



# Budget & Appropriations

## BOL Meeting Minutes - Final

Committee Chair: Vedat Gashi

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148 Martine Avenue, 8th Floor  
White Plains, NY 10601  
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Monday, October 3, 2022

10:00 AM

Committee Room

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### CALL TO ORDER

Joint with Public Works & Transportation committee

*Please note: This meeting will be held in person at the Michaelian Office Building, 148 Martine Avenue, White Plains, New York 10601 in the McPoland Conference Room # 824 and also remotely via WebEx. Legislators may participate in person or via video conferencing through WebEx. Members of the public are invited to attend the meeting in person at any of its locations or view it online at the Westchester Legislators website: <https://westchestercountyny.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx> this website also has links to the Agenda Packets containing documents to be discussed at the meeting.*

*Chairwoman Catherine Borgia will be participating remotely from Clear View School and Day Treatment Center, 480 Albany Post Road, Briarcliff, NY, 10510*

*With a quorum present, Chair Gashi called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.*

**Present:** Committee Chair Gashi, Legislator Barr, Legislator Borgia, Legislator Maher, Legislator Parker, Legislator Pierce, Committee Vice-Chair Shimsky, Legislator Smith, Legislator Williams Johnson and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

**Absent:** Legislator Tubiolo

**Remote:** Legislator Nolan

### MINUTES APPROVAL

#### I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

##### 1. [ACT-2022-131](#) **BOND ACT-A0099-Airport Natural Gas Pipeline**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND (\$550,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project A0099 - Airport Natural Gas Pipeline.

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

Joint with Public Works & Transportation committee.

Guests: DPW: Brian Hegt; Avports: April L. Gasparri, Westchester County Airport Manager

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*Mr. Hegt and Ms. Gasparri discussed the item. Legislator Shimsky asked if the reduction in greenhouse emissions came from increased energy efficiency. Ms. Gasparri said yes. Legislator Shimsky asked why the box for energy efficiency was not checked off on the Capital Project Fact Sheet. Mr. Hegt said it was probably an oversight and he would look into it.*

*Legislator Shimsky asked how much the length of the pipeline had been reduced from the original proposal. Mr. Hegt said 50%. Legislator Shimsky asked for the estimated total cost of the project. Mr. Hegt said the last estimate was about \$420,000. He noted that there is environmental work that needs to take place which accounts for the additional design costs. Legislator Shimsky asked for a written explanation accounting for the additional design costs, and Mr. Hegt said he will provide it. She also asked if we have the most recent greenhouse gas study for the airport. Ms. Gasparri said she would share that.*

*Legislator Barr asked which buildings would be serviced by new gas pipeline. Ms. Rumbarger said Pepsi, two Net Jets facilities, the police precinct, an airport maintenance facility, and Furniture Sharehouse. Ms. Gasparri said all these buildings depend on oil for heat. Legislator Barr asked why NetJets is proposing to build brand new buildings and only use oil and gas. Ms. Gasparri said NetJets has been exploring other alternative and clean energy sources, but it will take more exploration before they commit.*

*Legislator Pierce said that she would like to have a presentation in the Environment committee on the greenhouse gas data and the work being done on the Master Plan. She asked why we are looking at natural gas for these buildings in light of the cost. Ms. Gasparri said it not the ideal solution, but a good transition or intermediary step. Legislator Pierce asked when we would know what might be coming next. Ms. Gasparri said that as different leases develop, tenants will do their due diligence to determine what fits best. Legislator Barr said it would be better for the County to establish a policy that all future projects use sustainable and clean energy.*

*Legislator Shimsky asked if this issue will be covered in the Master Plan. Ms. Gasparri said absolutely. Legislator Shimsky asked when we will we see a draft of the Master Plan. Ms. Gasparri said they will have something ready to share in late November/December.*

*Legislator Parker asked for more information about the County's conversations with NetJets about what the future plans are to move away from the pipeline. Mr. Hegt said he would look into it. Legislator Smith asked estimated time frame for installation of the pipeline. Mr. Hegt said he thought 18 months, but he would double check.*

*Legislator Shimsky suggested voting the item out of committee conditioned on receipt of the accounting for the change in the price of project, the existing greenhouse gas analysis, and correction of the energy efficiency status on the Fact Sheet.*

On motion of Legislator Smith, 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:** Committee Chair Gashi, Legislator Barr, Legislator Borgia, Legislator Maher, Legislator Nolan, Legislator Pierce, Committee Vice-Chair Shimsky, Legislator Smith, Legislator Williams Johnson and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

**Absent:** Legislator Tubiolo

**WO Prejudice:** Legislator Parker

2. [ACT-2022-135](#) **ACT-Agrmnt-PBA-Police Officers, Detectives & Sergeants Unit**

AN ACT approving certain financial terms and conditions of employment requiring legislative approval by law in a Collective Bargaining Agreement for those employees of Westchester County represented by the Westchester County Department of Public Safety PBA (hereinafter "PBA" for the unit consisting of police officers, detectives and sergeants) for the four (4) year period commencing January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2023.

**SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEE ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS**

Guests: Budget Dept.: Director Larry Soule and Mark Medwid; Vince Toomey, Esq.

*Budget Director Larry Soule, Associate Budget Director Mark Medwid and Vince Toomey Appeared before the Committee to discuss these items.*

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

**Aye:** Committee Chair Gashi, Legislator Borgia, Legislator Maher, Legislator Parker, Legislator Pierce and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

**Absent:** Legislator Tubiolo

**Remote:** Legislator Nolan

**Away:** Committee Vice-Chair Shimsky

**WO Prejudice:** Legislator Barr, Legislator Smith and Legislator Williams Johnson

3. [ACT-2022-136](#) **ACT-Agrmnt-PBA, Inc.-Superior Officer's Unit**

AN ACT approving certain financial terms and conditions of employment requiring legislative approval by law in a collective bargaining agreement for those employees of Westchester County represented by the Westchester County Department of Public Safety PBA, Inc. ("PBA" for the Superior Officer's Unit ("SOU") consisting of Lieutenants and Captains, some of whom are assigned additional duties for which they are compensated as Inspectors or Chief Inspectors) for a four (4) year period commencing on January 1, 2020 and ending on December 31, 2023.

**SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEE ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS**

Guests: Budget Dept.: Director Larry Soule and Mark Medwid; Vince Toomey, Esq.

*Please refer to item #2.*

On motion of Legislator Borgia, 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:** Committee Chair Gashi, Legislator Borgia, Legislator Maher, Legislator Parker, Legislator Pierce and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

**Absent:** Legislator Tubiolo

**Remote:** Legislator Nolan

**Away:** Committee Vice-Chair Shimsky

**WO Prejudice:** Legislator Barr, Legislator Smith and Legislator Williams Johnson

4. [2022-457](#) **COMM-Pay Plan Amendment-Assistant District Attorneys**

Forwarding correspondence from Westchester County District Attorney Miriam E. Rocah requesting that a Pay Plan Amendment be enacted reflecting an adjustment to the 2022 Pay Plan for all Assistant District Attorney positions with the exception of the First Deputy District Attorneys.

**COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEE ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS**

Guests: Office of the District Attorney: Westchester County District Mimi Rocah; Chief Assistant District Attorney Amy Finzi; Lila Kirton, Executive Assistant District Attorney for Intergovernmental Affairs & Criminal Justice Initiatives; and Charlie Forzano, Chief Administrator

*District Attorney Rocah and her executive team appeared before the Committee to discuss their proposed pay plan amendment.*

This COMMUNICATION was continued

**II. OTHER BUSINESS**

**III. RECEIVE & FILE**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Legislator Borgia, seconded by Legislator Barr, the Committee adjourned at 12:57 PM.