

Economic Development

BOL Meeting Minutes - Final



Committee Chair: Ben Boykin

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Wednesday, April 9, 2025

10:00 AM

Committee Room

Joint LHR

CALL TO ORDER

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Legislator Emiljana Ulaj will be participating remotely from 520 White Plains Road in Tarrytown, New York 10591

MINUTES APPROVAL

1. Wednesday, January 29, 2025 at 2:00pm
2. Wednesday, February 5, 2025 at 10:00am
3. Wednesday, March 12, 2025 at 10:00am
4. Wednesday, March 19, 2025 at 2:00pm

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Navigating job search opportunities and assistance

Guests:

Department of Economic Development - Director Bridget Gibbons

Office for People with Disabilities - Director Evan Latainer, Community Work Assistant Jeff Zitofsky and Director of Policy and Programs Shari Rosen Ascher

Westchester-Putnam Workforce Development Board - Executive Director Thom Kleiner
The meeting highlighted the success of job fairs in connecting businesses with job seekers, particularly in the construction and clean energy sectors, while also addressing challenges in outreach and communication. These job fairs assist underserved populations, including formerly incarcerated individuals and people with disabilities, and provide resume workshops to help job seekers prepare. Past events have attracted 200-300 attendees, offering a variety

of job opportunities from hospitals to law firms. However, there is a need for more skilled workers in the clean energy sector, and training opportunities are lacking. The workforce development programs, funded by federal and state sources, are shown to have a strong economic impact. Efforts to improve outreach, especially to those not using social media, and follow-up communication after the fairs were also discussed.

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

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