

Parks & Environment

BOL Meeting Minutes - Published Draft



Committee Chair: Erika Pierce

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10:00 AM

Committee Room

Joint with B&A and LIT

CALL TO ORDER

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With a quorum present, Chair Pierce called the meeting to order at 10:37 a.m..

Others in Attendance: BOL: Legislators: Tyrae Woodson-Samuels, Nancy Barr, and Judah Holstein; Legislators (Remote): Terry Clements and David Imamura; Committee Coordinators: Jill Axelrod, Ethan Samuel, and Dayana Gomez; Lisa Hochman, James Silverberg, Greg Casciato, and Santiago Caceres; GUESTS: DEF: Vincent Kopicki, Louis Vetron, and Melissa Rotini

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

Absent: Legislator Nolan

MINUTES APPROVAL

Monday, February 9, 2026 at 10:00 a.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-2026-32](#) ACT-First Amendment-IMA-NYCDEP-Watershed

Joint with B&A, I&H and Health committees

Guest: Law Dept.: Associate County Attorney Lynne Colavita; Health Dept.: Deputy Commissioner Christopher Ericson and First Deputy Renee Recchia

Ms. Colavita explained that this is a request for a one-year extension of an IMA entered into in 2016 between the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the Westchester County Department of Health (DOH), which allowed DOH to review and issue

written determinations for all new, altered, modified or remediated subsurface sewage treatment systems, known as SSTS. She said the IMA was a five year agreement with an automatic renewal upon agreement of both parties for an additional five years, and a new agreement to be negotiated after that.

She said DEP and DOH are working on new agreement, but it will not be completed prior to expiration of current IMA, so they are requesting a one year extension to work out the terms before requesting authorization for a new IMA.

Deputy Commissioner Ericson said that there have been staffing transitions at DOH and DEP, and the extension will allow new leadership to make the new agreement effective and efficient.

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

2. [ACT-2026-33](#) **Act - DEF/EPA Consent Agreement**

Joint with B&A and LIT committees

Guests: Dept. of Environmental Facilities: Commissioner Vincent Kopicki, First Deputy Commissioner Louis Vetrone, and Assistant Commissioner Melissa Rotini

Mr. Vetrone said this will authorize DEF to enter into a consent agreement to settle claims with the Environmental Protection Agency regarding the Brockway Place Transfer Station in White Plains, which is operated by the County on behalf of Refuse Disposal District No. 1.

With a motion by Legislator Williams seconded by Legislator Williams Johnson, the committee voted unanimously to go into executive session to discuss potential litigation at 11:15 a.m. With a motion by Legislator Williams Johnson seconded by Legislator Williams, the committee voted unanimously to come out of executive session at 11:48 a.m.

Chair Pierce asked Mr. Vetrone to discuss the lease agreement and who built the transfer station on the facility. Mr. Vetrone said the district constructed the facility, and the property was leased to the County on behalf of the district, with the express purpose of building a solid waste and recyclables transfer station there in the 1980s. He said he did not recall when the lease began, but it expired, and has continued on a year-to-year basis.

On motion of Legislator Williams, seconded by Legislator Williams Johnson, 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, seconded by Legislator Tubiolo, the Committee adjourned at 11:52 a.m.