

Environment & Health BOL Meeting Minutes - Final



Committee Chair: Ruth Walter

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Monday, October 18, 2021

1:00 PM

Committee Room

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting joint with the Committees on Intergovernmental Services and Planning, Economic Development & Energy.

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With a quorum present, Chair Walter called the meeting to order at 1:11 PM.

Others in Attendance: Y. Valencia, A. Singh Legislator Maher

Remote: Legislator Woodson-Samuels, Peter McCartt

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

Remote: Legislator Barr, Legislator Parker and Legislator Shimsky

MINUTES APPROVAL

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. [RES-2021-180](#) **RES-Declaration Climate Emergency Resolution**

A RESOLUTION forwarded by County Executive George Latimer urging federal, state and local government to adopt and implement Declaration of Climate Emergency.

Submitted by COMMITTEES ON ENVIRONMENT & HEALTH, INTERGOVERNMENTAL SERVICES AND PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ENERGY

Guest:

Peter McCartt, Director of Energy Conservation and Sustainability
Office of the County Executive

Chair Walter opened the meeting, she clarified the changes that were decided on pertaining to the resolution and why they were important. Legislator Parker stated that it was important that the language referencing the damages and loss of life due to Hurricane Ida along with the addition of elected officials and Governor Kathy Hocu who the resolution would be sent to. Chair Walter briefly spoke about the steps taken and accomplishments the County has made over the past few years on this climate emergency. Peter McCartt recommended a change to paragraph nine to have it include language that would make this pertain to any private entity or company that gets tax incentives from the County. Legislator Boykin clarified that it should include the language of "any County-owned garages and parking lots, and private companies receiving financial assistance directly from Westchester County". Legislator Covil recommended and noted that "as enacted by" should be added to paragraph seven to show that these steps have already been taken. Legislator Boykin thanked the various parties involved. Legislator Walter thanked the board for coming together on this issue.

On motion of Committee Vice-Chair Covill, seconded by Legislator Borgia, the above item was signed by committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Committee Chair Walter, Legislator Barr, Legislator Borgia, Legislator Boykin,
Committee Vice-Chair Covill, Legislator Parker and Legislator Shimsky

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

Moved by Committee Vice-Chair Covill, seconded by Legislator Borgia, the Committee adjourned at 1:24 PM.