



## MINUTES OF CAUCUS Wednesday, April 15, 2026

The Common Council was convened at 5:34 PM in the Council Chambers on the Second Floor of City Hall, 24 Eagle Street, and was called to order by President Pro Tempore Farrell. It was livestreamed on YouTube and Facebook.

**Members Present:** Adams, Balarin, Brodie, Farrell, Flynn, Hoey, Johnson, Keegan, Lumpkin, Powell, Williamson, and Zamer

**Arrived Thereafter:** Anane

**Also Present:** President Kimbrough

**Staff Present:** Bryan Jimenez (Legislative Director), Robert Wenner (Research Counsel), Carly Johnson (Junior Legislative Aide); Martha Mahoney (Senior Assistant Corporation Counsel); Steve Mercier

### Discussion:

- President Pro Tempore Ginnie Farrell discussed the agenda for the April 20, 2026 Regular Meeting.
  - Council Member Thomas Hoey provided background on Local Law F of 2026 and Local Law G of 2026.
    - Council Member Derek Johnson spoke on Council Member Mark Robinson's suggested passage of Local Law F of 2026 as-is and the current committee process.
    - President Pro Tempore Farrell noted that Local Law F of 2026 was sponsored by Council Member Hoey, therefore he has ultimate say of the outcome of his legislation before it comes for a vote.
    - Council Member Hoey spoke on the committee process.
    - Council Member Johnson stated that individuals who did not attend the Baltimore trip are providing input on the local law that was inspired by the knowledge gained during the trip. He also stressed the importance of supporting the Mayor's initiative.
  - Council Member Meghan Keegan provided background on Ordinance 8.42.26.
  - Council Member Hoey provided background on Ordinance 9.42.26.
  - Majority Leader Alfredo Balarin noted additional technical amendments to Ordinance 5.31.26 that will have to be made at the Monday, April 20, 2026 regular meeting.
  - Council Member Johnson spoke on Resolution 29.42.26R.
  - Council Member Rachel Powell spoke on Resolution 30.42.26R.
  - Majority Leader Owusu Anane spoke on Resolution 31.42.26R.
  - Council Member John Williamson spoke on Resolution 32.42.26R.
- Council Member Jack Flynn noted that the Mayor will be holding the first putt of golf season at Capital Green.
- Marketing & Communications Manager of the Albany Department of Water & Water Supply Steve Mercier provided background on the department and best contacts for council members to address related issues and potential constituent concerns.

- Manager Mercier shared that the Mayor's Office on April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11:30 AM will present the department with a proclamation honoring 100 years of the Water Committee's existence.
- President Pro Tempore Farrell noted that the Albany Water Department offers tours and suggested that council members visit their facilities for a better understanding of their operations.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business, Council Member Flynn motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 PM, which was seconded by Council Member Hoey and passed by voice vote.

**Link to meeting recording:**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DoT\\_xowS3ww](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DoT_xowS3ww)

Respectfully submitted,

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