

Seniors & Youth

BOL Meeting Minutes - Final



Committee Chair: José Alvarado

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Monday, May 9, 2022

10:00 AM

Committee Room

CALL TO ORDER

Joint meeting with B&A

This meeting will be held pursuant to Chapter 56 of the New York State Laws of 2022, which authorize any public body to meet and take such action authorized by law without permitting in public-in-person access to meetings and authorize 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. To access the meeting, please visit: <https://westchestercountyny.legistar.com>

With a quorum present, Chair Alvarado called the meeting to order at 10:46 AM.

Others in Attendance: BOL: Erika Pierce, Damon Maher, Beth LoBello, James Silverberg

Remote: MaryJane Shimsky, Colin Smith, Vedat Gashi, James Nolan, Tyrae

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Present: Committee Chair Alvarado, Legislator Barr and Legislator Williams Johnson

Remote: Committee Vice-Chair Tubiolo

MINUTES APPROVAL

On motion of Legislator Williams Johnson, seconded by Legislator Barr, the above item was approved. The motion carried unanimously.

April 18, 2022 at 10AM Minutes

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

[ACT-2022-56](#) IMA-Youth Development Program-Mount Vernon

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into an inter-municipal agreement with the City of Mount Vernon pursuant to which the municipality will provide certain youth development services under its Youth Development Program, for the period commencing retroactively on January 1, 2022 and expiring on December 31, 2022 for a total amount not to exceed ONE HUNDRED SIXTY THREE THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED SEVENTY SIX (\$163,976) DOLLARS.

Submitted by: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND SENIORS & YOUTH

Joint with B&A

Guest: Westchester County Youth Bureau; Dr. DaMia Harris-Madden, Executive Director

Dr. Harris-Madden stated this is an inter-municipal agreement with the City of Mt. Vernon passing through its Youth Development Program Services to be able to serve 230 youth through the Safe Haven Program (Safe Haven After-School, Summer Program, and Saturday Stem). This program provides academic support, enrichment activities, social and emotional skills and an empowerment program. The Youth Empowerment program is employment and training for young people that have become justice involved or on their way to becoming justice involved with the Step Up Program. This program specifically works in collaboration with the court system as well as the police to deter gang involvement and violence prevention. These program opportunities operate throughout the year.

Legislator Alvarado asked, how many people are being affected and are we back in person? Dr. Harris-Madden answered they aren't fully in person. She also stated they have served 220 youth this year and last year served 223 young people.

On motion of Committee Chair Alvarado, seconded by Legislator Williams Johnson, the above item was approved.

ACT-2022-57 IMA-Tarrytown-Sleepy Hollow Summer Day Camp-Tarrytown

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into an inter-municipal agreement with the Village of Tarrytown (the "Village") for the purpose of operating the Tarrytown/Sleepy Hollow Summer Day Camp in the amount of FORTY-FOUR THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED FORTY-SEVEN (\$44,147) DOLLARS.

Submitted by: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND SENIORS & YOUTH

Joint with B&A

Guest: Westchester County Youth Bureau; Dr. DaMia Harris-Madden, Executive Director
Dr. Harris-Madden stated this an act authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into an inter-municipal agreement with the Village of Tarrytown in the amount of 44,147 dollars to operate its Tarrytown Sleepy Hollow Summer Day Camp for the contract period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022, even though we know that it will operate in the summer. This program will allow 190 young people to participate in enrichment programs during the summer. There is arts and crafts, sports and swimming. She also stated the IMA for Mt. Vernon and Tarrytown is thanks to the BOL efforts in putting this funding in the budget.

On motion of Legislator Williams Johnson, seconded by Committee Chair Alvarado, the above item was approved.

ACT-2022-58 ACT - Ossining Union Free School District Basics Program

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into an inter-municipal agreement with the Ossining Union Free School District ("Ossining") pursuant to which Ossining will provide its Ossining Basics Program for the period from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 for a total amount not to exceed TWO THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY-THREE (\$2,523) DOLLARS.

Submitted by: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND SENIORS & YOUTH

Guest: Superintendent, Ossining Union Free School District, Dr. Raymond Sanchez

Dr. Raymond Sanchez discussed that this program has a set of five easy and nurturing steps that stimulates brain growth in children from birth to the age of three. The achievement gap

starts at the age of two, which has been very well researched. Many communities have come together with the following five steps; maximize love, manage stress, count group and explore through movement and play and read and discuss stories.

He stated together with various community partners, our library and various CEO's as well as the school district, work together as a collaborative to reach families at the earliest of ages. It has been very successful.

On motion of Committee Chair Alvarado, seconded by Legislator Barr, the above item was approved.

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Committee Chair Alvarado, seconded by Legislator Barr, the above item was adjourned at 11:16 AM. The motion carried unanimously.