



Legislation

BOL Meeting Minutes - Final

Committee Chair: Kitley Covill

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Wednesday, March 31, 2021

1:00 PM

Committee Room

CALL TO ORDER

Joint with Intergovernmental Services

With a quorum present, Chair Covill called the meeting to order at 1:14 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: Legislator Terry Clements, Legislators (Remote): Alfreda Williams, Damon Maher, Catherine Parker, and Tyrae Woodson-Samuels; Melanie Montalto, Jill Axelrod
CEO: Ellen Hendrickx, Kyle McIntyre*

Present: Legislator Covill, Legislator Barr, Legislator Borgia and Legislator Boykin

Absent: Legislator Gashi

Remote: Legislator Shimsky, Legislator Smith and Legislator Williams

MINUTES APPROVAL

March 8, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

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

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. [2021-216](#) 2021 Priorities for Federal Legislation and FY 22 Appropriations

Guests: County Executive's Office: Steve Bass, Director of Intergovernmental Relations and Ellen Hendrickx, Assistant Director of Intergovernmental Relations

Ellen Hendrickx, Assistant Director of Intergovernmental Relations and Kyle McIntyre, Assistant to the County Executive, discussed the County's federal legislative priorities. Legislator Covill questioned the inclusion of a request for funding for repairs to the Lake Island Dam. Ms. Hendrickx noted that although the County does not have ownership, we want to see that there is funding obtained to repair it because it poses a danger to Eastchester and New Rochelle residents. Mr. McIntyre noted it poses a major public safety risk.

Legislator Parker asked that we add the Army Corps of Engineers project for Mamaroneck, which was greenlighted until the former president had his Office of Budget Management declare that it had no cost benefit. Ms. Hendrickx said they will speak to the County Executive about adding it.

For the request regarding PFAS remediation, Legislator Covill suggested that we should disclose that we are suing the manufacturer and the National Guard. Legislator Barr suggested that Ms. Hendrickx check with County Attorney John Nonna. Legislator Borgia asked if we are doing anything else to seek financial support. Ms. Hendrickx said she will check.

Legislator Borgia requested the addition of a line regarding the NRC's continuing obligation to provide oversight for the spent fuel storage facilities. Ms. Hendrickx said they will have that discussion.

Legislator Shimsky requested the addition of a sentence urging the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act. Mr. McIntyre said they will try to add that.

Chairman Boykin asked if something should be added to the request regarding opioid prevention noting that Westchester, along with many other municipalities, has brought a lawsuit about this. Legislator Covill suggested talking to John Nonna, and Ms. Hendrix agreed.

This COMMUNICATION was tabled

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator Borgia, seconded by Legislator Barr, the Committee adjourned at 2:02 p.m.