



Planning, Economic Development & Energy BOL Meeting Minutes - Final

Committee Chair: Catherine Parker

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Monday, January 25, 2021

12:00 PM

Committee Room

CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Chair Parker called the meeting to order at 12:33 PM.

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: Anand Singh, Melanie Montalto; County Executive (Remote): Deborah Novick, Bridget Gibbons

Present: Legislator Borgia and Boykin

Absent: Legislator Tubiolo

Remote: Legislator Parker, Legislator Barr, Legislator Cunzio, Legislator Maher, Legislator Smith, Legislator Walter and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

MINUTES APPROVAL

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

A Presentation by the Westchester County Office of Economic Development on the Launch 1000 Program.

Deborah Novick, Director of the Westchester County Office of Economic Development and Bridget Gibbons, Sr. Assistant to the County Executive gave a presentation on the Launch 1000 Program, speaking in depth on the program's background and operations. Vice-Chair Barr asked about the availability of resources for Spanish speaking residents. Ms. Novick said that the program isn't currently offered in Spanish, but they're looking into that so they can expand the program's footprint. Legislator Walter talked about her own experiences as a small business owner, and asked about using local libraries and chambers of commerce as effective tools in getting the message out, which Ms. Novick was open to. Chairman Boykin echoed the previous comments about expanding the program into the Spanish-speaking community and spoke about possible partners who could help in realizing this goal, Ms. Novick agreed this would be beneficial. Chair Parker spoke about her own efforts at expanding this program, including a scheduled Board of Legislators' E-blast, and thanked Ms. Novick for her time.

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

[2021-78](#) HON. DAMON R. MAHER: Eastchester Housing Lawsuit Information

Forwarding articles and emails from the Fair Housing Justice Center regarding the Eastchester Housing lawsuit (formerly MT # 13134).

On motion of Legislator Borgia, seconded by Boykin, the above item was received, filed, and approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Parker, Legislator Barr, Legislator Borgia, Legislator Cunzio, Legislator Maher, Legislator Smith, Legislator Walter, Legislator Woodson-Samuels and Boykin

Absent: Legislator Tubiolo

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Boykin, seconded by Legislator Walter, the Committee adjourned at 1:11 PM.

Absent: Legislator Tubiolo

Remote: Legislator Parker, Legislator Barr, Legislator Cunzio, Legislator Maher, Legislator Smith, Legislator Walter and Legislator Woodson-Samuels