

Anthony J. Picente, Jr. is the 13th Oneida County Executive and the longest serving in the county's history. He was appointed to the position in 2006, followed by his election to full four-year terms in 2007, 2011, 2015 and 2019. Mr. Picente was named Regional Director of Empire State Development (ESD) in 2001 and, two years later, was promoted to ESD vice president, a position he held until 2006. He is the immediate past president of the New York State Association of Counties as well as a former president of the New York State Association of County Executives.

During his tenure as Oneida County Executive, Mr. Picente has improved the county's financial outlook and credit rating. He has also been a statewide leader in consolidation efforts and initiatives. Through those efforts he has been able to keep taxes in line while increasing the efficiency and effectiveness of services his county government provides.

He has focused on advancing economic development in the county in such high-tech areas as nanotechnology, cyber security and unmanned aerial systems. This includes creating Griffiss International Airport as the North Eastern United States' only FAA UAS Test Site. Mr. Picente has also been instrumental in the renaissance of the Adirondack Bank Center at the Utica Memorial Auditorium leading the way in the transformation of the county-owned facility which is now home to the AHL's Utica Comets and the MASAL's Utica City Football Club.

He also created The Vision 2020 Initiative, bringing together stakeholders from across Oneida County for promoting job opportunities, as well as education, training and housing alternatives. Vision 2020 has now expanded to deal with Transportation issues including connectivity, alternatives to automobiles and access.

Mr. Picente was instrumental in the state and county's reaching of an historic settlement in 2013 with the Oneida Indian Nation.

Mr. Picente, who attended Utica public schools, holds an associate degree from Mohawk Valley Community College and a bachelor's degree from Utica College.