Non-Profit Task Force BOL Meeting Minutes -Final



Task Force Chair: Jewel Williams Johnson 800 Michaelian Office Bldg. 148 Martine Avenue, 8th Floor White Plains, NY 10601 www.westchesterlegislators.com

Thursday, March 13, 2025

3:00 PM

Committee Room

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Williams Johnson called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

Others in attendance: Co-Chair Jan Fisher, BOL: Legislator Nancy Barr (Remote), Jill Axelrod, Alie Moncada; Law Dept.: Larry Soule; GUESTS: Amy Rivera, Carl Albanese, Mike Goldman, Colleen Kane, David Buchwald, Jessica Timms, and Laura Newman; Remote: Susan Abbott, Trina Fontaine, Amanda Nunez, Kandy Davenport, Faith Butcher, Linda McKinzie-Daugherty, Jill Bradshaw-Soto, Cindy Kanusher, Chima Monday, Rachel Halperin, Mariaqnne Ventrice, Lauren LaMagna, Agnes Nowak, Debbie Anderson, Sandra Brown, Patti Horvath, Rob Caluori, Rinku Bhattacharya, Ciara Mulligan, Sharon Seidell, Amanda Tsai, Kate Permut, Michelle Noicholas, Tania Weiss, Lindsary Rivera, Carolyn Carr Spencer, and Angel Gray

MINUTES APPROVAL

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Discussion with Westchester County Budget Director Larry Soule on the County budget and process.

Mr. Soule said although there is a great deal of uncertainty right now, he was happy to see that the State budget did not have anything in it that would harm the County financially.

Ms. Fisher said that after lobbying in Albany, the State Senate and Assembly agreed to a 7.8 % COLA for the human services sector. She asked that people call their elected officials and thank them.

Mr. Soule spoke about the impact of federal funding cuts. He said that the County has inventoried all of its federally funded programs, and the County receives direct federal funding of \$350 million. The County has asked the departments to notify the County Executive and Budget Department if they become aware of any federal funding cuts. Mr. Soule asked that nonprofits also let the County know if they hear of cuts. He said the County is not making any drastic changes at this point, and plans to look at things on a case by case basis. Legislator Barr emphasized that with all the uncertainty surrounding federal funding and potential budget cuts, it is important for nonprofits to try to leverage outside funding from private donors. Ms. Fisher stressed the need for resource advocacy, and advised contacting federal and state representatives to advocate for funding and share information about the impact at the local level.

The meeting can be viewed in its entirety at https://westchestercountyny.granicus.com/player/clip/7493?view_id=1&redirect=true.

- II. OTHER BUSINESS
- III. RECEIVE & FILE

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