

# Budget & Appropriations

## BOL Meeting Minutes - Final



Committee Chair: Tyrae Woodson-Samuels

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**Monday, March 30, 2026**

**10:00 AM**

**Committee Room**

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**Joint with I&H, SSD&HR, and S&Y**

### CALL TO ORDER

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*With a quorum present, Chair Woodson-Samuels called the meeting to order at 10:07 AM.*

*Others in Attendance: GUESTS: Dianne Vanadia (remote), Lou Vetrone, Jazmin Logan, Steve Elie-Pierre (remote), Nat Federici (remote), Carla Chaves, Sandra Brown, Sherine Kurien, John Befus, Michelle Bethencourt-Garcia, Leonard Gruenfeld, Francisco Tejada, Lauren Walsh, Jeffrey Dean (remote), Michael Swee and Paul Cheand; BOL: Legislator Nancy Barr, Legislator Emiljana Ulaj (remote), Legislator Jose Alvarado (remote), Legislator Jennifer Puja (remote), Legislator David Imamura, Legislator Margaret Cunzio Lisa Hochman (remote), Ethan Samuel, Althema Goodson and Dayana Gómez-Holguín*

**Present:** Legislator Woodson-Samuels, Legislator Nambiar, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Tubiolo and Legislator Williams Johnson

**Remote:** Legislator Holstein and Legislator Williams

### MINUTES APPROVAL

Monday March 23, 2026 at 10:00am

On motion of Legislator Tubiolo, seconded by Legislator Nambiar, the above item was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Legislator Woodson-Samuels, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Nambiar, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Williams and Legislator Williams Johnson

### I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. [RES-2026-32](#) **PH-Sewer District Mod-Removal-485 Chappaqua Road, Mount Pleasant**

A Public Hearing on "AN ACT to modify the Saw Mill Valley Sanitary Sewer District by the

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Removal of one (1) parcel of property located in the Town of Mount Pleasant". [Public Hearing set for April 20, 2026 at 7:30 p.m.]. ACT INTRO: 2026-128.

**SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND INFRASTRUCTURE & HOUSING**

Guests: Department of Environmental Services  
 First Deputy Commissioner Lou Vetrone  
 Deputy Commissioner Nat Federici  
 Director of Maintenance Steve Elie-Pierre  
 Environmental Project Director Jazmin Logan

*This is a request to remove the property at 485 Chappaqua Road in Mount Pleasant from the Saw Mill Valley Sanitary Sewer District. The parcel is not serviced by sanitary sewers and it is not anticipated that any will be constructed in the near future. The net decrease is .00% and will not cause significant difference in taxes. The Department of Environmental Facilities (DEF) is in favor to remove this parcel since the town requested it and the change does not impact county facilities among other reasons.*

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

**Aye:** Legislator Woodson-Samuels, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Nambiar, Legislator Pierce and Legislator Williams Johnson

**Away:** Legislator Tubiolo and Legislator Williams

2. [RES-2026-36](#) **ENV RES-Sewer District Mod-Removal-485 Chappaqua Road, Mount Pleasant**

AN ENVIRONMENTAL RESOLUTION determining that there will be no significant adverse impact on the environment from the removal of one (1) parcel of property from the Saw Mill Valley Sanitary Sewer District.

**SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND INFRASTRUCTURE & HOUSING**

Guests: Department of Environmental Services  
 First Deputy Commissioner Lou Vetrone  
 Deputy Commissioner Nat Federici  
 Director of Maintenance Steve Elie-Pierre  
 Environmental Project Director Jazmin Logan  
*Please refer to item #1 for discussion.*

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

**Aye:** Legislator Woodson-Samuels, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Nambiar, Legislator Pierce and Legislator Williams Johnson

**Away:** Legislator Tubiolo and Legislator Williams

3. [ACT-2026-84](#) **ACT-Sewer District Mod-Removal-485 Chappaqua Road, Mount Pleasant**

AN ACT to modify the Saw Mill Valley Sanitary Sewer District by the removal of one (1) parcel

of property located in the Town of Mount Pleasant.

***SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND INFRASTRUCTURE & HOUSING***

Guests: Department of Environmental Services  
 First Deputy Commissioner Lou Vetrone  
 Deputy Commissioner Nat Federici  
 Director of Maintenance Steve Elie-Pierre  
 Environmental Project Director Jazmin Logan  
*Please refer to item #1 for discussion.*

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

**Aye:** Legislator Woodson-Samuels, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Nambiar, Legislator Pierce and Legislator Williams Johnson

**Remote:** Legislator Williams

**Away:** Legislator Tubiolo

4. [ACT-2026-55](#) **BOND ACT-SOS19-Ossining SSD Kemey's Cove Force Main Replacement**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of THREE MILLION (\$3,000,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project SOS19 - Ossining Sanitary Sewer District Kemey's Cove Force Main Replacement.

***SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND INFRASTRUCTURE & HOUSING***

Guests: Department of Environmental Services  
 First Deputy Commissioner Lou Vetrone  
 Deputy Commissioner Nat Federici  
 Director of Maintenance Steve Elie-Pierre  
 Environmental Project Director Jazmin Logan

*This item requests \$3 Million to fund the design, construction and construction management for a force main replacement at the Ossining Sanitary Sewer District Kemey's Cove. There were two pipe bursts in 2018 and 2019, resulting in the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) directing the County to take corrective action. The short-term repairs included relining the pipes whereas the current request provides a long-term resolution, which includes insulation and new bar screens, pump control replacements and mechanical system upgrades, among other repairs.*

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

**Aye:** Legislator Woodson-Samuels, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Nambiar, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Williams and Legislator Williams Johnson

**Away:** Legislator Tubiolo

5. [ACT-2026-57](#) **BOND ACT-SPK22-3144-Peekskill WRRF Highland Avenue Pumping**

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### Station Upgrades

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of TWO MILLION (\$2,000,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project SPK22 (3144) - Peekskill Water Resource Recovery Facility (WRRF) Highland Avenue Pumping Station Upgrades.

**SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND INFRASTRUCTURE & HOUSING**

Guests: Department of Environmental Services  
First Deputy Commissioner Lou Vetrone  
Deputy Commissioner Nat Federici  
Director of Maintenance Steve Elie-Pierre  
Environmental Project Director Jazmin Logan

*This item requests \$2 Million for the design, construction and construction management for equipment upgrades at the Highland Avenue Pumping Station in Peekskill due to reaching the end of useful life. Some of the upgrades include insulation and new bar screen, pump replacements and rehabilitation of emergency generators, among others.*

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

**Aye:** Legislator Woodson-Samuels, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Nambiar,  
Legislator Pierce and Legislator Williams Johnson

**Away:** Legislator Tubiolo and Legislator Williams

6. [ACT-2026-58](#) **BOND ACT(Amended)-SBB07-Blind Brook WWTP-Process Equip. Improvements**

A BOND ACT (Amended) authorizing the issuance of additional bonds of Westchester County in the amount of FIVE MILLION (\$5,000,000) DOLLARS, making the total amount THIRTY-SEVEN MILLION, FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$37,500,000) DOLLARS to finance Capital Project SBB07 - Blind Brook Waste Water Treatment Plant - Process Equipment Improvements.

**SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND INFRASTRUCTURE & HOUSING**

Guests: Department of Environmental Services  
First Deputy Commissioner Lou Vetrone  
Deputy Commissioner Nat Federici  
Director of Maintenance Steve Elie-Pierre  
Environmental Project Director Jazmin Logan

*This amendment request is for an additional \$5 Million for process equipment improvements at the Blind Brook Waste Water Treatment Plant. There are required scope changes which resulted in additional costs, some of which include an odor control system and upgrade emergency generator system, among others. Approval of this request would bring the total to \$37.5 Million and the upgrades are anticipated to withstand a future capacity influx.*

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

following vote:

**Aye:** Legislator Woodson-Samuels, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Nambiar, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Williams and Legislator Williams Johnson

7. [RES-2026-34](#) **ENV RES-25 Moore Avenue, Mount Kisco**

AN ENVIRONMENTAL RESOLUTION determining that there will be no significant adverse impact on the environment in connection with the sale of County property located at 25 Moore Avenue, Mount Kisco to Kasinathan International Group.

**SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEE ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS**

Guest: Law Dept.: Carla Chaves, Senior Assistant County Attorney

*This item was about a piece of land, 25 Moore Avenue, Mount Kisco. It no longer housed the Department of Health. The land was estimated to be between 2.5 to 2.8 million dollars. The sale of the property was going to Kasinathan International Group, Inc. for \$2,525,000.00.*

This RESOLUTION - Environmental Resolution was continued

8. [ACT-2026-64](#) **ACT-Authorizing County to Sell 25 Moore Avenue, Mount Kisco**

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to sell County property located at 25 Moore Avenue, Mount Kisco, NY to Kasinathan International Group, Inc., its successor or assignee.

**SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEE ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS**

Guest: Law Dept.: Carla Chaves, Senior Assistant County Attorney

*Please refer to item #7 for discussion.*

This ACT was continued

9. [ACT-2026-61](#) **ACT-Amending Act 2024-119-NYSOFA Grant Agreements**

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to amend ACT 2024-119 to increase the total aggregate not-to-exceed amount of the Title III-C & NSIP IMA's by SEVEN HUNDRED TEN THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED THREE DOLLARS AND FORTY CENTS (\$710,103.40) from an amount not to exceed ONE MILLION, THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY THREE, EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY-SIX DOLLARS (\$1,373,856.00) to a new total aggregate amount not to exceed TWO MILLION, EIGHTY-THREE THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED FIFTY NINE DOLLARS AND FORTY CENTS(\$2,083,959.40).

**SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND SENIORS AND YOUTH**

Guests: Department of Senior Programs & Services

Sandra Brown, Director of Program Development

Sherine Kurien, Accountant

*This item is about amending a Act 2024-119 to increase the total aggregate amount not to exceed \$2,083,959.40 because they received additional funds from the New York State Office of the Aging.*

On motion of Legislator Williams Johnson, seconded by Legislator Pierce, the above item was

signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Legislator Woodson-Samuels, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Nambiar, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Williams and Legislator Williams Johnson

10. [ACT-2026-62](#) **IMA-Preventive Respite Care & Services for Eligible Children and Their Families-Rockland County**

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into an intermunicipal agreement with Rockland County in order to provide mandated preventive respite care and services to eligible children at risk of foster care placement and their families residing in Rockland County, on a space available basis, for the term commencing on March 1, 2026 and expiring on February 28, 2029.

**SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DISABILITIES & HUMAN RIGHTS**

Guests: Department of Social Services  
First Deputy Commissioner John Befus  
Child Welfare Manager II Michelle Bethencourt-Garcia

*This item is for a regional shared services agreement four youth crisis intervention in Rockland County. The program provides services to eligible children at risk of foster care placement. Westchester's sanctuary shelter offers temporary housing and support for youths who are in crisis, and facilitating reunification with families. Current renovations at the shelter have led to temporary diversions of youth to alternative facilities in New York City and Putnam.*

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

**Aye:** Legislator Woodson-Samuels, Legislator Nambiar, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Williams and Legislator Williams Johnson

**Away:** Legislator Holstein

11. [ACT-2026-59](#) **BOND ACT-BPL37-14 Payne Street & 175 Winthrop Avenue, Greenburgh**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of TWO MILLION, FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY-SEVEN THOUSAND (\$2,487,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project BPL37 - New Homes Land Acquisition Fund III.

**SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND INFRASTRUCTURE & HOUSING**

Guests: Department of Planning  
Program Administrator Leonard Gruenfeld

*This item was discussed in conjunction with item #12. The requested amount of \$2.487 Million will fund capital project BPL37 associated with the acquisition of the properties 14 Payne Street and 175 Winthrop Avenue in the Town of Greenburgh. The site is currently vacant, with three obsolete properties that will be removed. There will be 9 subdivisions for each of the*

*new single-family homes to be built on those grounds and subsequently sold to first time homebuyers. Additionally, there will be 18 parking spaces and green design elements.*

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

**Aye:** Legislator Woodson-Samuels, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Nambiar, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Williams and Legislator Williams Johnson

12. [ACT-2026-60](#) **ACT-Land Acquisition-14 Payne Street & 175 Winthrop Avenue, Greenburgh**

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to purchase approximately +/- 48,683 square feet of real property located at 14 Payne Street and 175 Winthrop Avenue in the Town of Greenburgh and to subsequently convey said property, as well as authorizing the County to grant and accept any property rights necessary in furtherance thereof, for the purpose of creating nine (9) affordable homeownership units that will affirmatively further fair housing and remain affordable for a period of not less than fifty (50) years.

***SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND INFRASTRUCTURE & HOUSING***

Guests: Department of Planning  
Program Administrator Leonard Gruenfeld  
*Please refer to item #11 for discussion.*

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

**Aye:** Legislator Woodson-Samuels, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Nambiar, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Williams and Legislator Williams Johnson

13. [RES-2026-31](#) **ENV RES-A0099-Airport Natural Gas Pipeline**

AN ENVIRONMENTAL RESOLUTION determining that there will be no significant adverse impact on the environment from Capital Project A0099 - Airport Natural Gas Pipeline.

***SUBMITTED BY: BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND INFRASTRUCTURE & HOUSING***

Guests: Westchester County Airport  
Director of Aviation April Gasparri  
Airport Manager Francisco Tejada  
Deputy Airport Manager Lauren Walsh  
Associate Engineer Jeffrey Dean

*This item was discussed in conjunction with items #14 and #15. The three elements for this project include an Environmental Resolution, a Capital Budget Amendment and an amended Bond Act. The total request of \$8.819 Million for Capital Project A0099 will install a natural gas pipeline at the Westchester County Airport, which will extend the current natural gas pipeline. Overall, the facilities that will benefit from this gas line include private hangars and three*

*support buildings at the airport. There is currently one underground oil storage tank, which will be removed, and two above-ground. The Capital Budget Amendment will decrease the county's share by \$771,000 for a New York State grant that was accepted in 2020, design is currently at 100% completion and construction is expected to take approximately 12 months.*

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

**Aye:** Legislator Woodson-Samuels, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Nambiar, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Williams and Legislator Williams Johnson

14. [ACT-2026-53](#) **CBA-A0099-Airport Natural Gas Pipeline**

AN ACT amending the 2026 County Capital Budget Appropriations for Capital Project A0099 - Airport Natural Gas Pipeline.

**SUBMITTED BY: BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND INFRASTRUCTURE & HOUSING**

Guests: Westchester County Airport  
Director of Aviation April Gasparri  
Airport Manager Francisco Tejada  
Deputy Airport Manager Lauren Walsh  
Associate Engineer Jeffrey Dean  
*Please refer to item #13 for discussion.*

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

**Aye:** Legislator Woodson-Samuels, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Nambiar, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Williams and Legislator Williams Johnson

15. [ACT-2026-54](#) **BOND ACT(Amended)-A0099-Airport Natural Gas Pipeline**

A BOND ACT (Amended) authorizing the issuance of EIGHT MILLION, EIGHT HUNDRED NINETEEN THOUSAND (\$8,819,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County, which includes FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND (\$550,000) DOLLARS in previously authorized bonds, to finance Capital Project A0099 - Airport Natural Gas Pipeline.

**SUBMITTED BY: BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND INFRASTRUCTURE & HOUSING**

Guests: Westchester County Airport  
Director of Aviation April Gasparri  
Airport Manager Francisco Tejada  
Deputy Airport Manager Lauren Walsh  
Associate Engineer Jeffrey Dean  
*Please refer to item #13 for discussion.*

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

**Aye:** Legislator Woodson-Samuels, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Nambiar, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Williams and Legislator Williams Johnson

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**16. [ACT-2026-56](#) BOND ACT-T009H-Paratransit Vehicle Replacement-V**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of TWO MILLION, THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$2,300,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project T009H - Paratransit Vehicle Replacement.

***SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND INFRASTRUCTURE & HOUSING***

Guests: Department of Public Works & Transportation  
Director of Surface Transportation Michael Swee  
Program Administrator Paul Chenard

*This item requests \$2.3 Million to replace a portion of the paratransit vehicle fleet as part of their cyclical paratransit vehicle replacement. There is a mix of vehicles totaling in 118 and they replace about 25 per year, each having an approximate four-to-five-year lifespan. There are currently 30 hybrid vehicles in the fleet and although they prefer this type of vehicle, it all depends on what they find.*

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

**Aye:** Legislator Woodson-Samuels, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Nambiar,  
Legislator Pierce, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Williams and Legislator  
Williams Johnson

## **II. OTHER BUSINESS**

## **III. RECEIVE & FILE**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Legislator Tubiolo, seconded by Legislator Pierce, the Committee adjourned at 12:13pm.