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County Executive Ryan McMahon Appoints Julie Abbott-Kenan to County Legislature

Abbott-Kenan to fill vacancy in the 6th Legislative District

SYRACUSE, N.Y. – County Executive J. Ryan McMahon, II announced the appointment of Julie Abbott-Kenan to the Onondaga County Legislature, 6th District. The 6th District covers the towns of Skaneateles, Spafford, Otisco, Marcellus, as well as parts of the Town and Village of Camillus. The announcement was made at the Syracuse Water Treatment Plant, located in the heart of the Village of Skaneateles.

Abbott-Kenan, of Skaneateles, currently serves as the Vice President of the Skaneateles School Board and is a member of the Strategic Planning, Communications, Wellness, and Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Committees. After studying Speech Communication in the Department of Rhetorical Studies at Syracuse University, Julie worked as a Television Producer, News Anchor, Investigative Journalist, Schools Reporter, and Talk Show Host most notably for Syracuse Affiliate ABC WSYR NewsChannel 9. An avid and dedicated volunteer, Julie has held various roles with the Onondaga County School Safety Task Force, Vera House, Syracuse City Schools Reading Program and the Red House to name a few.

County Executive McMahon said, “Julie will bring a fresh and dynamic approach to the County Legislature as we work together to address Poverty, Infrastructure and Economic Development in our community. She knows first-hand the importance a solid education plays in helping people out of generational poverty and will be a great partner in this effort. Julie also understands that need to invest in our infrastructure and protect our national resources, especially Skaneateles Lake, to ensure we not only have safe drinking water, but responsibly leverage our vast abundance of clean water for real economic opportunity.”

Legislator Abbott-Kenan said, “Thank you to County Executive McMahon for the opportunity to serve our community as County Legislator for the 6th District. Whether its investing in our children or our infrastructure, I believe we have a responsibility to make decisions based on what is best for the next generation. Onondaga County is a wonderful place to live, work and raise a family and I look forward to working with my new colleagues in the County Legislature to make it even better.”

Abbot-Kenan, joined by her husband, was sworn in by Supreme Court Judge James Murphy. She assumes office effective immediately.

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