



Kenneth W. Jenkins  
County Executive

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the membership of the Westchester County Emergency Medical Services 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 Matthew J. Kness, 3063 Farm Walk Road, Yorktown Heights, New York as a member of the Westchester County Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board, for the term January 30, 2026 to December 31, 2028.

Given under my hand  
and seal this 30<sup>th</sup> day  
of January, 2026.



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**Kenneth W. Jenkins**  
County Executive

January 29, 2026

Mr. Matthew Kness  
3063 Farm Walk Road  
Yorktown Heights, NY 10598

Dear Matthew,

It is my pleasure to appoint you to serve on the Westchester County EMS Advisory Board, effective Friday, January 30, 2026. 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.

After you file 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 for an interview. Please contact the Department of Emergency Services at (914) 231-1927 to confirm 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 read "Kenneth W. Jenkins". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**Kenneth W. Jenkins**  
Westchester County Executive

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cc: **Honorable Board of Legislators**  
**Emily Saltzman, Director of Operations**  
**Susan Spear, Commissioner, Dept. Of Emergency Medical Services**

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# Matthew J. Kness

Yorktown Heights, NY | (914) 500-3395 | knessmatt@gmail.com

## EXECUTIVE PROFILE

Dynamic and results-driven executive with proven leadership in operations, sales, and strategic management. Accomplished in scaling business operations, developing high-impact teams, and driving sustainable growth. Adept at navigating complex supply chains, managing multi-million-dollar operations, and building client-centric solutions. Deep industry expertise in manufacturing, recycling, and emergency services, with a reputation for decisive leadership and delivering results under pressure.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### **Director of Operations | B. Schoenberg & Co., Yorktown Heights, NY | May 2021 – Present**

- Lead operations for one of North America's largest recycled plastic manufacturing and brokerage firms, overseeing a 25-million-pound inventory and full-cycle production.
- Direct manufacturing of 100% recycled PVC pellets and color concentrates, ensuring product quality, efficiency, and sustainability.
- Manage company strategy, vendor relationships, logistics, and high-value client accounts.
- Make daily executive-level decisions impacting supply chain, financial outcomes, and business development.
- Instrumental in improving operational throughput and expanding international recycling capabilities.
- Researched and Developed four new recycled vinyl products.
- Grew firm customer base by 125%.
- Grew firm revenue by 62%.

### **Chief of Department | Mohegan EMS, Mohegan Lake, NY | 2016 – Present**

- Lead all aspects of EMS agency operations including emergency response, personnel training, strategic planning, compliance, and budget oversight.
- Grew agency revenue by 150% through policy innovation, operational restructuring, and partnership development.
- Grew agency volunteer staffing by 95 volunteers.

- Spearheaded mass casualty and disaster readiness protocols, improving regional health outcomes and community trust.
- Foster a high-performance culture centered on accountability, professionalism, and continuous improvement.
- Westchester County Volunteer of the Year award recipient in 2024.

**Captain / EMT | Lake Mohegan Fire District, Mohegan Lake, NY | 2017 – 2025**

- Frontline leadership in emergency response, fire suppression, and rescue operations.
- Oversee on-scene personnel, deliver life-saving care, and ensure the safety and coordination of teams in high-stress environments.

**EDUCATION**

Dickinson College | B.A. in International Business & Management  
 Triple Minor: Economics, Italian Studies, Religion | GPA: 3.63 in Major  
 Carlisle, PA | Sept. 2017 – May 2021

University of Bologna | Study Abroad Program  
 Full course load completed while traveling across Europe and the Middle East  
 Bologna, Italy | Aug. 2019 – Dec. 2019

**SKILLS & EXPERTISE**

Executive Leadership & Strategy • Sales & Client Development • Operations Management • Supply Chain Optimization  
 Manufacturing & Sustainability • Team Building & Leadership • Crisis Management & EMS Operations • Regulatory Compliance  
 Financial Planning & Budgeting • Public Speaking & Negotiation

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

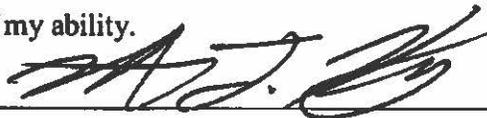
STATE OF NEW YORK )  
 ) ss.:  
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER )

I, Matthew John Kress do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support  
(Print Name)

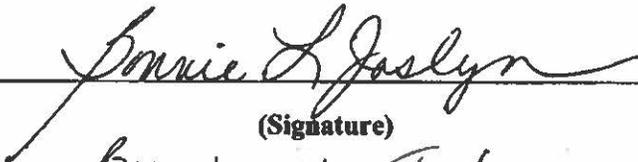
the constitution of the United States, and the constitution of the State of New York, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of EMS Advisory Board in and for the  
(Name of Board)

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

Date: 02/06/2026

  
(Signature)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6<sup>th</sup> day of February,  
2026.

  
(Signature)

Bonnie L. Joslyn  
(Print or Type Name)

Notary Public  
(Title of Official Administering Oath)

BONNIE L. JOSLYN  
Notary Public, State of New York  
No. 01JO4844741  
Qualified in Westchester County  
Commission Expires 11/30/2027

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.