

Public Safety

BOL Meeting Minutes - Final



Committee Chair: Terry Clements

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4:15 PM

Committee Room

CALL TO ORDER

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Legislator Margaret Cunzio will be participating remotely from 770 Commerce Street, Thornwood, NY 10594.

With a quorum present, Chair Clements called the meeting to order at 4:19 PM

Others in Attendance: BOL: Jill Axelrod, Dayana Gomez, Lisa Hochman (remote)

Present: Legislator Clements, Legislator Cunzio and Legislator Gashi

Absent: Legislator Boykin, Legislator Smith and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Remote: Legislator Cunzio

MINUTES APPROVAL

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. [ACT-2025-125](#) CBA-BES05-DES Main Facility Rehabilitation

Guests: Dept. of Emergency Services: Commissioner Susan Spear and Deputy Commissioner Michael Volk

Commissioner Spear began by explaining that BES05 is a long standing capital project started in 2026 for the purposes of several facility improvements and age related upgrades. The current projects include replacement of the HVAC system. This amendment is due to the original cost going up from when the project first began in addition to additional funds to account for potential tariff increases.

The current HVAC system is at the end of its useful life and it cannot handle when it gets too cold or too hot. Commissioner Spear included several examples, including that of when firefighters come back into the classroom after training, to a room that is 88 degrees because of the failed HVAC.

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

Aye: Legislator Clements, Legislator Cunzio and Legislator Gashi

Absent: Legislator Boykin, Legislator Smith and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

2. **[ACT-2025-126](#) BOND ACT-BES05-DES Main Facility Rehabilitation**

Guests: Dept. of Emergency Services: Commissioner Susan Spear and Deputy Commissioner Michael Volk
same as above.

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

Aye: Legislator Clements, Legislator Cunzio and Legislator Gashi

Absent: Legislator Boykin, Legislator Smith and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

3. **[ACT-2025-128](#) IMA-Firing Range-Putnam**

Guest: Dept. of Public Safety: Capt. Jeffrey Weiss

The guest explained the proposed IMA is a that allows Putnam Counties public safety employees to make use of our range. Putnam County typically provides instructors in exchange for range time.

Legislator Clements asked when does the current IMA we have with Putnam County expire? Captain Weiss responded July 1st.

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

Aye: Legislator Clements, Legislator Cunzio and Legislator Gashi

Absent: Legislator Boykin, Legislator Smith and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

4. **[ACT-2025-119](#) ACT-Memorandum of Understanding-WCHCC & Partners-Lethality Reduction Program**

Guests: Dept. of Public Safety: Chief James Luciano and Lieutenant James Provenzano; Office for Women: Director Robi Schlaff and Program Administrator Stephanie Basilan
The guests began by explaining what the Westchester County Domestic Violence High Risk team is and why they have come together. This program was created as a community response that works together to reduce the risk of homicide by way of domestic violence cases. This MOU needs approval by the Board because Westchester County Healthcare Corporation is a party to it.

Legislator Clements expressed her enthusiasm for the program because in New Rochelle, she has experienced 30 children who have come from a building put up in New Rochelle that is for survivors of domestic violence, come into the school system with trauma and needing resources. She said she sees first hand the residual effects of things that were not their fault and how the school district needed to respond with extra TLC.

Chief Luciano described the role that Public Safety plays in the collaborative efforts of the

Westchester County Domestic Violence High Risk Team. He said they serve as a resource for every jurisdiction to be able to respond to issues involving domestic violence and he believes the biggest contributions is the training that is provided to new recruits and other officers, an in-service training to equip them the best way they can.

Legislator Clements also asked about the APRICOT system. The guests explained, the APRICOT system is their records management system which was switched from password protected excel sheets that needed to be expanded due to the increase in number of partners that were coming on board.

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

Aye: Legislator Clements, Legislator Cunzio and Legislator Gashi

Absent: Legislator Boykin, Legislator Smith and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

II. OTHER BUSINESS

Discussion with County Attorney John Nonna regarding Westchester County law on pistol permit license fees.

The discussion began with County Attorney Nonna explaining the sections of the penal law that governs pistol licensing and carrying. There is a section (section 14) gives Westchester and the City of New York, as well as other counties, the details of who can be exempt from fees as relates to certain groups of people. It was determined by the law department that it was not possible to get an exemption for other groups, for Westchester, since it would then effect the entire state. He said he believes the way in which this could happen is through lobbying efforts to the state.

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

This matter was adjourned at 4:45 PM.

Aye: Legislator Clements, Legislator Cunzio and Legislator Gashi

Absent: Legislator Boykin, Legislator Smith and Legislator Woodson-Samuels