



Planning Board

Monroe County, New York

Adam J. Bello
County Executive

William Santos
Chairman

Monroe County Planning Board Meeting Minutes, December 19, 2024

A meeting of the Monroe County Planning Board (MCPB) was held on December 19, 2024, at 3:30pm, in person, via Zoom, and live streamed on YouTube.

Members Present: William Santos, MCPB Chair; Mike Wiedemer, Vice Chair; Andrew Hollister, citizen member; Orlando Rivera, citizen member; Dave Watson, citizen member; Millie Sefranek, citizen member; Robert Colby, Legislator; Rachel Barnhart, Legislator; Robert Franklin, Dir. of Finance; Richard Tantalo, Dir. of Public Safety

Alternates Present: Adrienne Green, Law Dept. (for Deputy Co. Exec. Jeff McCann); Laura Smith, Law Dept. (for Chief of Staff, Asst. Co. Exec. Amy Grower); Joe Taddeo, Finance (for Robert Franklin, Dir. of Finance); Sean Murphy, DES (for Mike Garland, Dir. of Environmental Services)

Planning Staff Present: Ana Liss, Dir. of Planning & Dev; Patrick Gooch, Sr. Assoc. Planner; Lisa Huntoon, Asst. to the Secretary of the Bd.

Others Present: Monroe Community College: Quent Rhodes, Assoc. VP – Facilities; Antonia Custodio, Director, Engineering Svcs & Downtown Campus; Josh Pheterson, Sr. Deputy County Attorney;

Chairman Santos called the meeting to order at 3:31 pm.

Election of the 2025 Chair & Vice Chairperson

Chairman Santos reminded the Board that only Citizen Board Members can nominate and vote. Citizen members are those positions appointed by the Co Exec, Legislature, and EMC.

- 1) Nominations for Chairperson: Chairman Santos opened nominations for Chairperson. Mr. Wiedemer nominated Bill Santos; Mr. Rivera seconded the nomination. As there were no other nominations, Chairman Santos asked for a motion to close the nominations and nominate Bill Santos for chairperson. Mr. Watson made a motion to approve Bill Santos as the 2025 Chairperson of the Monroe County Planning Board

for a term of one (1) year; Mr. Wiedemer seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

- 2) Nominations for Vice Chairperson: Chairman Santos opened nominations for Vice Chairperson. Chairman Santos nominated Mike Wiedemer; Mr. Hollister seconded the nomination. As there were no other nominations, Chairman Santos asked for a motion to close the nominations and nominate Mike Wiedemer for Vice Chairperson. Ms. Sefranek made a motion to approve Mike Wiedemer as the 2025 Vice Chairperson of the Monroe County Planning Board for a term of one (1) year; Mr. Watson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 24, 2024 MEETING MINUTES:

Motion: Mr. Franklin

Seconded: Legislator Colby

Vote: Motion Approved

ANNOUNCEMENTS and COMMUNICATIONS:

The 2025 Planning Board meeting schedule was previously emailed to all members and hard copies were distributed at the meeting.

Laura Smith shared with the Board that she will no longer be working for Monroe County after early January 2025 and thanked the members for the opportunity to be part of the Planning Board meetings. Chairman Santos thanked Laura for her time and work with the Board.

ACTION ITEMS:

- a) **Amend the 2024 Capital Budget to add a project entitled “Applied Technology Center – S.T.E.M. Addition” and to expand the scope and increase the funding for the Applied Technology Center – S.T.E.M. Addition project in the amount of \$15,000,000.**

Presenter: Sean Murphy, Department of Environmental Services

Discussion: Mr. Murphy presented a new project which will relocate the Monroe Community College (MCC) Applied Technologies Center (ATC) from its current location on West Henrietta Road to a new building on the MCC Brighton Campus. This move will better integrate the ATC’s technical programs with academic and S.T.E.M. programs on the MCC campus as well as expand the Optics program. He noted if the ATC building were to stay in the current location, there would be a significant amount of deferred maintenance costs.

The Applied Technology Center – S.T.E.M. Addition project was included in the 2022-2027 Capital Improvement Program in an initial amount of \$34,634,000. The project funding was increased by \$20,000,000 in 2023 to \$54,634,000, upon approval of the Legislature. Increased funding of \$15,000,000 is necessary primarily as a result of bids received for the project being higher than pre-COVID estimates.

Mr. Murphy and Mr. Rhodes provided the below information in response to questions from the Board:

- Of the \$15,000,000, SUNY will pay for half and therefore, the county portion would be \$7,500,000. Additionally, the county is pursuing a HUD grant in the amount of \$3,500,000 reducing the county's costs even further.
- The building on W. Henrietta Road will be sold. Once it sells, approximately 50% of the sale will be returned to the county.
- The optics area has the ability to grow to approximately 500 students. There will also be more space (bays and classrooms) at the new location than at the current ATC building. Additionally, having the ATC on campus opens up options to use other adjacent campus classrooms as they would all be in one location. Being on campus will also greatly enhance the student experience.
- There will be some credit bearing and some non-credit bearing courses available at the new S.T.E.M. addition.
- There will be approximately 200 fewer parking spots as a result of the new building being located on what is currently a parking lot, however, there is plenty of parking on campus at this time.
- The relocation of the ATC to the Brighton Campus is a primary focus of the MCC Campus Master Plan. It is a top priority because of all the synergies it creates as a STEM hub.
- Mr. Rhodes identified some additional priorities noted in the Campus Master Plan, including the Services for Students Renovation Project and ongoing Property Preservation to address significant maintenance needs. He also noted that the Virtual Learning Center (Phase I) is already in the CIP but may require additional funding. They are currently working with a consultant and reviewing the Master Plan to reprioritize projects. It includes a focus on initiatives like enhancing Health and Wellness Services to improve campus counseling and health support.

Motion: Mr. Wiedemer

Seconded: Legislator Colby

Vote: Motion Approved

OTHER BUSINESS:

None

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

- January 30, 2025 at 3:30 pm

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: Mr. Franklin

Seconded: Mr. Hollister

Adjournment: 3:59 pm