

Environment & Health

BOL Meeting Minutes - Final



Committee Chair: Ruth Walter

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Monday, November 8, 2021

10:00 AM

Committee Room

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting joint with the Committees on Budget & Appropriations and Public Works & Transportation.

The County Board will meet pursuant to Chapter 417 of New York State Laws of 2021, allowing public bodies to meet and take action without permitting in-person public access to meetings and authorizes such meetings and public hearings to be held remotely by conference call or similar service, provided the public has the ability to view or listen and that such meetings are recorded and later transcribed. To access the meeting, please visit: <https://westchestercountyny.legistar.com>

With a quorum present, Chair Walter called the meeting to order at 11:45 AM.

Others in Attendance: Y. Valencia, A. Restiano, M. Montalto, A. Singh, Legislators Gashi, Smith, Tubiolo, Maher

Remote: Legislators Woodson-Samuels, Cunzio, J. Silverberg, Dr. A. Milovanvic, Robert Abbamont

Present: Committee Chair Walter, Legislator Borgia, Legislator Boykin and Committee Vice-Chair Covill

Remote: Legislator Barr, Legislator Parker and Legislator Shimsky

MINUTES APPROVAL

October 18, 2021 10:00 AM

On motion of Legislator Borgia, seconded by Legislator Barr, the minutes were approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Committee Chair Walter, Legislator Barr, Legislator Borgia, Legislator Boykin, Committee Vice-Chair Covill, Legislator Parker and Legislator Shimsky

October 18, 2021 1:00 PM

On motion of Legislator Borgia, seconded by Committee Vice-Chair Covill, the minutes were approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Committee Chair Walter, Legislator Barr, Legislator Borgia, Legislator Boykin, Committee Vice-Chair Covill, Legislator Parker and Legislator Shimsky

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. [ACT-2021-197](#) CBA-BLR10-Labs & Research Infrast. Improvements '17-'21

AN ACT amending the 2021 County Capital Budget Appropriations for Capital Project BLR10 -

Labs & Research Infrastructure Improvements 2017-2021.

Submitted by COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENT & HEALTH

Guests:

Dr. Aleksandar Milovanovic, Medical Examiner (acting) and Deputy Commissioner
Diane Anton, Chief Administrator
Department of Labs and Research

Legislator Walter opened the meeting, Dr. Aleksandar Milovanovic introduced himself, Mr. Robert Abbamont went into detail about the Capital Budget Amendment that will amend the County's current-year capital budget to increase the County share for BLR 10 by \$400,000. The Department of Labs & Research has advised that the increase is required because of the bids received for BLR 10. The Department has also advised that its original intent was to rehabilitate the existing equipment, however, during design and in consultation with the original equipment manufacturer, it was determined that it would be prudent to replace the existing equipment, which is over forty years old and is leaking conditioned air from its joints. The Department has advised that BLR 10 is necessary to ensure that the Microbiology Laboratory remains in compliance with instrument parameters and New York State Clinical Laboratory Evaluation Program requirements. The instrumentation used in the Microbiology Laboratory may only operate within very strict humidity ranges. Testing performed outside of those ranges are subject to erroneous results. The new equipment will use a variable frequency drive, newer coil technology. The new equipment will eliminate the hot water heating completely and use existing steam at the facility, and thereby will be more energy efficient. The Amended Bond Act, in the total amount of \$1,000,000, which includes \$400,000 in previously authorized bonds of the County, would finance the cost of heating and air conditioning improvements of the Department facilities, located at the County's Valhalla 5 Campus at Grasslands, including construction and construction management to address humidity control in the Microbiology division.

On motion of Legislator Barr, seconded by Legislator Shimsky, the above item was signed by committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Committee Chair Walter, Legislator Barr, Legislator Borgia, Legislator Boykin, Committee Vice-Chair Covill, Legislator Parker and Legislator Shimsky

2. **ACT-2021-198 BOND ACT(Amended)-BLR10-Labs & Research Infrast. Improvements '17-'21**

A BOND ACT (Amended) authorizing the issuance of additional bonds of Westchester County in the amount of FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$400,000) DOLLARS to finance Capital Project BLR10 - Labs & Research Infrastructure Improvements 2017-2021 ("BLR10").

Submitted by COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENT & HEALTH

Guests:

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See item 1 for discussion.

On motion of Legislator Borgia, seconded by Committee Vice-Chair Covill, the above item was signed by committees. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Committee Chair Walter, Legislator Barr, Legislator Borgia, Legislator Boykin,
Committee Vice-Chair Covill, Legislator Parker and Legislator Shimsky

II. OTHER BUSINESS**III. RECEIVE & FILE****ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Committee Vice-Chair Covill, seconded by Legislator Borgia, the Committee adjourned at 11:54 AM.