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CLIFTON PARK SUPERVISOR PHIL BARRETT SELECTED TO SECOND TERM AS CHAIR OF SARATOGA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BALLSTON SPA, NY – Town of Clifton Park Supervisor Philip C. Barrett was selected Tuesday to chair the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors in 2025 by a unanimous vote of his colleagues at the Board's annual organization meeting on January 2, 2025. This will be Barrett's second consecutive term as Board Chairman. He previously served as the Chairman of the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors in 2007.

"I am honored and thankful to my colleagues for selecting me to chair the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors for a second term," Barrett said. "I look forward to continuing our work together to enact policies that ensure fiscal discipline, promote economic development while preserving open space, and safeguard essential services for Saratoga County residents. Together, we will keep Saratoga County a desirable place to live, work, and visit."

Phil Barrett is currently serving in his 14th term as Clifton Park Town/County Supervisor. During his time in office, Supervisor Barrett has successfully worked to secure private sector investment to redevelop Clifton Park's Town Center, permanently preserved 1700 acres of property which were added to the parks and recreation system, built 17 miles of new trails, lowered taxes, saved the taxpayers more than \$1.5 million through operational reforms at the Town's formerly ailing ice arena, initiated a Full Day Summer Camp, instituted a model Ethics Law and many other important initiatives.

As Board Chairman, Supervisor Barrett has been instrumental in the oversight of the County's Department of Health expansion and the County's allocation of opioid settlement funds to identify priorities for reducing opioid-related deaths and investing in substance abuse prevention, treatment, and recovery efforts. Chairman Barrett currently serves on the board of the Saratoga County Water Authority and chairs the county's Airport Committee. Chairman Barrett also has experience as a military officer and a career in the private sector where he last served as a VP for Key Bank.

During Thursday's meeting, Surrogate Court Judge Jonathan Schopf administered the oath of office for Chairman Barrett and for Saratoga Springs Supervisor Mathew Veitch, who was selected as Vice Chairman of the Board and will Chair the County's Law & Finance Committee. County Clerk Craig A. Hayner swore in Supervisor J.D. Arnold of the Town of Galway. Chairman Barrett also provided committee assignments to all Board members during the meeting.

Saratoga County Board of Supervisors regular Board meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month at 40 McMaster Street, Ballston Spa, NY; they are open to the public and livestreamed at www.saratogacountyny.gov.

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