

Health

BOL Meeting Minutes - Final



Committee Chair: Jewel Williams Johnson

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Monday, July 10, 2023

1:00 PM

Committee Room

CALL TO ORDER

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Joint with the Committee on Legislation

With a quorum present, Chair Williams Johnson called the meeting to order at 1:08PM.

Others in Attendance: LAW: Justin Adin, Shawna MacLeod and Stephanie Areford; GUEST: Lauren LaMagna (remote); BOL: Legislator Damon Maher, Legislator Christopher Johnson, Legislator James Nolan, Legislator Benjamin Boykin, Legislator Margaret Cunzio, Legislator Jose Alvarado (remote), Jill Axelrod, Karen Vele, Jared Haberman, Michael Milanes, Jr., Sasha Persaud and Dayana Gómez-Holguín

Present: Committee Chair Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Imamura, Legislator Parker, Committee Vice-Chair Pierce and Legislator Smith

MINUTES APPROVAL

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Guests: Law Dept.: Chief Deputy County Attorney Stacey Dolgin-Kmetz; Planned Parenthood Hudson Peconic: Vincent Russell, President/CEO

1. [2023-308](#) **PH - Amendment to Clinic Access Law**

A RESOLUTION to set a Public Hearing on "A LOCAL LAW amending Chapter 425 of the Laws of Westchester County." [Public Hearing set for _____, 2023 at _____ .m.]. LOCAL LAW INTRO 2023-309.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON LEGISLATION AND HEALTH

***Please note: This item was placed directly into Committee for immediate consideration.**

Chair Williams Johnson and Legislator Smith provided an overview on the topic and invited the guests to introduce themselves. Mr. Adin stated that this amendment removes the bubble zone provision, prohibiting people from approaching others within 8 feet for the purposes of engaging in protest education and counseling. It also removes the definitions referencing that provision as well. Ms. LaMagna added that since passing this law they have not seen the

bubble zone provision to be beneficial as it is not enforceable. She also mentioned that removing this provision allows for the law to be more clear and direct in knowing where the protections start and stop. Mr. Adin clarified that to their understanding there are no proceedings where someone has been charged with a violation under this provision at this time.

After further discussion, Chair Williams Johnson thanked the guests and proceeded to conclude the meeting.

This RESOLUTION - Public Hearing was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators

2. [2023-309](#) **LL - Amendment to Clinic Access Law**

A LOCAL LAW amending Chapter 425 of the Laws of Westchester County.
Refer to previous item for details.

This LOCAL LAW - Amendment to Local Law was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Committee Vice-Chair Pierce, seconded by Legislator Imamura, the Committee adjourned at 1:19pm.