

# Health

## BOL Meeting Minutes - Final



Committee Chair: Jewel Williams Johnson

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3:30 PM

Committee Room

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### CALL TO ORDER

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Joint with the Committees on Legislation and Appointments

*With a quorum present, Chair Williams Johnson called the meeting to order at 3:43PM.*

*Others in Attendance: LAW: Stacey Dolgin-Kmetz; BOL: Legislator James Nolan, Legislator Catherine Borgia, Legislator Terry Clements, Legislator Symra Brandon (remote), Marcello Figueroa, Lisa Hochman (remote), Jill Axelrod, Elizabeth LoBello and Dayana Gómez-Holguín*

**Present:** Committee Chair Williams Johnson, Legislator Imamura, Legislator Parker, Committee Vice-Chair Pierce and Legislator Smith

**Absent:** Legislator Barr

### MINUTES APPROVAL

#### I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Guest:

Chief Deputy County Attorney Stacey Dolgin-Kmetz

Law Department

1. [RES-2023-117](#) **PH-Establishing a Subcommittee of the African American Advisory Board**

A RESOLUTION to set a Public Hearing on "A LOCAL LAW amending Section 277.421 of the Laws of Westchester County to add a provision to establish a Subcommittee of the Westchester County African-American Advisory Board to study the high rates of asthma in communities of color in the County of Westchester." [Public Hearing set for October 2, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.]. LL Intro: 2023-188.

***SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON LEGISLATION, APPOINTMENTS AND HEALTH***

*Committee Chairs welcomed Ms. Dolgin-Kmetz to begin discussion on this item. Ms. Dolgin-Kmetz reviewed the changes made since the last meeting. These changes include updating demographic details and statistics in the committee report and specifying, within the law itself, who the subcommittee needs to consult with such as specific communities and*

*health care professionals.*

*In response to questions about the line reading “slightly over 10%...” in the committee report, Mr. Figueroa shared that after speaking with the Department of Health, they clarified that those percentages reference the average range between those years. Mr. Figueroa and Ms. Dolgin-Kmetz advised that if there is discomfort to remove the parenthetical, as it does not affect the sentence structure. Both Legislator Pierce and Chair Williams Johnson provided suggestions for language and structure changes in order to properly convey the intended points.*

*Ms. Dolgin-Kmetz added that she could vote on the items pending the amendments mentioned during the meeting. The committee members proceeded to vote and conclude the meeting.*

On motion of Legislator Parker, seconded by Committee Vice-Chair Pierce, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Committee Chair Williams Johnson, Legislator Imamura, Legislator Parker, Committee Vice-Chair Pierce and Legislator Smith

**Absent:** Legislator Barr

2. [2023-188](#) **LOCAL LAW-Establishing a Subcommittee of the African American Advisory Board**

A LOCAL LAW amending Section 277.421 of the Laws of Westchester County to add a provision to establish a Subcommittee of the Westchester County African-American Advisory Board to study the high rates of asthma in communities of color in the County of Westchester.

**COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEES ON LEGISLATION AND APPOINTMENTS**

*Please see previous item for details.*

On motion of Legislator Parker, seconded by Committee Vice-Chair Pierce, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Committee Chair Williams Johnson, Legislator Imamura, Legislator Parker, Committee Vice-Chair Pierce and Legislator Smith

**Absent:** Legislator Barr

## **II. OTHER BUSINESS**

## **III. RECEIVE & FILE**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Committee Vice-Chair Pierce, seconded by Legislator Parker, the Committee adjourned at 4:05pm.