



Legislation

BOL Meeting Minutes - Final

Committee Chair: Kitley Covill

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Monday, April 19, 2021

1:00 PM

Committee Room

CALL TO ORDER

Joint with Labor & Housing committee

With a quorum present, Chair Kovill called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

Pursuant to Governor Andrew Cuomo's Executive Order No. 202.1, "Continuing Temporary Suspension and Modification of Laws Relating to the Disaster Emergency," which temporarily suspends portions of the New York State Open Meetings Law. A section of the order, "Suspension of law allowing the attendance of meetings telephonically or other similar services," provides for the suspension of "Article 7 of the Public Officers Law, to the extent necessary to permit any public body to meet and take such actions authorized by the law without permitting in public in-person access to meetings and authorizing such meetings to be held remotely by conference call or similar service, provided that the public has the ability to view or listen to such proceeding and that such meetings are recorded and later transcribed."

Others in attendance: BOL: Melanie Montalto, Jill Axelrod and Alie Restiano, Legislators (Remote): Damon Maher, Catherine Parker, Chris Johnson, Tyrae Woodson-Samuels, Ruth Walter, and David Tubiolo LAW: Remote: Stacey Dolgin-Kmetz and Justin Adin GUESTS: Remote: Jane Curtis, Kathleen Jensen-Graham, Shirley A. Green, Kevin Walsh, and Tim Foley

Present: Committee Chair Covill, Committee Vice-Chair Borgia and Legislator Boykin

Remote: Legislator Barr, Legislator Gashi, Legislator Shimsky, Legislator Smith and Legislator Williams

MINUTES APPROVAL

April 12, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

On motion of Legislator Borgia, seconded by Legislator Covill, the minutes were approved. The motion carried unanimously.

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. [2021-212](#) Amendments to the Co-op Disclosure Law

Guests: Chief Deputy County Attorney Stacey Dolgin-Kmetz and Deputy County Attorney Justin Adin; Jane Curtis, Chair of the Cooperatives and Condominiums Advisory Council of Westchester, Kathleen Jensen-Graham, Treasurer, Hilltop Terrace, Shirley A. Green, Senior Account Executive, Urban Property Management Corp., Tim Foley, CEO of the Building & Realty Institute, and Kevin Walsh, President, Gateway Apartment Owners Corp.

Tim Foley, Kevin Walsh, Jane Curtis, Kathleen Jensen-Graham, and Shirley A. Green spoke in opposition to the legislation. They said that the legislation is unnecessary, and unduly burdensome on all co-op boards to punish a few bad actors. Mr. Foley noted that there is already a remedy for housing discrimination through the Human Rights Commission. Several speakers noted that this law will increase insurance costs for the board's directors, which will be passed on to the co-op owners. They also agreed that training, including implicit bias training, is essential to prevent housing discrimination.

*The meeting can be viewed in its entirety at
http://westchestercountyny.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=1&clip_id=738
This LOCAL LAW - Amendment to Local Law was tabled*

2. [RES-2021-98](#) **PH - Amendments to the Co-op Disclosure Law**

See discussion of ID #2012-212 above.

This RESOLUTION - Public Hearing was tabled

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

1. [2021-32](#) **LEGISLATOR BORGIA: Memo of Legislation - Co-Op Disclosure Amendment**

On motion of Legislator Borgia, seconded by Legislator Covill, the above item was received, filed, and approved.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator Borgia, seconded by Legislator Covill, the Committee adjourned at 2:03 p.m.