



Court Facilities Capital Review Board

April 29, 2025 Meeting

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Agenda

- Approval of 1/28/25 Meeting Minutes (Vote)
- Counsel's Report
 - Update on Capital Plan Solicitations
 - 14 Priority Political Subdivisions
 - 63 Secondary Political Subdivisions
 - 42 Suitable and Sufficient Political Subdivisions



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Agenda (part 2)

- Board Discussion and Action Items (Vote)
 - Steuben County – Approval of Capital Plan Amendment
 - City of Middletown – Approval of Capital Plan Amendment
 - City of Mount Vernon – Approval of Capital Plan Amendment
 - City of Schenectady – Discussion and Vote



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Agenda (part 3)

- Update on New York City Capital Work
 - Harlem Community Justice Center
 - Bronx Family/Criminal Court
 - Staten Island Family Court
 - Brooklyn Civil Court
 - New York County Supreme Court – Civil Term
- Old Business
- New Business
- Next Meeting Date
- Miscellaneous



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Capital Plan Solicitations (At a glance)

- There are a total of 119 political subdivisions with court facilities.
- Fourteen political subdivisions were sent letters in Nov./Dec. 2024. These cities/counties had either chronic problems or had ongoing/past capital work that needed to be approved.
- Since the January meeting, we have solicited 63 additional counties and cities to engage them in providing us with updated capital plans to address critical deficiencies in the courthouses.
- Forty-two remaining political subdivisions were not sent a solicitation letter. Their facilities are suitable and sufficient and not in need of capital work.



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Counsel’s Report – 14 Priority Political Subdivisions

Political Subdivision	Judicial District	Date Solicited	First Response	Capital Plan?	FDCAJ Recommendation	UCS Assessment of Deficiencies
Greene County	3rd	11/1/2024	1/8/2025	YES	Board approved	Windows/Doors, Insufficient Space, Elevators, Heating/Cooling; Construction underway to address space concerns
City of Watertown	5th	11/27/2024	1/10/2025	YES	Board approved	Insufficient Space
City of Mount Vernon	9th	12/2/2024	2/14/2025	YES	Board vote	Windows/Doors, Parking, Leaking Roof, Elevator(s)
Steuben County	7th	11/27/2024	1/28/2025	YES	Board vote	Former renovations and alterations made in 2021 need to be approved after-the-fact
City of Middletown	9th	12/2/2024	12/3/2024	YES	Board vote	Insufficient Space
City of Albany	3rd	11/27/2024	1/14/2025	NO	Continued UCS engagement	Mold, Parking, Elevators, Leaking Windows, Insufficient Space/ Split Location(s)

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Political Subdivision	Judicial District	Date Solicited	First Response	Capital Plan?	FDCAJ Recommendation	UCS Assessment of Deficiencies
City of Schenectady	4th	11/27/2024	1/14/2025	NO	Board discussion and vote	Insufficient Space (need additional chambers)/ Split Location(s), Space Configuration Insufficient
City of Buffalo	8th	11/27/2024	None	NO	New Administrative Judge (AJ) in place. Recommend giving 60 days for AJ to establish relationship with the interim mayor and to engage the City.	Structural Deficiencies, Mold, Windows/Doors, Leaks, Security or Perimeter Access, Building Exterior/Facade, Elevator(s), Safety, Heating/Cooling, ADA Noncompliance
City of Auburn	7th	11/27/2024	1/14/2025	NO	Continued UCS engagement	Parking, Insufficient Space, Heating/Cooling
Niagara County	8th	11/27/2024	12/5/2024	NO	Continued UCS engagement	Insufficient Space (additional judicial appointment), Safety-Related Concerns, Outdated Design/Configuration

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Political Subdivision	Judicial District	Date Solicited	First Response	Capital Plan?	FDCAJ Recommendation	UCS Assessment of Deficiencies
City of Lackawanna	8th	11/27/2024	12/16/2024	NO	Continued UCS engagement	Insufficient space
City of Rye	9th	12/2/2024	1/8/2025	NO	Continued UCS engagement	Windows / Doors, Insufficient Space, Security or Perimeter Access, ADA noncompliance
Dutchess County	9th	12/2/2024	1/17/2025	NO	Continued UCS engagement	Structural Deficiency, Mold, Parking, Insufficient Space, Heating / Cooling, Parking, Elevator(s)
City of Poughkeepsie	9th	12/2/2024	1/21/2025	NO	Continued UCS engagement	Windows/Doors, Insufficient Space



63 Secondary Political Subdivisions

- The deficiencies highlighted in the letters range from insufficient space, leaking roofs, insufficient heating and cooling, the need for elevator renovation, structural deficiencies, and other problems.
- Twenty-two political subdivisions were due to respond by April 21, 2025. We are still engaging with them to help them understand their responsibilities.
- Forty-one political subdivisions are not due to respond until May 28, 2025.



63 Secondary Political Subdivisions

- Our facility managers, District Executives, and other staff have been in touch with the cities and counties.
- Many of them have asked for the original capital plans submitted in 1989 and 1990s. This has required our staff in Counsel's Office to look back at hard copy records. Many of the cities/counties have just received a copy of these original capital plans the week of April 15 or April 21.



42 Suitable and Sufficient Political Subdivisions

- Forty-two remaining cities and counties were not sent a letter from First Deputy Chief Administrative Judge because their facilities were deemed suitable and sufficient.



Political Subdivisions That Did Not Receive a Capital Plan Solicitation Letter

City of Watervliet	City of Hudson	City of Troy	City of Rensselaer	Columbia County	Washington County
Warren County	City of Plattsburgh	City of Johnstown	Essex County	Oswego County	Lewis County
Tioga County	Schuylar County	Otsego County	City of Oneonta	City of Oneida	City of Norwich
Madison County	City of Ithaca	Delaware County	Cortland County	Chenango County	Broome County



Political Subdivisions That Did Not Receive a Capital Plan Solicitation Letter (cont'd)

Yates County	Wayne County	City of Hornell	City of Corning	Wyoming County	City of Tonawanda
City of Binghamton	City of Elmira	Tompkins County	City of Cortland	City of Sherrill	Jefferson County
City of Salamanca	Orleans County	City of Niagara Falls	City of Port Jervis	Chautauqua County	Allegany County



Board Action Items



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Photos of the Roof of Mount Vernon City Court

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Update on New York City Capital Work



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Harlem Community Justice Center

Current Projects

- Department of Design and Construction **Façade/Roofing Project**. \$40 million project cost. Design completion by summer 2025. Construction to begin in fall 2025.
- DCAS Second Floor Court Room **Ceiling Restoration Project**. \$1.4 million project cost. Construction completion by summer 2025.



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Harlem Community Justice Center

Planned Future Projects

- Energy upgrade to convert steam system to heat pump technology. Upgrading to LED lighting and installation of new interim boilers. \$20 million project cost.
- Elevator refurbishment (\$3.5 million), parking lot (\$1.2 million), gate (\$600K)
- Additional design updates to interior based on the recommendations of the Chief Judge’s Working Group on the Future of the Harlem CJC.



Harlem CJC – Ceiling Restoration



Bronx Family/Criminal Court – 900 Sheridan Avenue

- Since April 2024, OCA has reiterated to the Mayor’s Office for Criminal Justice (MOCJ) that the renovation of the Harlem Community Justice Center and Capital Plan Scope Development for 900 Sheridan Avenue were our top two priorities.
- On April 2, 2025, OCA sent a letter to MOCJ detailing issues with the facility including insufficient space, leaks and flooding, broken elevators and escalators, and the lack of accessibility for disabled court users. We had a productive meeting with MOCJ on April 3, 2025.



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Staten Island Family Court – 100 Richmond Terrace and 18 Richmond Terrace

- Project Scope: New Family Court facility with 8 hearing rooms and 8 courtrooms, covering 125,000 square feet.
- The renovation and expansion will consolidate current Family Court operations which are fragmented at three different building locations.
- Project cost: Projected to be \$300 million. The funds have been committed by NYC.
- Swing space construction to begin summer 2025. New site construction to begin May 2026. Project to be completed in 2030.



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Staten Island Family Court - Drawings



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Brooklyn Civil Court – 210 Joralemon Street

- Project Scope: Complete gut renovation to create a space that houses all of Brooklyn Civil Court with 34 courtrooms on 9 floors, covering 300,000 square feet.
- Current court is located in a leased building at 141 Livingston.
- Project cost: \$250 million.
- Project completion date: Early 2027

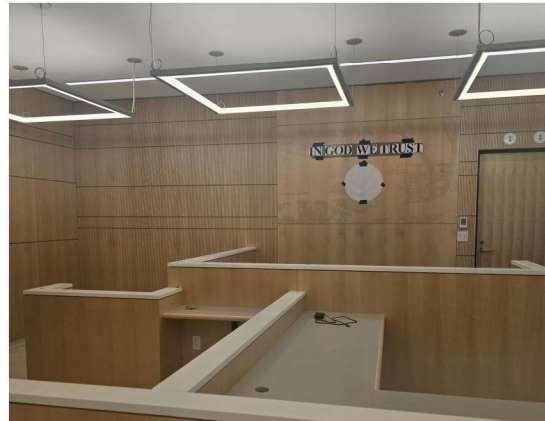
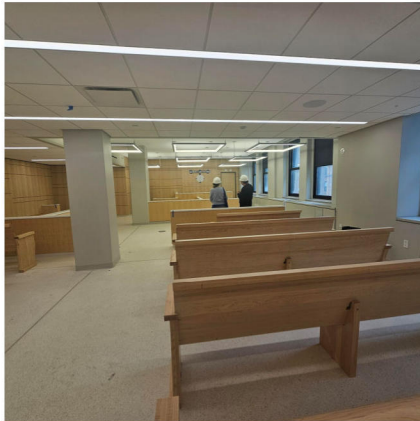
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Brooklyn Civil Court – Photos of New Courtroom



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New York County Supreme Court (Civil Term) – 60 Centre Street

- Phase 1 project scope: Complete rehabilitation of the roof and façade within the confines of NYC landmark rules. The repair includes waterproofing, replacing guard rails, repairing waterproofing at the foundation walls, replacing damaged door and window supports.
- Phase 1 project cost: \$103 million
- They are still completing the design phase. Construction is estimated to begin in quarter 4 of 2026. DCAS is currently developing a plan for interim/emergency roof repair in July 2025.

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New York County Supreme Court (Civil Term) – 60 Centre Street

- Phase 2 project scope: DASNY project to upgrade interior spaces, improve circulation, renovate courtrooms and offices, upgrade mechanical systems, and to improve ADA accessibility
- Phase 2 project cost: \$390 million
- Phase 2 will not begin until Phase 1 is complete.

