

Parks & Environment BOL Meeting Minutes - Published Draft



Committee Chair: Erika Pierce

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10:00 AM

Committee Room

Joint with B&A and I&H

CALL TO ORDER

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With a quorum present, Chair Pierce called the meeting to order at 10:26 a.m.

Others in Attendance: BOL: Legislators: Tyrae Woodson-Samuels and Anant Nambiar; Legislator Judah Holstein (Remote); Committee Coordinators: Jill Axelrod, James Silverberg, Ethan Samuel, Dayana Gomez, and Sebastian Loreti; Lisa Hochman; Greg Casciato; Budget Dept.: Larry Soule, Christina Rampata and Dianne Vanadia; Law Dept.: Justin Adin

Present: Legislator Pierce, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Williams and Legislator Williams Johnson

Absent: Legislator Nolan

Remote: Legislator Gashi

MINUTES APPROVAL

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Organizational meeting for the 2026 legislative term:

1. Set a quorum.
2. Select Committee Vice-Chair.
3. Set a meeting date and time.

Chair Pierce said that Legislator Jewel Williams Johnson will serve as committee Vice-Chair. She said that the committee's scheduled meeting time is Tuesday at 2:00 p.m., but the committee will often meet with the Budget committee on Mondays at 10:00 a.m.

With a motion by Legislator Williams Johnson seconded by Legislator Williams, the committee

voted unanimously to set the quorum at three members.

1. [ACT-2026-9](#) **CBA-RP056-Playland Infrastructure, Rides and Site Work**

Guests: Law Dept.: Assistant Chief Deputy County Attorney Justin Adin; Budget Dept.: Deputy Director Christina Rampata

Mr. Adin discussed Item #s 2026-40, 41 and 42 together. These three items related to the arbitration proceeding between Westchester County and Standard Amusements, including two budget amendments and an amended Bond Act. In July 2025, the arbitration panel found Standard to be in default for having left management of the park, shielding the County from additional penalties. These items conclude the BOL's work related to the settlement.

In May 2025, the BOL authorized \$36 million in funding for expenses. This amount included \$24 million in funds to reimburse Standard for money they had invested in Playland, as was required per the agreement. Since any funds found to be owed to Standard were subject to 18% interest, the County approved funding in order to minimize any interest expense. That payment was made in May. In November, the County submitted an additional \$12 million to Standard.

As discussed in the meeting, an additional \$519,294 representing the final portion of the 18% interest owed to Standard per the contract provisions needed to be approved.

Two of the items discussed reclassified amounts originally booked to the County's Operating Budget, moving them to the Capital Budget. Eligible capital expenditures consist of ride- and site-related improvements at Playland Amusement Park that were undertaken by Standard Amusement during its management of the County park. These adjustments included an increase of \$27,710,000 to the Capital Budget and a decrease in the same amount to the Operating Budget, and an increase of \$519,524 to the Operating Budget for interest expense.

Overall, the county paid Standard \$36,519,294.

With a motion by Legislator Williams Johnson seconded by Legislator Williams, the committee voted unanimously to go into executive session at 11:00 a.m. to discuss legal advice for the three items. With a motion by Legislator Williams Johnson seconded by Legislator Tubiolo, the committee voted unanimously to come out of executive session at 11:12 a.m.

On motion of Legislator Williams Johnson, seconded by Legislator Williams, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Pierce, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Williams and Legislator Williams Johnson

Absent: Legislator Nolan

Away: Legislator Gashi

2. [ACT-2026-10](#) **2025 Operating Budget Amendment-RP056-Playland Infrastructure, Rides and Site Work**

Guests: Law Dept.: Assistant Chief Deputy County Attorney Justin Adin; Budget Dept.: Deputy Director Christina Rampata
See Item #1 above.

On motion of Legislator Williams Johnson, seconded by Legislator Williams, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Pierce, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Williams and Legislator Williams Johnson

Absent: Legislator Nolan

Away: Legislator Gashi

3. [ACT-2026-11](#) **BOND ACT(Amended)-RP056-Playland Infrastructure, Rides and Site Work**

Guests: Law Dept.: Assistant Chief Deputy County Attorney Justin Adin; Budget Dept.: Deputy Director Christina Rampata and Associate Director Dianne Vanadia
See Item #1 above.

On motion of Legislator Williams Johnson, seconded by Legislator Williams, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Pierce, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Williams and Legislator Williams Johnson

Absent: Legislator Nolan

Away: Legislator Gashi

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator Williams, seconded by Legislator Tubiolo, the Committee adjourned at 11:15 a.m. by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Pierce, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Williams and Legislator Williams Johnson

Absent: Legislator Nolan

Away: Legislator Gashi