

Environment, Energy & Climate

BOL Meeting Minutes - Published Draft

Committee Chair: Erika Pierce

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Tuesday, November 1, 2022

2:30 PM

Committee Room

CALL TO ORDER

Joint with Legislation committee.

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With a quorum present, Chair Pierce called the meeting to order at 00:00 AM/PM.

Others in Attendance: GUESTS: BOL: Committee Coordinators: Jill Axelrod and Anand Singh; Law Dept.: Shawna MacCleod (Remote) GUESTS (Remote):

With a quorum present, Chair Pierce called the meeting to order at 2:36 p.m.

Others in Attendance: BOL: Legislators: Margaret Cunzio, Damon Maher, and James Nolan; Legislator Chris Johnson (Remote); Committee Coordinators: Jill Axelrod and Anand Singh; Law Dept: Shawna MacLeod (Remote); Guests (Remote): Kent Sopris, Jay Holland, Leslie Lampert, Bonnie Saran, and Anne Mayhew

Present: Committee Chair Pierce, Committee Vice-Chair Barr, Legislator Borgia, Legislator Parker and Legislator Williams Johnson

Absent: Legislator Tubiolo

MINUTES APPROVAL

Minutes for Tuesday, October 25, 2022 at 2:30 p.m.

On motion of Legislator Williams Johnson, seconded by Committee Vice-Chair Barr, the above item was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Committee Chair Pierce, Committee Vice-Chair Barr, Legislator Borgia, Legislator Parker and Legislator Williams Johnson

Absent: Legislator Tubiolo

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Guests:

Law Dept.: Chief Deputy County Attorney Stacey Dolgin-Kmetz and Senior Assistant County Attorney Shawna MacLeod
 Kent Sopris, President, New York Association of Convenience Stores
 Jay Holland, Ostroff Associates
 Joshua Bocian, Senior Manager - Government Affairs, GrubHub
 Leslie Lampert, Owner, Ladle of Love
 Bonnie Saran, Owner, Little Drunken Chef
 Anne Mayhew, Owner, LMNOP Bakery

1. [2022-522](#) **LEGISLATORS PIERCE, BARR, WOODSON-SAMUELS, PARKER, MAHER, ALVARADO, BORGIA AND WILLIAMS JOHNSON - PH - Single Use Foodware**

Chair Pierce discussed the legislation and why it will be beneficial to both the environment and businesses in Westchester. The business owners in attendance spoke in support of the proposed legislation and the associated costs they incur as a result of single use foodware and utensils. Ms. Saran, who owns several restaurants in the County, said she can spend up to \$250,000 annually on supplies. They added that education and training for the staff will be crucial.

Legislator Cunzio asked if they have considered allowing customers to bring in reusable containers for discounted drinks as an incentive, and the guests confirmed there have been discussions about it. Ms. Lampert spoke about the signage that would be provided to restaurants as a result of the law and agreed it would be beneficial.

Legislator Cunzio asked if the County could face any liability as a result of someone burning themselves because of this law prohibiting splash sticks. It was widely agreed that splash sticks are a relatively recent invention and there are other mechanisms to prevent spillage. Ms. Macleod said she would research this to see if there was any precedent regarding liability.

This RESOLUTION - Public Hearing was continued

2. [2022-523](#) **LEGISLATORS PIERCE, BARR, WOODSON-SAMUELS, PARKER, MAHER, ALVARADO, BORGIA AND WILLIAMS JOHNSON - LL - Single Use Foodware**

See discussion of Item #1 above.

This LOCAL LAW - Amendment to Local Law was continued

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator Williams Johnson, seconded by Committee Vice-Chair Barr, the Committee adjourned at 3:28 p.m. by the following vote:

Aye: Committee Chair Pierce, Committee Vice-Chair Barr, Legislator Parker and Legislator Williams Johnson

Absent: Legislator Tubiolo

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