



Budget & Appropriations

BOL Meeting Minutes - Final

Committee Chair: Vedat Gashi

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Monday, June 13, 2022

10:00 AM

Committee Room

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting jointly with the Committees on Public Works & Transportation and Environment, Energy & Climate

This meeting will be held pursuant to Chapter 1 of the New York State Laws of 2022 and Executive Order 11, as extended, which authorize 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, Chair Gashi called the meeting to order at 10:12 AM.

Present: Committee Chair Gashi, Legislator Barr, Legislator Maher, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Williams Johnson and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Smith

Remote: Legislator Borgia, Legislator Nolan, Legislator Parker, Committee Vice-Chair Shimsky and Legislator Tubiolo

MINUTES APPROVAL

Wednesday, June 1, 2022 at 10:00 AM Minutes

On motion of Legislator Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Legislator Maher, the minutes were approved. The motion carried unanimously.

Monday, May 23, 2022 at 10:00 AM Minutes

On motion of Legislator Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Legislator Maher, the minutes were approved. The motion carried unanimously.

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. [ACT-2022-74](#) ACT-Pay Plan Amendment

AN ACT amending Act No. 26-1952 as amended, which amended Act. No. 40-1941, entitled "An Act establishing personnel rules in Westchester County service and adopting classification of positions and schedules of pay."

Submitted by: COMMITTEE ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS

B&A Only.

Guests:

Commissioner Helen May and Margaret Vlymen-Human Resources Department Director Larry Soule and Deputy Budget Director Gideon Grande-Budget Department *Commissioner Helen May and Margaret Vlymen from the Department of Human Resources and Director Larry Soule and Deputy Director Gideon Grande from the Budget Department appeared before the Committee to discuss item #2022-297-ACT-Pay Plan Amendment. This is an Act recommending the creation of new position classifications, reallocation and various pay adjustments pursuant to studies conducted by the Department of Human Resources and in conjunction with departmental operational needs. In addition, this legislation also requests amendments to the Westchester Community Colleges' salary scales to address their operational needs. Commissioner May noted that we do this when existing titles do not meet the needs of our departments, either through technological advances, new initiatives or if there is some civil service constraints. Commissioner May discussed that a good example of a new initiative is the Office of Assigned Counsel, which the BOL approved the creation of and budgeted for in the 2022 Budget. This Pay Plan Amendment will establish the Administrator and Deputy Administrator titles within the pay plan and with a corresponding compensation level. New titles were also created in existing Departments such as Health, Labs & Research, Environmental Facilities, Social Services and at Westchester Community College to name a few.*

Legislator Shimsky asked what the physician salaries are currently at and what will they be raised to? Commissioner May responded that Health Department uses two classifications for their annual salaried physicians: the flat rated salary is at \$175,000 currently and is proposed to go up to \$185,000 and the lower classification, which is based on their qualifications is currently not to exceed \$150,000 and we are proposing an adjustment to not to exceed \$165,000. Legislator Shimsky noted that public health doctors nationally can expect to make somewhere around \$240,000-\$250,000 and we live in one of the most expensive parts of the country and we need to look at how we can be more competitive with our salaries.

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

Aye: Committee Chair Gashi, Legislator Barr, Legislator Borgia, Legislator Nolan, Legislator Parker, Legislator Pierce, Committee Vice-Chair Shimsky and Legislator Tubiolo

Absent: Legislator Smith

WO Prejudice: Legislator Maher, Legislator Williams Johnson and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

2. [ACT-2022-71](#) **ACT-1st Amendment to IMA-Mount Kisco & City of New York**

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into a first amendment to an IMA dated March 29, 1985, among the County, the Town/Village of Mount Kisco, and the City of New York, by and through the Department of Environmental Protection.

Submitted by: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY & CLIMATE

Joint with PW&T and EE&C.

Guests: Planning Department

Deputy Commissioner Blanca Lopez

Program Coordinator Millie Magraw

Ms. Macgraw discussed the background of the legislation. She said that the Fox Hollow Treatment Plant, which is located in the Town of New Castle, is in serious disrepair. It is in the New York City watershed, adjacent to the Kisco River, which flows directly into the Croton Reservoir. If this system were to fail, it could have a disastrous effect on the quality of our water. Mt. Kisco, New Castle, New York City and the County have been working together for a couple of years to address this situation. New York City agreed to finance the diversion of the treatment plant if certain provisos are met. Given the proximity of the plant to the Mt. Kisco sewer line, the proposed legislation will enable the effluent to be diverted through Mt. Kisco's pump station into the County Saw Mill Valley trunk sewer system.

Legislator Shimsky said this is about another 80,000 gallons a day. She asked if we have the math in any documents to establish that we have the capacity to handle the additional 80,000 gallons per day. Ms. Macgraw said she will send it.

Legislator Pierce thanked the Planning Department staff for all the work they put into this over the years.

On motion of Committee Chair Gashi, seconded by Legislator Pierce, the above item was signed by committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Committee Chair Gashi, Legislator Barr, Legislator Maher, Legislator Nolan, Legislator Parker, Legislator Pierce, Committee Vice-Chair Shimsky, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Williams Johnson and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Smith

Away: Legislator Borgia

3. [ACT-2022-72](#) **ACT-Release from EOH WQIP Fund**

AN ACT authorizing the release and transfer of TWO MILLION, THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY THOUSAND, SIX HUNDRED FORTY-FOUR (\$2,380,644) DOLLARS of the East of Hudson Water Quality Investment Program Fund, for which the County of Westchester is custodian under the 1997 Watershed Memorandum of Agreement, into a County Trust Account for the purpose of distribution to the Town/Village of Mount Kisco.

Submitted by: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY & CLIMATE

Joint with PW&T and EE&C.

Guests: Planning Department

Deputy Commissioner Blanca Lopez

Program Coordinator Millie Magraw

Please refer to item #2.

On motion of Committee Chair Gashi, seconded by Legislator Pierce, the above item was signed by committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Committee Chair Gashi, Legislator Barr, Legislator Maher, Legislator Nolan, Legislator Parker, Legislator Pierce, Committee Vice-Chair Shimsky, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Williams Johnson and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Smith

Away: Legislator Borgia

4. [ACT-2022-73](#) **IMA-Distribute EOH WQIP Funds-Mount Kisco**

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into an inter-municipal agreement with the Town/Village of Mount Kisco in order to distribute funds of the East of Hudson Water Quality Investment Program Fund, for which the County is custodian under the 1997 Watershed Memorandum of Agreement.

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Away: Legislator Borgia

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Legislator Williams Johnson, the Committee adjourned at 11:11 AM.