, W. "Supporting Novice Teachers to Fly". Paper presented at the National Association of Professional Development Schools Annual Meeting, Orlando Florida, March 12, 2005.

#### State/District

Crute, G., Ferrara, J. Buke, L., Bulter, L (March, 2014). *Collaborating with higher education: The professional development school model*. Annual conference of the New York State Teachers Center. Albany, NY.

Ferrara, J., Flores, M. "Understanding Community School Partnerships". Thomas A. Edison School, Port Chester, New York, January 29, 2010.

Ferrara, J. "Response to intervention understanding your role". R. J. Bailey School, Green burgh, New York, September 3, 2009.

Ferrara, J. "Response to intervention for IST teams". R. J. Bailey School, White Plains, New York, June 15, 2009.

Ferrara, J., & Santiago, E. "Creating a professional development school". New Paltz School District at the Thomas A. Edison School, Port Chester, New York, June 8, 2009.

Ferrara, J., & Santiago, E. "Nuts and bolts of a professional development school" Thomas A. Edison School, Port Chester, New York, May 10, 2009.

Ferrara, J., & Santiago, E. "Exploring the professional development school relationship" Thomas A. Edison School, Port Chester, New York, April 22, 2009

Ferrara, J. "Understanding Response to Intervention". R. J. Bailey School, White Plains, New York, April 15, 2009.

Ferrara, J. "What is a professional development school?" Park Ave. School, Port Chester, New York, February 13, 2009.

Wepner, S., Weinreich, J., Ferrara, J. "What's New in Education". Alumni Presentation, Manhattanville College, Purchase, New York, October 4, 2004.

Rockwood, K. & Ferrara, J. Mentor Training. Mentor Guild Training, Manhattanville College, Purchase, New York, October 18, 2004.

Ferrara, J. & Brandt, F. Effective Strategies for Teaching Students in Inclusive Settings. New York State's Council for Exceptional Students Annual Convention, Tarrytown, New York, November 11, 2003.

Ferrara, J. & Jones, C. Community School Partnerships. Growing a Full-Service School Conference. Purchase, New York, April 6, 2003.

**Video**

Santiago, E., Ferrara, J. (2004). *Professional Development School Partnership*.

**Grants**

Manhattanville College Faculty Research Grants

Awarded a \$1,800 summer grant to align the student teaching seminar with edTPA

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

STATE OF NEW YORK

COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

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) ss.:  
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I, JoAnne Ferrara 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 Youth Bureau in and for the  
(Print or Type Board Name)

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

Date: 2/10/25

JoAnne Ferrara  
(Signature)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10<sup>th</sup> day of February,  
2025.

Jessica Barkley  
(Signature)

Jessica Barkley  
(Print or Type Name)

Notary  
(Title of Official Administering Oath)

Jessica Barkley  
Commission#: 01BAC26020  
Notary Public, State of New York  
My Commission Expires: June 20, 2028

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.






**Kenneth W. Jenkins**  
County Executive

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the membership of the Westchester County Police 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 Steven Palladino, 59 Wrights Mill Road, Armonk, New York as a member of the Westchester County Police Board, for the term March 6, 2025 to December 31, 2028.

Given under my hand  
and seal this 6<sup>th</sup> day  
of March, 2025.



Kenneth W. Jenkins  
County Executive

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Kenneth W. Jenkins  
Westchester County Executive

March 6, 2025

Steven Palladino  
58 Wrights Mill Road  
Armonk, NY 10504

Dear Steven,

It is my pleasure to appoint you to serve as a member of the Westchester County Police Advisory Board effective today, Thursday, March 6, 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 the Public Safety Department at (914) 864-7901, 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, which includes the filing of a financial disclosure statement with the County Board of Ethics.

Warmest wishes for a successful tenure.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "KWJ", written over the typed name and title of the signatory.

Kenneth W. Jenkins  
Westchester County Executive

KWJ/ts

cc: Honorable Board of Legislators  
Joan McDonald, Director of Operations  
Terrance Raynor, Commissioner, Public Safety Department

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# Steven Mark Palladino

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## Highlights

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- Management Experience
- Communication skills
- Leadership skills
- Small Business Owner
- Military Officer
- Strong Attention to Detail
- Proficient in All Office Applications
- Secret Security Clearance
- HAZMAT Awareness w/PPE, Operations, and Technician Certified

## Professional Experience

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### SMP Supply Corporation

May 2013- Present

#### *President/Founder*

- Oversees National Operations, Strategy, and Execution
- Manages client relations/business development plan
- Services over 30MM Sq footage of Real Estate
- Established Disaster Response Emergency Kits for NYC Real Estate Industry

### Guaranteed Pest Solutions

Oct 2013 – Present

#### *President/Founder*

- Advanced Integrated Pest Management
- Commercial License Holder
- Key administrator in development of annual business plans, forecasts, and budgets

### General Plumbing Corporation

Oct 2020- Present

#### *Principal/Owner*

- Lead Sales Professional
- Budget and Financial Manager
- Intermediary with Local Union and retirement entities for all employees

### United States Air Force Air National Guard 105<sup>th</sup> AW/MOF

Mar 2019 – Present

#### *Commanding Officer*

- Manages \$2.8 Billion in Department of Defense Assets
- Supports 250+ person group of highly skilled controllers, planners, trainers and schedulers to lead strategic mobility missions
- Direct supervisor of C-17 Aircraft Maintenance Operations and Deployment Functions
- Command Team of Joint Task Force Javits in response to COVID-19 Pandemic
- Graduate/Instructor of Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosives (CBRN-E) AFSC//Domestic Emergency Management

## Education

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### SUNY Maritime/ Fort Schuyler Paramilitary Academy

Aug 2010-May 2014

#### *Bachelor of Science Degree*

International Trade and Transportation Degree/Business Management

## Notable Accomplishments/Affiliations

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### Law Enforcement/Military/Civil Service/Philanthropy:

- NYPD: Director of Military Affairs
- NYPD: Detectives Endowment Association- Executive Board Member: Director, Interagency and Community Partnerships
- New York State Police, PBA, Signal 30 - Trustee/ Founding Member of NYC Chapter
- Federal Law Enforcement Association- Trustee
- Fraternal Order of Police, Associate Member

- NYC Police Foundation, Supporting Member
- Detective Joseph Lemm Foundation, Board Member
- NYPD Sports
- Tuesdays Children Organization, Committee Member
- National Center for Healthy Veterans, Committee Member
- Hope for Heroes, Committee Member
- Kids for Kids, Co-Chairman raising over \$14MM for childhood cancer
- Hamilton Madison House, Committee Member
- Organized the donation of over 10K in COVID PPE to NYS Agencies/Hospitals
- Distributed 150k food boxes to local families benefitting over 500k personnel

**Honorary Titles:**

- Honorary Police Commissioner, NYPD
- Honorary Fire Chief, NY State Fire Chiefs Association



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Dated: April 28, 2025  
White Plains, New York

COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS

## **NATALIE FELSENFELD**

130 Underhill Road, Ossining, NY 10562 • NFelsenfeld@nsflegal.com • (914) 323-8052

### **ADMISSIONS:**

New York – January 2017; Southern District of New York – April 2017; Connecticut – July 2017

### **EDUCATION:**

#### **Pace University School of Law, White Plains, NY**

Juris Doctorate, *cum laude*, May 2016 GPA: 3.50

*Honors:* Case Note and Comment Editor, PACE LAW REVIEW; Dean's List (Spring 2015 and Fall 2016); Merit Scholarship; Phi Alpha Delta (PAD) Law Fraternity - Adolf Homburger Law School Chapter - Society of Scholars (Top 1/3 of class); Student Mentor (2014 - 2015)

*Research:* "K9 Independence: A Future Full of Rights for K9 Officers" (advocating for retirement benefits for service animals)

*Activities:* Pace Law VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance), *Founding Member, Vice-President*; BARBRI Bar Preparation, *Representative*; Student Mentor; American Bar Association; New York State Bar Association; Westchester County Bar Association; Jewish Law Students Association; Women's Association of Law Students; Public Interest Law Student Organization

*Other Skills:* WestlawNext and LexisNexis Certifications; IRS Certifications Basic and Advanced

*Areas of Focused Study:* Wills, Trusts & Estates; Federal Income Taxation & Gifts; Surrogate's Practice; Estate Planning; Guardian ad litem

#### **State University of New York at New Paltz, New Paltz, NY**

B.A. in Psychology, *cum laude*, May 2013 GPA: 3.67

*Minors:* Sociology, Communication, Disaster Studies

*Honors:* Dean's List (all semesters); Alpha Kappa Delta Honor Society; Psi Chi Honor Society

*Activities:* Council of Organizations, *Executive Board*; Undergraduate Psychology Association, *Vice-President*; Student Association Productions, *Executive Board*; Student Senator; Oasis Crisis Counseling

### **ACTIVITIES AND OTHER SKILLS:**

*Activities:* Ossining Volunteer Ambulance Corp., *Board of Director*; Mount Kisco Ambulance Corp., *LOSAP Committee; Member*; New York State Bar Association; Westchester County Bar Association; Westchester Women's Bar Association; Microsoft Office Suite; CPR / AED First Responder.

*Skills:* Strong interpersonal skills, communication, collaboration, and analytical skills.

### **LEGAL EXPERIENCE:**

#### **Law Offices of Natalie S. Felsenfeld PLLC, Ossining, NY**

*Principal Attorney*, July 2020 – Present

Client education, strong emphasis on customer service and retention objectives. Planning and prioritizing proactive outreach to clients, monitoring client interactions with various attorneys, estate representatives, beneficiaries and various state and federal agencies to administer estates, trust, and real estate transactions. Reviewing client notes in regard to estate administration and planning. Capturing client information such as preferences and transaction information. Identifying need for guidance based on consultative dialogue with clients. Providing required situational guidance and follow up with client to ensure implementation of estate plan and estate administration. Day-to-day client engagement, drafting, executing, and funding of estate plans including deeds, assignments, powers of attorney, healthcare proxies, trusts and other related document preparation. Counsel clients on various legal matters, including trust administration, estate and tax planning, estate settlement and probate avoidance. Representation of clients in title transfers and real estate related estate planning. Formation of corporations and limited liability companies. Negotiation of lease agreements and related real estate transactions. Drafting and implementation of COVID consent and screening forms for dental office. Representation of clients in residential real estate transactions.

**McCarthy Fingar, LLP, White Plains, NY**

*Associate Attorney, February 2019 – March 2020*

Preparation of all client 706 Estate (and Generation-Skipping Transfer) Tax Returns and 1041 Fiduciary Income Tax Returns for Estates and Trusts. Preparation of various receipt and release agreements for trusts and estates. Day-to-day client engagement, drafting, executing, and funding of estate plans including wills, powers of attorney, healthcare proxies, trusts and other related document preparation. Preparation, filing and administration of various complicated estates. Preparation of Court Examiner reports for various guardianships. Preparation of annual and final accountings on various guardianships.

**Bertine, Hufnagel, Headley, Zeltner, Drummond & Dohn, LLP, Scarsdale, NY**

*Law Clerk/ Associate Attorney, August 2016 – January 2019*

Handled all aspects of probate and trust administration; fulfilled decedent's intentions by marshaling and securing assets, determining validity of claims, calculating taxes and distributing assets as stipulated. Prepared all client 706 Estate (and Generation-Skipping Transfer) Tax Returns, 1041 Fiduciary Income Tax Returns for Estates and Trusts and annual and final 1040 tax returns for clients and decedents. Calculate accuracy of Required Minimum Distribution withdrawals and Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD) to satisfy RMD withdrawals for the taxable year to reduce income tax burden. Counseled dozens of clients from initial consultation to final resolution on various legal matters, including trust administration, estate and tax planning, estate settlement and probate avoidance. Developed trial strategy based on client's needs and represented clients in all aspects of estate and trust litigation, from initial filing of petitions and complaints, to conducting trials. Court appearances on various legal matters including will contests and Article 81 guardianship. Representation of clients in residential real estate transactions. Preparation of various litigation documents including complaints, pretrial motions, memoranda and discovery requests and responses. Formation of corporations and limited liability companies. Day-to-day client engagement, drafting, executing, and funding of estate plans including deeds, assignments, powers of attorney, healthcare proxies, trusts and other related document preparation.

**Mental Hygiene Legal Service, Tarrytown, NY**

*Legal Intern, June 2015 – April 2016*

Legal research and preparation of memorandum on mental hygiene law, including fiduciary responsibility and ability for appointment, mismanagement of mentally incapacitated funds, responsibility of banks, and general research regarding New York State regulations and Mental Hygiene Law. Draft motions on behalf of AIPs. Review and analysis of annual accounting. Assist in representation of AIP in various Article 81 guardianship proceedings. Assist in representation of Article 9 patients in advisement of rights and court hearings. Complete statistical analysis and review of psychiatric hospital admission forms. Interview clients in nursing homes, psychiatric hospitals, group homes and personal residences.

**Rockland District Attorney, New City, NY**

*Legal Intern, Summer 2014*

Under a student practice order, attended and appeared on criminal court calendar calls. Interviewed victims of harassment and domestic abuse. Performed legal research and advised ADA on courses of action, including trespass and obstruction of justice. Observed court proceedings, opened and closed files, organized and inputted closed records and files for use by multiple law enforcement and governmental agencies.

**Vedat Gashi**

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Chair, Appointments

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COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS

## **Gregory Robeson Smith, MBA, MDIV, EdD, DMin**

Dr. Smith is truly the renaissance person who has successfully integrated a successful career as a business, public servant and a religious leader. He has more than twenty years of successful management in senior management positions with responsibility for \$2+ Billion in revenue, and marketing of multi-national organizations, multi-million-dollar fund raising campaigns. Along with a proven track record of success leading non-governmental, private voluntary and religious agencies, and Fortune 100 companies, he also has strong expertise in the development of strategic alliances between public and private sectors.

Dr Smith is the senior Pastor of the oldest African American Congregation in Westchester County organized in 1827 the Mt Hope A.M.E. Zion Church. He is currently the President of the Mt Hope Community Development Corporation; Prince Hall Housing Development Fund Inc. & Prince Hall Fund Inc. a multi- million dollar non-for-profit 501(c)3 foundation providing program funds/grants to entities: To relieve the poor, distressed, and underprivileged in the State of New York with regard to professional, financial, physical, educational, and emotional needs. To further the standard of living of underprivileged areas in the State of New York by encouraging community engagement through housing and community services and economic development programs

He holds and has held several major positions in the A.M.E. Zion Church: President Presiding Elder's Council; senior member of the Connectional Budget Board Executive Committee and the denomination's Director and founder Department of Public Affairs and Convention Manager, the youngest person to ever be elected a Worldwide officer. He is served his 8 terms as Executive Director of the AME Zion Church Ministers & Lay Association.

He was appointed December 1990 by President Bush as President and Chief Executive Officer of the African Development Foundation, an independent Federal agency in Washington, D.C., with offices in 25 African nations and staff of 3000+. Dr. Smith continued to serve in this position in the Clinton Administration. The Agency effectively works with the most vulnerable in communities. USADF awards small grants (up to \$250,000) for technical assistance and capacity building to grassroots organizations, cooperatives and community enterprises that strengthen local institutions and achieve lasting impact.

It was also Director of International Disaster Response for Church World Service an entity of the National Council Churches. His responsibility was to direct worldwide international relief assistance and aid on behalf of 30-member Protestant denominations where he raised more than \$200 million in program support.

A graduate with honors from Livingstone College (Salisbury, North Carolina), Dr. Smith also earned two Masters Degrees and two Doctoral degrees; MBA Degree in Marketing and Finance (University of Wisconsin); a Master of Divinity Degree (Union Theological Seminary); Doctorate in Higher Education Administration and Finance (Columbia University Teachers College; and a Doctorate in Ministries (United Theological Seminary.

Dr. Smith is a 33° Mason and Past Grand Master of the 10,000 members Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the State of New York and was designated one of the Outstanding Men of America; Member of Sigma Pi Phi – Beta Zeta Boulé; Omega Psi Phi Fraternities; and a member of Kappa Delta Phi National Education Honor Society. He serves and has served as an officer and member of numerous boards of directors, including the White Plains NY Housing Authority, and Westchester Community College Board of Trustees.

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Under his leadership he is building a \$40 million 56-unit apartment senior citizens affordable housing project which will consist of 48 one-bedroom units and 8 two-bedroom apartments.

Dr. Smith is the grand nephew of the late great Paul Robeson. He is married Dr. Brenda L. G. Smith former Superintendent of Schools Mt. Vernon NY. He has traveled to every country in Africa except five, and over 30 other nations of the world. His philosophy of life and service is stated in the words of Martin Luther King, Jr. who said in 1948 on his application to Crozer Seminary, ***"I have an inescapable urge to serve society, and a sense of responsibility, which I could not escape."***

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