

Health

BOL Meeting Minutes - Published Draft



Committee Chair: Jewel Williams Johnson

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Wednesday, April 29, 2026

11:00 AM

Committee Room

CALL TO ORDER

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Legislator Emiljana Ulaj will be participating remotely from 520 White Plains Road, Tarrytown, New York 10591

With a quorum present, Chair Williams Johnson called the meeting to order at 11:08AM.

Others in Attendance: GUESTS: Dr. Jonathan Avery (remote), Ellen Bloom, Dr. Sherlita Amler, Michael Orth and Trevor Payne; BOL: Sebastian Loreti, Ralph Esposito and Dayana Gómez-Holguín

Present: Legislator Williams Johnson and Legislator Barr

Absent: Legislator Imamura, Legislator Pierce and Legislator Ulaj

MINUTES APPROVAL

1. Wednesday, April 8, 2026 at 11:00am

This was continued

2. Wednesday, April 22, 2026 at 11:00am

This was continued

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

The implications of the use of kratom

Guests:

Jonathan Avery, M.D., Vice Chair, Addiction Psychiatry
Stephen P. Tobin and Dr. Arnold M. Cooper Professor in Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry
Program Director, Addiction Psychiatry Fellowship
Program Director, Opioid Overdose Prevention Program
Weill Cornell Medicine | New York Presbyterian

Ellen Bloom, MPH, Director, Community Affairs
New York Presbyterian Hudson Valley Hospital Westchester
Westchester Behavioral Health

Dr. Sherlita Amler, Commissioner
Department of Health

Michael Orth, Commissioner, and Trevor Payne, Director of Sub Use Services
Department of Community Mental Health

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

This meeting was adjourned at 12:01pm.

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