

Budget & Appropriations

BOL Meeting Minutes - Final



Committee Chair: Jewel Williams Johnson

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148 Martine Avenue, 8th Floor
White Plains, NY 10601
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Monday, March 31, 2025

10:00 AM

Committee Room

CALL TO ORDER

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Legislator Colin Smith will be participating remotely from 1132 Main St., Suite 1, Peekskill, NY 10566

With a quorum present, Chair Williams Johnson called the meeting to order at 10:08 AM.

Others in Attendance: GUESTS: Leonard Gruenfeld, Christina Rampata, John McGarr, Julie Stern, Beth Symada, Annette Nash Govan, Rodman Reef, William Kay, Jon Mark; BOL: David Imamura, Dayana Gomez, Lisa Hochman, James Silverberg

Present: Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Tubiolo and Legislator Williams

MINUTES APPROVAL

Monday, March 24, 2025 at 10:00 AM Minutes

On motion of Legislator Pierce, seconded by Legislator Smith, the minutes were approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Tubiolo and Legislator Williams

Wednesday, February 19, 2025 at 10:00 AM Minutes

On motion of Legislator Pierce, seconded by Legislator Smith, the minutes were approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Tubiolo and Legislator Williams

Wednesday, May 29, 2024 at 1:00 PM Minutes

On motion of Legislator Pierce, seconded by Legislator Smith, the minutes were approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Tubiolo and Legislator Williams

Monday, May 6, 2024 at 10:00 AM Minutes

On motion of Legislator Pierce, seconded by Legislator Smith, the minutes were approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Tubiolo and Legislator Williams

Monday, April 29, 2024 at 10:00 AM Minutes

On motion of Legislator Pierce, seconded by Legislator Smith, the minutes were approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Tubiolo and Legislator Williams

Monday, April 15, 2024 at 10:00 AM Minutes

On motion of Legislator Pierce, seconded by Legislator Smith, the minutes were approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Tubiolo and Legislator Williams

Monday, April 8, 2024 at 10:00 AM Minutes

On motion of Legislator Pierce, seconded by Legislator Smith, the minutes were approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Tubiolo and Legislator Williams

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. [2025-117](#) BOND ACT(Amended)-BPL1A-Housing Implementation Fund II

A BOND ACT (Amended) amending the design of the development known as Brookfield Commons Phase III and revising the number of units from 174 to 168.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING & PLANNING

Joint with HP and PWT.

Guests: Planning Department

Commissioner Blanca Lopez

Program Administrator (Housing & Community Development) Leonard Gruenfeld

This item requests an amendment to the number of units for a previously approved (2024) bond act for phase three of the affordable housing development at 161 South Lexington Avenue in the City of White Plains. Discussions between the Wynbrook tenant association and the White Plains Municipal Housing Authority uncovered the need for additional larger units. To accommodate this request, the amendment reduces the total amount of rental units from 174 to 168 while increasing the total number of three bedroom units from 8 to 15. The number of units per area median income (AMI) would change as follows: 30% AMI, units remains at 8, 50% AMI units are reduced from 35 to 33, 60% AMI units are reduced from 112 to 109, 90% AMI units are reduced from 19 to 18. Of the 168 rental units, 90 will be for existing tenants and the remainder will be offered to new tenants via lottery. This development will also remain affordable for a term of no less than 50 years and construction is anticipated to begin in June 2025.

On motion of Legislator Williams Johnson, seconded by Legislator Smith, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Tubiolo and Legislator Williams

2. [2025-118](#) **ACT-Amending Act 146-2024-IMDA-White Plains, WP Housing Authority, and Trinity Financial, Inc.**

AN ACT amending Act No. 146-2024 authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into an inter-municipal developer agreement with the City of White Plains, the White Plains Housing Authority and Trinity Financial, Inc., its successors or assigns, to fund certain infrastructure improvements as well as authorizing the County to grant and accept any property rights necessary in furtherance thereof, all for the purpose of constructing 174 affordable rental units at 161 South Lexington Avenue in the City of White Plains, that will affirmatively further fair housing and remain affordable for a period of not less than 50 years, in order to modify the number of affordable rental units from 174 units to 168 units.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING & PLANNING

Joint with HP and PWT.

Guests: Planning Department

Commissioner Blanca Lopez

Program Administrator (Housing & Community Development) Leonard Gruenfeld

Please refer to item #1.

On motion of Legislator Williams Johnson, seconded by Legislator Smith, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Tubiolo and Legislator Williams

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

1. 2025-120 HON. JEWEL WILLIAMS JOHNSON- 2025 CBAC Interim Capital Budget Report

Forwarding the 2025 Citizens Budget Advisory Committee, CBAC, Interim Capital Budget Report.

COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEE ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS

B&A Only.

Guests: Citizens Budget Advisory Committee

Co-Chair John McGarr

Co-Chair Julie Stern

Co-Chair John McGarr and Co-Chair Julie Stern and members of the Citizens Budget Advisory Committee appeared before the Committee to present their Interim Report on Monitoring Capital Projects Budget. A copy of their report can be found under the link on the agenda or at:

<https://westchestercountyny.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=7268253&GUID=B4C28AEB-610C-479A-8955-30157E2A3DF9>

The video of their presentation can be found at:

https://westchestercountyny.granicus.com/player/clip/7525?view_id=1&redirect=true

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

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Smith and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Tubiolo and Legislator Williams

Away: Legislator Pierce

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator Smith, seconded by Legislator Woodson-Samuels, the Committee adjourned at 10:52 AM. by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Smith and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Tubiolo and Legislator Williams

Away: Legislator Pierce