

# Appointments

## BOL Meeting Minutes - Published Draft



Committee Chair: Catherine Parker

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**Monday, May 19, 2025**

**4:15 PM**

**Committee Room**

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### CALL TO ORDER

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With a quorum present Committee Chairwoman, Legislator Catherine Parker called the meeting to order at 4:20PM. Guests: Alida Marcos, Esq., and Steven Palladino.

**Present:** Legislator Parker, Legislator Clements, Legislator Holstein and Legislator Williams

**Absent:** Legislator Woodson-Samuels

### MINUTES APPROVAL

Monday, May 5, 2025 - 1PM

### I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

**Present:** Legislator Parker, Legislator Clements, Legislator Holstein and Legislator Williams

**Absent:** Legislator Woodson-Samuels

[LL](#) **LOCAL LAW-Membership Requirements for Refuse Disp. Dist. No. 1**  
[Intro-2025-134](#) **Advisory Board**

Guests: Westchester County Attorney's Office:  
Alida Marcos Esq., Assistant County Attorney

Committee Chair, Legislator Catherine Parker read the following questions that were transmitted to be answered by The Department of Environmental Facilities for the record:

1. Please clarify and explain the proposed changes as it relates to residential and work requirements

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The RDDAB often discusses technical, operational and logistical issues within Westchester's waste collection and disposal system. Limiting RDDAB members to only residents of the municipality they represent makes it difficult to identify and appoint to the RDDAB individuals with sufficient knowledge of the municipal solid waste and recycling system in Westchester County. Allowing for the appointment of employees, opens membership up to those professionals working directly on waste and recycling issues in municipal DPW and Sanitation departments.

2. What sort of expertise can an employee provide?

As noted above, municipal DPW and Sanitation employees offer direct knowledge of the municipal waste and recycling system. They also offer insight into the issues and challenges facing the municipal members of the Refuse District in regard to waste and recycling. Finally, municipal employees offer the opportunity to coordinate implementation of programs with DEF.

3. What efforts have been attempted to remediate the issues the legislation seeks to address?

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4. Beyond the legislation, are there future efforts that will be undertaken to address the issue??

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*On motion of Legislator Holstein, seconded by Legislator Clements, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried.*

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**APPT--Police Board-Palladino**

*Committee Chair, Legislator Parker invited Mr. Palladino to the table. He introduce himself and spoke about his qualifications and why he wants to be on the Police Board. Legislator Terry Clements, who serves as the Chair of The Public Safety Committee thanked Mr. Palladino for his willingness to serve on the Police Board. Legislator Shane Williams was impressed by Mr. Palladino's resume. She stated she is grateful for the many Westchester County Residents who have a lot on their plates and are still willing to serve on the Boards and Commissions.*

*On motion of Legislator Holstein, seconded by Legislator Clements, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried.*

## **II. OTHER BUSINESS**

### **III. RECEIVE & FILE**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Legislator Clements, seconded by Legislator Williams, the Committee adjourned at 4:30PM.

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