

The
WESTCHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS
celebrates

IRISH-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

Monday, March 4, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

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PROGRAM

Welcoming Remarks & Acknowledgements
Board Chair Vedat Gashi

PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATIONS



LIAM MCLAUGHLIN

Presented by Minority Whip James Nolan



RAY O'HANLON

Presented by Legislator David Tubiolo

Vedat Gashi
Board Chair
Legislator, 4th District

Colin D. Smith
Legislator, 1st District

Erika L. Pierce
Legislator, 2nd District

Margaret A. Cunzio
Minority Leader
Legislator, 3rd District

Benjamin Boykin II
Legislator, 5th District

Nancy E. Barr
Legislator, 6th District

Catherine F. Parker
Legislator, 7th District

Jewel Williams Johnson
Legislator, 8th District

Emiljana Ulaj
Legislator, 9th District

Judah Holstein
Legislator, 10th District

Terry Clements
Majority Whip
Legislator, 11th District

David Imamura
Legislator, 12th District

Tyrae Woodson-Samuels
Majority Leader
Legislator, 13th District

David J. Tubiolo
Legislator, 14th District

James Nolan
Minority Whip
Legislator, 15th District

Shanae V. Williams
Legislator, 16th District

José I. Alvarado
Vice Chair
Legislator, 17th District





LIAM MCLAUGHLIN was born on January 16, 1968 and grew up in Yonkers, New York. He attended Cardinal Spellman High School and Fordham University where he received a bachelor's degree in accounting in 1989. He became an auditor at Ernst and Young and went on to receive a Juris Doctor from New York Law School in 1996. He is a practicing attorney and partner at McLaughlin & Zerafa, LLP, an estates and trusts firm. Mr. McLaughlin is the former President of the Yonkers City Council, and is now serving as Inspector General for the City of Yonkers.

Involved with a local neighborhood association, as well as the Ancient Order of Hibernians, McLaughlin first ran for the Yonkers City Council in 1997 for the fourth district council seat. He won the seat in the 1999 general election and served from 2000 to 2010, including service as Minority Leader and Majority Leader. He also served as Chairman of the Budget Committee, the Environmental Policy & Protection Committee, the Municipal Operations Committee, the Legislation and Codes Committee and the Franchise Committee. In 2013, he was elected Yonkers Council President. His first local law gave a school tax exemption to military veterans, which made Yonkers the first major city in New York to offer that benefit to service members.

In his current role of Inspector General, his mission is to conduct objective and independent audits, reviews and investigations relating to Yonkers City Government and the administration of the Yonkers Public Schools in order to promote economy, efficiency and effectiveness; detect and deter fraud, waste, and abuse; and promote ethical, fiscal and legal accountability. The focus of the Office's efforts is, first and foremost, to help promote effective, efficient and honest government administration and to aid in the prevention of conduct that undermines the integrity of government.



RAY O'HANLON was born in Dublin, Ireland. He is a graduate of University College Dublin who worked with the Irish Press newspaper group before moving to the United States in 1987. He joined the *Irish Echo* in 1988 and began his career with the paper by expanding its coverage of Irish-American life and activities beyond the New York area. Because of the large and active population of Irish-Americans in Yonkers, the *Irish Echo* is one of the city's paper of record. During the 1990s, O'Hanlon, as senior editor of the paper, continued to expand the Echo's drive for a greater variety of stories from all corners of the United States, Ireland and beyond. He has reported from four continents in a newspaper career spanning 45 years. For a

two-year period he was a contributing commentator on the PBS-broadcast "Out of Ireland" television show. He has appeared on CBS 60 minutes, ABC World News Tonight, and the Lehrer News Hour on PBS. He has also been interviewed on RTE, BBC and ITV, both television and radio.

O'Hanlon's particular beat has long been the immigration issue and his 1998 book, "The New Irish Americans," is considered a definitive account of the battle for immigration reform waged by the Irish Immigration Reform Movement and other Irish-American organizations in the late 1980s and early '90s. "The New Irish Americans" was the recipient of a Washington Irving Book Award. "The South Lawn Plot," (Gemma Media Boston) his first fiction work, was published in 2011.

O'Hanlon, is a dual American and Irish citizen, lives with his wife and three children in Ossining, New York.