

# Parks & Environment

## BOL Meeting Minutes - Final



Committee Chair: David Tubiolo

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**Monday, January 27, 2025**

**2:00 PM**

**Committee Room**

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### CALL TO ORDER

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*Others in Attendance: GUESTS: Shawna MacLeod, Stacey Dolgin-Kmetz, Peter Tartaglia; BOL: Colin Smith, David Imamura, Catherine Parker, Ben Boykin, Emiljana Ulaj, Jose Alvarado, Shanae Williams, Margaret Cunzio, James Silverberg, Jill Axelrod, Adrienne Kaye, Lisa Hochman, Althema Goodson, Marcello Figueroa, Santiago Caceras, Warren Watson*

### MINUTES APPROVAL

Tuesday, October 15, 2024 at 1:00 PM Minutes

On motion of Legislator Nolan, seconded by Legislator Woodson-Samuels, the minutes were approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Nolan, Legislator Pierce and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

**Absent:** Legislator Barr

Monday, January 6, 2025 at 10:00 AM Minutes

On motion of Legislator Nolan, seconded by Legislator Woodson-Samuels, the minutes were approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Nolan, Legislator Pierce and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

**Absent:** Legislator Barr

Tuesday, January 7, 2025 at 1:00 PM Minutes

On motion of Legislator Nolan, seconded by Legislator Woodson-Samuels, the minutes were approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Nolan, Legislator Pierce and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

**Absent:** Legislator Barr

## I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

### 1. [ACT-2025-27](#) **ACT - WC PARKS PASSES FREE FOR VETERANS**

AN ACT providing Westchester County Parks Passes for Veterans free of charge.

***SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON LEGISLATION, PARKS & ENVIRONMENT AND VETERANS, SENIORS & YOUTH***

Joint with LEG and VSY.

Guests: Law Department

Chief Deputy County Attorney Stacey Dolgin-Kmetz

Senior Assistant County Attorney Shawna MacLeod

First Deputy Commissioner Peter Tartaglia-PRC

*Ms. MacLeod explained that this legislation provides that U.S. veterans living in the County are entitled to a free Westchester County Park Pass. She said that the legislation also provides that the veteran must present a form of identification listed, or “other valid form of proof of U.S. veteran status.” Legislator Imamura asked who determines what is a valid form of proof, and suggested that the section be amended to clarify who will determine that. After discussion with the legislators and First Deputy Commissioner Tartaglia, Ms. MacLeod confirmed that Section 2B will be amended to add “as determined by the Westchester County Veterans Service Agency.”*

*Legislator Nolan and Legislator Pierce suggested that the Parks Department create a list of veterans who qualify for the free Park Pass since the County does not currently have a list of veterans, and doing so would help ensure the County works with veterans at the best level.*

*At Legislator Pierce’s suggestion, Mr. Tartaglia discussed the benefits of the Parks Pass.*

On motion of Legislator Pierce, seconded by Legislator Woodson-Samuels, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Nolan, Legislator Pierce and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

**Absent:** Legislator Barr

## II. OTHER BUSINESS

## III. RECEIVE & FILE

### 1. [2024-580](#) **HON. ERIKA PIERCE - Free WC Park Passes for U.S. Military Veterans**

A Memo of Legislation proposing U.S. Military Veterans receive free Westchester County Park Passes and all the benefits a Parks Pass provides.

***COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEES ON PARKS & ENVIRONMENT AND VETERANS, SENIORS & YOUTH AND BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS***

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

**Aye:** Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Nolan, Legislator Pierce and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

**Absent:** Legislator Barr

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Legislator Nolan, seconded by Legislator Woodson-Samuels, the Committee adjourned at 2:39 PM. by the following vote:

**Aye:** Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Nolan, Legislator Pierce and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

**Absent:** Legislator Barr