

Budget & Appropriations

BOL Meeting Minutes - Published Draft



Committee Chair: Jewel Williams Johnson

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Monday, September 29, 2025

10:00 AM

Committee Room

CALL TO ORDER

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Legislator Colin Smith will be participating remotely from 1132 Main Street, Suite 1, Peekskill, New York 10566

With a quorum present, Chair Williams Johnson called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM.

Others in Attendance: GUESTS: John Nonna, Jane Hogan-Felix, Joe Slaughter, Michael Callan, Susan Darling, Rachel Noe, Chris Steers, Obed Varughese, Dianne Vanadia, David Kvinge, Leonard Gruenfeld, Peter Tartaglia, Loren Zeitler ; BOL: Emiljana Ulaj, Catherine Parker, James Silverberg, Jill Axelrod, Dayana Gomez, Shatika Parker, Marcello Figueroa, Santiago Caceras

Present: Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Gashi and Imamura

Absent: Legislator Williams

MINUTES APPROVAL

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. [ACT-2025-196](#) ACT - Lawsuit Settlement GCVA WCH-DOE v. WMC, WCHCC and WC

AN ACT authorizing the County Attorney to settle the lawsuit of GCVA WCH-DOE v. Westchester Medical Center, Westchester County Health Care Corporation and Westchester County in Supreme Court Westchester County in the amount of EIGHT HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE THOUSAND (\$875,000) DOLLARS, inclusive of attorney's fees.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND LAW & MAJOR CONTRACTS

Joint with LMC.

Guests: Law Department

County Attorney John Nonna

Deputy County Attorney Taryn Langrin

Please note that this item was taken out of order and discussed and voted on second.

With a motion by Legislator Williams Johnson, seconded by Legislator Imamura, the committee went into executive session to discuss legal strategy at 10:44 a.m. With a motion by Legislator Williams Johnson, seconded by Legislator Pierce, the committee came out of executive session at 11:03 a.m.

On motion of Imamura, seconded by Legislator Pierce, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Gashi and Imamura

Absent: Legislator Williams

2. [ACT-2025-197](#) **ACT - Lawsuit Settlement of Fields v. The County of Westchester, Westchester Community College**

AN ACT authorizing the County Attorney to settle the lawsuit of Richard Fields v The County of Westchester, Westchester Community College, et al., in the amount of TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$200,000) DOLLARS, inclusive of attorney's fees with the County contributing ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY THOUSAND (\$180,000) DOLLARS and Facility Services Association contributing TWENTY THOUSAND (\$20,000) DOLLARS.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND LAW & MAJOR CONTRACTS

Joint with LMC.

Guests: Law Department

County Attorney John Nonna

Assistant Chief Deputy County Attorney Jane Hogan-Felix

Joe Slaughter, Esq.

Please note that this item was taken out of order and discussed and voted on first.

With a motion by Legislator Williams Johnson, seconded by Legislator Pierce, the committee went into executive session to discuss legal strategy at 10:11 a.m. With a motion by Legislator Williams Johnson, seconded by Legislator Imamura, the committee came out of executive session at 10:27 a.m.

On motion of Imamura, seconded by Legislator Barr, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Gashi and Imamura

Absent: Legislator Williams

Away: Legislator Tubiolo

3. [ACT-2025-198](#) **ACT - Authorization to Commence an Action against Machinery Equipment Rebuilders**

AN ACT authorizing the County Attorney to initiate legal action including, but not limited to, third-party claims, cross-claims, and/or counterclaims on behalf of the County of Westchester

against Machinery Equipment Rebuilders, Paul Miller, and any other responsible party as may be necessary and appropriate to protect the County's interests in connection with return of the Dragon Coaster gearbox and/or monetary damages as may be appropriate.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND LAW & MAJOR CONTRACTS

Joint with LMC.

Guests: Law Department

County Attorney John Nonna

Deputy County Attorney John Fico

On motion of Legislator Pierce, seconded by Imamura, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo and Imamura

Absent: Legislator Williams

Away: Legislator Gashi

4. **ACT-2025-199 ACT - Opioid Settlement - Additional Manufacturers**

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to settle the claims against additional manufacturers Alvogen, Inc.; Amneal Pharmaceuticals, Inc.; Apotex Inc.; Hikma Pharmaceuticals USA Inc.; Indivior Inc.; Mylan Pharmaceuticals Inc.; Sun Pharmaceutical Industries, Inc.; and Zydus Pharmaceuticals (USA), Inc. in an adversary proceeding filed in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Westchester County, titled The County of Westchester v. Purdue Pharma, et al., arising out of the alleged abuse and misuse of opioids.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND LAW & MAJOR CONTRACTS

Joint with LMC.

Guests: Law Department

County Attorney John Nonna

Associate County Attorney Loren Zeitler

On motion of Imamura, seconded by Legislator Pierce, the above item was signed by committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo and Imamura

Absent: Legislator Williams

Away: Legislator Gashi

5. **ACT-2025-200 ACT - Opioid Settlement , Purdue/Sackler**

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to settle the claims against Purdue Pharma

LP ("Purdue") as set forth in the Purdue/Sackler bankruptcy settlement plan (the "Plan") in an adversary proceeding filed in the Supreme Court of the State of NY, Westchester County, titled The County of Westchester v. Purdue Pharma, et al. arising out of the alleged abuse and misuse of opioids.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND LAW & MAJOR CONTRACTS

Joint with LMC.

Guests: Law Department

County Attorney John Nonna

Associate County Attorney Loren Zeitler

On motion of Imamura, seconded by Legislator Pierce, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo and Imamura

Absent: Legislator Williams

Away: Legislator Gashi

6. [ACT-2025-193](#) BOND ACT-BLA1A-2944-Parkland and Historical Preservation Program

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of TWO MILLION, FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND (\$2,550,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project BLA1A - Parkland and Historical Preservation Program.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, PARKS & ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION

Joint with PE and PWT.

Guests: Planning Department

Chief Planner Susan Darling

Program Administrator Leonard Gruenfeld

Associate Planner Obed Varughese

Assistant Commissioner David Kvinge

Director of Countywide Administrative Services Chris Steers

On motion of Legislator Holstein, seconded by Legislator Pierce, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo and Imamura

Absent: Legislator Williams

Away: Legislator Gashi

7. [ACT-2025-194](#) ACT-Purchase of 230 and 224 White Plains Road, Tuckahoe-BLA1A-2944

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to purchase two (2) parcels of real property

located at 230 and 224 White Plains Road in Tuckahoe, New York.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, PARKS & ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION

Joint with PE and PWT.

Guests: Planning Department

Chief Planner Susan Darling

Program Administrator Leonard Gruenfeld

Associate Planner Obed Varughese

Assistant Commissioner David Kvinge

Director of Countywide Administrative Services Chris Steers

On motion of Legislator Holstein, seconded by Legislator Pierce, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo and Imamura

Absent: Legislator Williams

Away: Legislator Gashi

8. **[ACT-2025-201](#) BOND ACT-BPL37-NHLA-632-636 South Broadway, Yonkers**

A BOND ACT (A New Homes Land Acquisition Bond Act "NHLA") authorizing the issuance of FIVE MILLION, NINE HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$5,900,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project BPL37.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, HOUSING & PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION

Joint with PWT.

Guests: Planning Department

Chief Planner Susan Darling

Program Administrator Leonard Gruenfeld

Associate Planner Obed Varughese

Assistant Commissioner David Kvinge

This ACT - Bond Act was continued

9. **[ACT-2025-202](#) ACT-Land Acquisition-632-636 South Broadway, Yonkers**

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to purchase approximately +/- 16,640 square feet of real property located at 632-636 South Broadway in the City of Yonkers and to subsequently convey said property, as well as authorizing the County to grant and accept any property rights necessary in furtherance thereof, for the purpose of contracting a new building with 160 affordable rental units that will affirmatively further fair housing and remain affordable for a period of not less than fifty (50) years.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, HOUSING & PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION

Joint with PWT.

Guests: Planning Department

Chief Planner Susan Darling

Program Administrator Leonard Gruenfeld

Associate Planner Obed Varughese

Assistant Commissioner David Kvinge

This ACT was continued

10. [ACT-2025-203](#) **BOND ACT-BPL1A-Infrastructure Improvements-632-636 South Broadway, Yonkers**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of FOUR MILLION, FIFTY THOUSAND (\$4,050,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project BPL 1A.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, HOUSING & PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION

Joint with PWT.

Guests: Planning Department

Chief Planner Susan Darling

Program Administrator Leonard Gruenfeld

Associate Planner Obed Varughese

Assistant Commissioner David Kvinge

This ACT - Bond Act was continued

11. [ACT-2025-204](#) **ACT-IMDA-Yonkers & Macquesten Development, LLC-632-636 South Broadway, Yonkers**

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester (the "County") to enter into an inter-municipal developer agreement with the City of Yonkers and Macquesten Development LLC, its successors or assigns, or any entity created to carry out the purposes of the transaction in order to fund certain infrastructure improvements and authorizing the County to grant and accept any property rights necessary in furtherance thereof, all for the purpose of constructing 160 affordable rental units that will affirmatively further fair housing at 632-636 South Broadway in the City of Yonkers and remain affordable for a period of not less than 50 years.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, HOUSING & PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION

Joint with PWT.

Guests: Planning Department

Chief Planner Susan Darling

Program Administrator Leonard Gruenfeld

Associate Planner Obed Varughese

Assistant Commissioner David Kvinge

This ACT - Enter Into Agreement was continued

12. [2025-376](#) **CBA-BPL46-Glenview Mansion Improvements**

AN ACT amending the 2025 County Capital Budget Appropriations for Capital Project BPL46 - Glenview Mansion Improvements.

**COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND
PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION**

Joint with PWT.

Guests: Planning Department

Chief Planner Susan Darling

Program Administrator Leonard Gruenfeld

Associate Planner Obed Varughese

Assistant Commissioner David Kvinge

Associate County Attorney Rachel Noe-LAW

On motion of Legislator Barr, seconded by Legislator Smith, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Barr, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo,
Legislator Gashi and Imamura

Absent: Legislator Williams

Abstain: Legislator Pierce

WO Prejudice: Legislator Williams Johnson

13. [2025-377](#) **BOND ACT-BPL46-Glenview Mansion Improvements**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of ONE MILLION, ONE HUNDRED FORTY-THREE THOUSAND (\$1,143,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project BPL46 - Glenview Mansion Improvements.

**COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND
PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION**

Joint with PWT.

Guests: Planning Department

Chief Planner Susan Darling

Program Administrator Leonard Gruenfeld

Associate Planner Obed Varughese

Assistant Commissioner David Kvinge

Associate County Attorney Rachel Noe-LAW

On motion of Legislator Barr, seconded by Legislator Smith, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Barr, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo,
Legislator Gashi and Imamura

Absent: Legislator Williams

Abstain: Legislator Pierce

WO Prejudice: Legislator Williams Johnson

14. [RES-2025-95](#) PH-Third Amendment to IMA-Yonkers-BPL46

A RESOLUTION to set a Public Hearing on "A LOCAL LAW authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into the Third Amendment to the intermunicipal agreement with the City of Yonkers concerning the Hudson River Museum Component of the Revised JFK Project to increase the County's contribution and the City's contribution for the Hudson River Component of the Revised JFK Project and extend the term of the lease from the City of the property, which is located along the northern portion of the City's waterfront at and adjacent to Trevor Park and the JFK Marina, for a period of at least the life of any County bonds issued to finance the Capital Project BPL46 - Glenview Mansion Improvements." [Public Hearing set for October 20, 2025 at 7:30 p.m.]. LOCAL LAW INTRO: 2025-379.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION

Joint with PWT.

Guests: Planning Department

Chief Planner Susan Darling

Program Administrator Leonard Gruenfeld

Associate Planner Obed Varughese

Assistant Commissioner David Kvinge

Associate County Attorney Rachel Noe-LAW

On motion of Legislator Barr, seconded by Legislator Smith, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Barr, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Gashi and Imamura

Absent: Legislator Williams

Abstain: Legislator Pierce

WO Prejudice: Legislator Williams Johnson

15. [2025-379](#) LOCAL LAW-Third Amendment to IMA-Yonkers-BPL46

A LOCAL LAW authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into the Third Amendment to the intermunicipal agreement with the City of Yonkers concerning the Hudson River Museum Component of the Revised JFK Project to increase the County's contribution and the City's contribution for the Hudson River Component of the Revised JFK Project and extend the term of the lease from the City of the property, which is located along the northern portion of the City's waterfront at and adjacent to Trevor Park and the JFK Marina, for a period of at least the life of any County bonds issued to finance the Capital Project BPL46 - Glenview Mansion Improvements.

COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION

Joint with PWT.

Guests: Planning Department

Chief Planner Susan Darling

Program Administrator Leonard Gruenfeld

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Assistant Commissioner David Kvinge

Associate County Attorney Rachel Noe-LAW

On motion of Legislator Barr, seconded by Legislator Smith, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Barr, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Gashi and Imamura

Absent: Legislator Williams

Abstain: Legislator Pierce

WO Prejudice: Legislator Williams Johnson

16. [ACT-2025-191](#) **BOND ACT-BPL26-2943-Flood Mitigation**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND (\$450,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project BPL26 - Flood Mitigation.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION

Joint with PWT.

Guests: Planning Department

Chief Planner Susan Darling

Program Administrator Leonard Gruenfeld

Associate Planner Obed Varughese

Assistant Commissioner David Kvinge

On motion of Legislator Williams Johnson, seconded by Imamura, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo and Imamura

Absent: Legislator Williams

Away: Legislator Gashi

17. [ACT-2025-192](#) **IMA-Flood Mitigation-BPL26-2943-Greenburgh**

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into an intermunicipal agreement with the Town of Greenburgh in connection with a flood mitigation project - Capital Project BPL26 - Unique ID #2943.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND PUBLIC

WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION

Joint with PWT.

Guests: Planning Department

Chief Planner Susan Darling

Program Administrator Leonard Gruenfeld

Associate Planner Obed Varughese

Assistant Commissioner David Kvinge

On motion of Legislator Williams Johnson, seconded by Imamura, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo and Imamura

Absent: Legislator Williams

Away: Legislator Gashi

II. OTHER BUSINESS**III. RECEIVE & FILE****ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Imamura, seconded by Legislator Holstein, the Committee adjourned at 1:02 PM. by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith and Imamura

Absent: Legislator Williams

Away: Legislator Tubiolo and Legislator Gashi