

Parks & Environment

BOL Meeting Minutes - Published Draft



Committee Chair: Erika Pierce

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Tuesday, May 26, 2026

10:00 AM

Committee Room

Joint w/B&A and I&H

CALL TO ORDER

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With a quorum present, Chair Pierce called the meeting to order at 10:13 AM.

Others in Attendance: BOL: Legislators: Tyraw Woodson-Samuels, Terry Clements, Anant Nambiar; LEgislators (Remote): Colin Smith and Nancy Barr; Committee Coordinators: Jill Axelrod, Ethan Samuel, Sebastian Loreti, and Ralph Esposito; James Silverberg, Gregory Casciato, and Santiago Caceres; GUESTS: Parks Dept.: Peter Tartaglia and Rob Lopane

Present: Legislator Pierce, Legislator Williams, Legislator Williams Johnson and Legislator Gashi

Absent: Legislator Nolan and Legislator Tubiolo

MINUTES APPROVAL

Tuesday, April 7, 2026 at 1:00 p.m.

On motion of Legislator Williams Johnson, seconded by Legislator Williams, the minutes were approved. The motion carried unanimously.

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. [ACT-2026-124](#) **BOND ACT-RCC17-County Center Facility Improvements**

Guest: Parks Dept.: First Deputy Commissioner Peter Tartaglia and Director of Park Planning Rob Lopane

Mr. Tartaglia said this is a \$5 million bond request, which will finance the design, partial construction and construction management of interior building improvements for the locker rooms, dressing rooms, restroom facilities for the public and interior sports and arena fixtures and related work. He said the improvements are needed for sports, concerts and events, which are revenue generators for the County Center.

He said there are an insufficient number of locker rooms, and the locker rooms that exist are undersized and need to be brought up to current code, so we can continue to host NBA and NCAA events. He said the public restrooms need to accommodate more people, have the proper layouts, and meet disability requirements. He added that the sports and entertainment lighting needs to be improved, since it impacts visibility, spectator experience and facilities competitiveness for events.

Legislator Nambiar asked how many events are held at the County Center versus capacity, and how can we be more proactive in bringing in events. Mr. Tartaglia said the County is and continues to be proactive by being in trade magazines and part of trade organizations.

Chair Pierce asked how much of the \$5 million is attributable to lighting. Mr. Lopane said they have received quotes for between \$350,000 to \$500,000 for lighting. Chair Pierce asked for a general breakdown of costs for design, construction, and lighting. Mr. Lopane said they will provide that.

Chair Pierce asked if the construction for this project will be done through prevailing wage, and Mr. Tartaglia said it would

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

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator Williams Johnson, seconded by Legislator Williams, the Committee adjourned at 10:35 AM.