



Public Safety

BOL Meeting Minutes - Final

Committee Chair: Colin Smith

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Monday, March 22, 2021

1:00 PM

Committee Room

CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM.

Pursuant to Governor Andrew Cuomo's Executive Order No. 202.1, "Continuing Temporary Suspension and Modification of Laws Relating to the Disaster Emergency," which temporarily suspends portions of the New York State Open Meetings Law.

A section of the order, "Suspension of law allowing the attendance of meetings telephonically or other similar services," provides for the suspension of "Article 7 of the Public Officers Law, to the extent necessary to permit any public body to meet and take such actions authorized by the law without permitting in public in-person access to meetings and authorizing 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."

*Others in Attendance: BOL: Damon Maher, Melanie Montalto, James Silverberg, Amy Vele
BOL Remote: Alfreda Williams DPS: Commissioner Thomas Gleason CEO: Copernicus Crane*

Present: Committee Chair Smith, Legislator Boykin and Legislator Covill

Absent: Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Remote: Legislator Barr, Committee Vice-Chair Cunzio, Legislator Johnson and Legislator Shinsky

MINUTES APPROVAL

February 17, 2021 1:00 PM

On motion of Legislator Covill, seconded by Legislator Boykin, the minutes were approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Committee Chair Smith, Legislator Barr, Legislator Boykin, Legislator Covill, Committee Vice-Chair Cunzio, Legislator Johnson and Legislator Shinsky

Absent: Legislator Woodson-Samuels

February 22, 2021 3:00 PM

On motion of Legislator Covill, seconded by Legislator Barr, the minutes were approved. The motion carried unanimously.

March 1, 2021 3:00 PM

On motion of Legislator Covill, seconded by Legislator Boykin, the minutes were approved. The motion carried unanimously.

March 4, 2021 3:00 PM

On motion of Legislator Covill, seconded by Legislator Barr, the minutes were approved. The motion carried unanimously.

March 8, 2021 3:00 PM

On motion of Legislator Covill, seconded by Legislator Barr, the minutes were approved. The motion carried unanimously.

March 10, 2021 3:00 PM

On motion of Legislator Covill, seconded by Legislator Boykin, the minutes were approved. The motion carried unanimously.

March 11, 2021 3:00 PM

On motion of Legislator Covill, seconded by Legislator Barr, the minutes were approved. The motion carried unanimously.

March 18, 2021 3:00 PM

On motion of Legislator Covill, seconded by Legislator Boykin, the minutes were approved. The motion carried unanimously.

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. [ACT-2021-42](#) ACT-Adopting Police Reform Plan

An Act adopting the Westchester County Police Reform Plan developed by the Westchester County Police Reform and Reimagining Task Force.

Submitted by COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

Chair Smith opened the meeting stating that today will be our final meeting on the topic of the Westchester County Police Reform and Reimagining Task Force Report. Chair Boykin stated that both the committee report and the act have been updated to include comments from the County Executive's Office. Chair Smith added that the changes reflect our collaboration with the ninth floor and the input in terms of what some of the stuff they asked us to include. They fleshes out what was in there initially just to a greater extent.

Legislator Covill asked how the Legislator submissions will be attached to the report. Legislative Director Melanie Montalto responded that we are putting together a Board of Legislators addendum which will be at the back of the report with all the other addendums. This will include the documents received from Legislator Shimsky, Legislator Cunzio, it will have all of the minutes from these meetings, all of the public comments that we have received, and a transcript from our public input session. She noted that we are not making any changes to the existing document that is the task force report. Chair Boykin stated that he believe it is important that all of the documents related to this be compiled in one place to be used during the coming years as we move forward on these issues. Legislator Covill stated that she had

spoken with Legislative Director Montalto about having a subcommittee that will follow through with the recommendations that have been made by this board and work with the Department of Public Safety to continue this work and report annually on the progress. Chair Boykin noted that in the not too distant future the Chair of Public Safety Committee along with the Chair of the Social Services Committee along with himself will be sitting down to discuss what the next steps are.

Legislator Shimsky thanked Commissioner Gleason, his Department and Mike Hagan for their work throughout this process. Chair Smith thanked Blanca Lopez and Copernicus Crane for the job that they and their team on the ninth floor have done in facilitating this process over the past nine months. He also thanked Co-chairs Mayo Bartlett and Leroy Frazer for the work they have done leading the Task Force through this process and presenting their report. He thanked Commissioner Gleason and his Department for being good partners at each and every step of this process and that he looks forward to continuing to work with him as we move onwards.

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

Aye: Committee Chair Smith, Legislator Barr, Legislator Boykin, Legislator Covill, Committee Vice-Chair Cunzio, Legislator Johnson and Legislator Shimsky

Absent: Legislator Woodson-Samuels

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator Covill, seconded by Legislator Cunzio, the Committee adjourned at 1:22 PM.