



Public Safety

BOL Meeting Minutes - Final

Committee Chair: Colin Smith

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Monday, June 14, 2021

10:00 AM

Committee Room

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting joint with Budget & Appropriations

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

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."

Present: Legislator Boykin

Absent: Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Remote: Committee Chair Smith, Legislator Barr, Legislator Covill, Committee Vice-Chair Cunzio, Legislator Johnson and Legislator Shimsky

MINUTES APPROVAL

Monday, February 8, 2021 at 10:00 AM Minutes

On motion of Committee Vice-Chair Cunzio, seconded by Legislator Barr, the minutes were approved. The motion carried unanimously.

Monday, March 1, 2021 at 10:00 AM Minutes

On motion of Legislator Covill, seconded by Committee Vice-Chair Cunzio, the minutes were approved. The motion carried unanimously.

Monday, May 17, 2021 at 10:00 AM Minutes

On motion of Legislator Covill, seconded by Legislator Shimsky, the minutes were approved. The motion carried unanimously.

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

[ACT-2021-111](#) ACT-Regional Partnership Agreement-Dutchess & Putnam Counties

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into a Regional Partnership Agreement with Dutchess County and Putnam County in order to receive funding from the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services under the FY2019 Hazardous Materials Grant Program.

Submitted by COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Joint with B&A.

Guests: Commissioner Wishnie, Deputy Commissioner Spear & Chief William Dingee - DES
Commissioner Wishnie, Deputy Commissioner Spear, Chief Dingee and Chief Stiller appeared before the Committee to discuss item #2021-342—ACT-Regional Partnership Agreement-Dutchess & Putnam Counties. This Act would authorize the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Emergency Services, to enter into a Regional Partnership Agreement with Dutchess County and Putnam County in order to receive funding from the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) under the FY 2019 Hazardous Materials Grant Program. DHSES is awarding One Hundred Thirty Two Thousand (\$132,000.00) Dollars to the County and its Regional Partners to purchase HazMat field detection identification equipment and to train appropriate personnel in the proper use of the equipment. This program will build sustainable Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosives detection, response and decontamination capabilities in the region. In addition, the RPA will promote the development of regional partnerships among the State HazMat community and enhance the standing of the State's HazMat teams within the Federal Emergency Management Agency typing system.

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

Aye: Committee Chair Smith, Legislator Barr, Legislator Boykin, Legislator Covill,
Committee Vice-Chair Cunzio, Legislator Johnson and Legislator Shimsky

Absent: Legislator Woodson-Samuels

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator Covill, seconded by Committee Vice-Chair Cunzio, the Committee adjourned at 10:47 AM.