

Budget & Appropriations

BOL Meeting Minutes - Final



Committee Chair: Jewel Williams Johnson

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Monday, March 31, 2025

1:00 PM

Committee Room

Joint with LEG

CALL TO ORDER

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Legislator Colin Smith will be participating remotely from 1132 Main St., Suite 1, Peekskill, NY 10566

With a quorum present, Chair Williams Johnson called the meeting to order at 1:25 PM.

Others in Attendance: GUESTS: John Nonna, Justin Adin, Shawna Macleod, Larry Soule; BOL: David Imamura, Beb Boykin, Emiljana Ulaj, Dayana Gomez, Marcello Figueroa, Lisa Hochman, Jill Axelrod, James Silverberg, Karen Vele

Present: Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Williams and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Holstein and Legislator Tubiolo

MINUTES APPROVAL

Monday, February 10, 2025 at 10:00 AM Minutes

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

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Williams and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Holstein and Legislator Tubiolo

Monday, January 13, 2025 at 10:00 AM Minutes

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

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Williams and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Holstein and Legislator Tubiolo

Wednesday, November 13, 2024 at 2:00 PM Minutes

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

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Williams and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Holstein and Legislator Tubiolo

Monday, October 7, 2024 at 1:00 PM Minutes

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

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Williams and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Holstein and Legislator Tubiolo

Wednesday, July 31, 2024 at 2:00 PM Minutes

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

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Williams and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Holstein and Legislator Tubiolo

Monday, July 29, 2024 at 10:00 AM Minutes

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

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Williams and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Holstein and Legislator Tubiolo

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. [2025-119](#) HOME RULE-A6427-Amendment to the Westchester County Spending Limitation Act

Forwarding a New York State Home Rule Request Resolution requesting "AN ACT to amend the tax law, in relation to revising the period of authorization for the county of Westchester's additional one percent rate of sales and compensating use tax; and to amend chapter 272 of the laws of 1991, amending the tax law relating to the method of disposition of sales and compensating use tax revenue in Westchester county and enacting the Westchester county spending limitation act, in relation to revising the period of authorization for the county of Westchester's additional one percent rate of sales and compensating use tax."

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND LEGISLATION

Guests: Budget Department
Director Larry Soule

Assistant Chief Deputy County Attorney Justin Adin-LAW

Mr. Soule said this is in relation to the one percent sales tax increase. He said that every two years, he has to calculate the spending subject to the limitation. For the 2025 budget, this is \$711 million. Since \$2.3 billion is the allowable amount, the County is well under that, so this is not a concern.

Mr. Adin said that the Spending Limitations Act is tied to the County's total sales tax, not just the additional one percent, so if the County exceeded the spending limitations, it would not be able to collect County sales tax. He noted that Westchester is the only county in the state that has this.

Legislator Pierce asked why we don't try to get this eliminated. Mr. Adin said that Westchester is also the only County in the state that does not have to collect its own property taxes, and has that guaranteed by the local municipalities, and the County has tried to avoid changes in the tax law that could potentially bring that up. He also noted that the County has never been close to the spending limitation, so there is no real harm if we have to ask the state for an extension every two years. Mr. Soule noted that this also authorizes the County to share the sales tax with the local municipalities.

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

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Williams and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Holstein and Legislator Tubiolo

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator Pierce, seconded by Legislator Woodson-Samuels, the Committee adjourned at 1:38 PM. by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Williams and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Holstein and Legislator Tubiolo