

# Law & Major Contracts

## BOL Meeting Minutes - Published Draft



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Monday, July 12, 2021

1:00 PM

Committee Room

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### CALL TO ORDER

Joint with Legislation committee

*With a quorum present, Chair Covill called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.*

*Others in attendance: BOL: Legislators: Chris Johnson, Tyrae Woodson-Samuels, Terry Clements, Jose Alvarado, and David Tubiolo; Remote: Legislator Ruth Walters; Committee Coordinators Jill Axelrod and Anand Singh; Melanie Montalto, Lisa Hochman, and Amy Vele LAW: John Nonna, Stacey Dolgin-Kmetz, Jason Whitehead, and Shawna MacLeod; Tejash Sanchala, Valerie Daniele, William Schrag, Karen Rosenfeld, and Pam Goldstein; Remote: Hanade Sarar, Rachel Simon, Joshua Levin and Sammi Shah*

### MINUTES APPROVAL

June 28, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

On motion of Legislator Smith, seconded by Legislator Gashi, the minutes were approved. The motion carried unanimously.

June 28, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

On motion of Legislator Covill, seconded by Committee Vice-Chair Shimsky, the minutes were approved. The motion carried unanimously.

### I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Guests: County Attorney John Nonna and Chief Deputy County Attorney Stacey Dolgin-Kmetz.

#### 1. [2021-306](#) **PH - Independent Office of Assigned Counsel**

*The committee members discussed changes to the law with Mr. Nonna and Ms. Dolgin-Kmetz. For Section 186.41(a), they requested that the words "Westchester County City Court Judge" be switched to the end of the second sentence for clarity. They also requested the removal of the language requiring that the member recommended by the Hudson Valley Hispanic Bar Association be a resident of Westchester County, and the addition of a sentence stating that "all attorney board members must practice or have practiced in Westchester County." They requested that the last sentence of the section be changed to read that "no member of the Board of Directors nor any current employee of Legal Aid" can serve on the Assigned Counsel Board.*

*Legislator Covil noted that Section 186.41 has 2 sections labeled (d), so the second section (d) and all subsequent sections through section (i) would need to be relettered accordingly.*

For Section 186.81(d), they asked that the requirement for assigned counsel to have access to training programs should be through the County Bar Association "or" any other organizations instead of "and."

Ms. Dolgin-Kmetz agreed to make all of the requested changes to the legislation.

On motion of Legislator Covill, seconded by Committee Vice-Chair Shimsky, the above item was signed by committee. The motion carried unanimously.

2. [2021-307](#) **LEGISLATORS JOHNSON AND WOODSON-SAMUELS - LL - Independent Office of Assigned Counsel**

See discussion of Item #1 above.

On motion of Legislator Covill, seconded by Legislator Alvarado, the above item was signed by committee. The motion carried unanimously.

**II. OTHER BUSINESS**

**III. RECEIVE & FILE**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Legislator Covill, seconded by Legislator Alvarado, the Committee adjourned at 2:14 p.m.