



Budget & Appropriations

BOL Meeting Minutes - Final

Committee Chair: Vedat Gashi

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Monday, April 4, 2022

1:00 PM

Committee Room

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting jointly with the Committee on Legislation

This meeting will be held pursuant to Chapter 1 of the Laws of 2022 and Governor Hochul's Executive Order 11.4, which authorizes any public body "to meet and take such action authorized by law without permitting in public in-person access to meetings and authorize such meetings to be held remotely by conference call or similar service, provided that the public has the ability to view or listen to such proceeding and that such meetings are recorded and later transcribed. To access the meeting, please visit: <https://westchestercountyny.legistar.com>

With a quorum present, Vice-Chair Shimsky called the meeting to order at 1:12 PM.

Present: Legislator Maher, Legislator Nolan, Legislator Pierce, Committee Vice-Chair Shimsky, Legislator Smith and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Committee Chair Gashi, Legislator Tubiolo and Legislator Williams Johnson

Remote: Legislator Barr, Legislator Borgia and Legislator Parker

MINUTES APPROVAL

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

[ACT-2022-31](#) **IMA-Enforcing West. Co. For-Hire Vehicle Law-Municipalities**

AN ACT to authorize the County of Westchester to enter into inter-municipal agreements with one or more Westchester County municipal corporations as defined in Article 5-G of the New York State General Municipal Law pursuant to which the Municipalities will assist the County in enforcing the Westchester County For-Hire Vehicle Law, Chapter 270 of the Westchester County Administrative Code.

Submitted by: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND LEGISLATION

Joint with LEG.

Guest: Leandra Eustache, Chairperson/CEO-Westchester County Taxi & Limousine Commission

Legislator Smith briefly spoke on the item and requested Ms. Eustache speak some more about this. Ms. Eustache explained that the intent of this legislation would be to incentivize municipalities into joining, adding that currently they only have 2 officers from Public Safety for the entire county, resulting in fewer than 10 tickets being issued last year. Legislator Maher asked about the operational aspects of enforcement, to which Ms. Eustache said it's a complex process and case specific. She briefly gave some examples and said they're primarily looking for unlicensed taxis, but will also cite other traffic violations if they are

evident. Legislator Maher asked if the TLC board members were supportive of this and Ms. Eustache confirmed that despite there not being a formal vote, there's been consensus and support for this since this was introduced in 2019. Legislator Barr asked how they arrived at this number and she said there was no complex formula for calculations, instead this was something that came up through conversations with the municipalities. Legislator Cunzio said that despite us receiving a smaller share of individual fines, the increase in number eyes we had enforcing this would be much higher, resulting in a net increase in collections. Legislator Barr asked that in the future any items involving the TLC be referred to Public Safety as well.

On motion of Legislator Pierce, seconded by Legislator Woodson-Samuels, the above item was signed by committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Barr, Legislator Borgia, Legislator Nolan, Legislator Parker, Legislator Pierce, Committee Vice-Chair Shimsky, Legislator Smith and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Committee Chair Gashi, Legislator Maher, Legislator Tubiolo and Legislator Williams Johnson

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator Pierce, seconded by Legislator Nolan, the Committee adjourned at 1:40 PM.