



# Labor & Housing BOL Meeting Minutes - Final

Committee Chair: Damon Maher

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Monday, April 19, 2021

1:00 PM

Committee Room

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## CALL TO ORDER

Meeting jointly with the Committee on Legislation

*With a quorum present, Legislator Borgia called the meeting to order at 1:04PM.*

*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."*

*Others in Attendance: BOL: Kitley Covill, Alessandra Restiano, Jill Axelrod, Melanie Montalto  
BOL Remote: MaryJane Shimsky, Nancy Barr, Vedat Gashi, Colin Smith, Ruth Walter, David Tubiolo  
LAW Remote: Stacey Dolgin-Kmetz, Justin Adin  
GUESTS Remote: Jane Curtis, Kathleen Jensen-Graham, Shirley A. Green, Kevin Walsh, and Tim Foley*

**Present:** Legislator Borgia and Legislator Boykin

**Remote:** Committee Chair Maher, Legislator Cunzio, Committee Vice-Chair Johnson, Legislator Parker, Legislator Williams and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

## MINUTES APPROVAL

**Monday, April 12, 2021 1:00 PM Minutes**

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

## I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

### 1. [2021-213](#) PH - Amendments to the Co-op Disclosure Law

A RESOLUTION to set a Public Hearing on a "LOCAL LAW amending Local Law No. 11-2018 relating to applications for prospective purchasers of stock in Cooperative Housing Corporations." [Public Hearing set for \_\_\_\_\_, 2021 at \_\_\_\_\_ .m.]. Local Law Intro 2021-212.

**COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEES ON LEGISLATION AND LABOR & HOUSING**

*Guests: Chief Deputy County Attorney Stacey Dolgin-Kmetz and Deputy County Attorney Justin Adin; Jane Curtis, Chair of the Cooperatives and Condominiums Advisory Council of Westchester; Kathleen Jensen-Graham, Treasurer, Hilltop Terrace; Shirley A. Green, Senior Account Executive, Urban Property Management Corp.; Tim Foley, CEO of the Building & Realty Institute (BRI)*

*Tim Foley, Kevin Walsh, Jane Curtis, Kathleen Jensen-Graham, and Shirley A. Green spoke in opposition to the legislation. They said that the legislation is unnecessary, and unduly burdensome on all co-op boards to punish a few bad actors. Mr. Foley noted that there is already a remedy for housing discrimination through the Human Rights Commission. Several speakers noted that this law will increase insurance costs for the board's directors, which will be passed on to the co-op owners. They also agreed that training, including implicit bias training, is essential to prevent housing discrimination.*

*The meeting can be viewed in its entirety at  
[http://westchestercountyny.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view\\_id=1&clip\\_id=738](http://westchestercountyny.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=1&clip_id=738)  
This RESOLUTION - Public Hearing was tabled*

2. [2021-212](#) **HON. CATHERINE BORGIA - Amendments to the Co-op Disclosure Law**

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This LOCAL LAW - Amendment to Local Law was tabled

## II. OTHER BUSINESS

## III. RECEIVE & FILE

## ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator Boykin, seconded by Legislator Maher, the Committee adjourned at 2:02 PM.