



Legislation

BOL Meeting Minutes - Final

Committee Chair: Kitley Covill

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Monday, May 10, 2021

1:00 PM

Committee Room

CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Chair Covill called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

Pursuant to Governor Andrew Cuomo's Executive Order No. 202.1, "Continuing Temporary Suspension and Modification of Laws Relating to the Disaster Emergency," which temporarily suspends portions of the New York State Open Meetings Law. A section of the order, "Suspension of law allowing the attendance of meetings telephonically or other similar services," provides for the suspension of "Article 7 of the Public Officers Law, to the extent necessary to permit any public body to meet and take such actions authorized by the law without permitting in public in-person access to meetings and authorizing such meetings to be held remotely by conference call or similar service, provided that the public has the ability to view or listen to such proceeding and that such meetings are recorded and later transcribed."

Others in attendance: BOL: Legislator Damon Maher, Legislators (Remote): Margaret Cunzio, Catherine Parker, Chris Johnson, Ruth Walter, and Tyrae Woodson-Samuels; Committee Coordinators: Jill Axelrod and Alie Restiano LAW: Justin Adin, Remote: Stacey Dolgin-Kmetz GUESTS: Remote: Tejash Sanchala, Josh Levin, and Sherry Leiwant

Present: Committee Chair Covill, Committee Vice-Chair Borgia and Legislator Boykin

Remote: Legislator Barr, Legislator Gashi, Legislator Shimsky, Legislator Smith and Legislator Williams

MINUTES APPROVAL

May 3, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. [2021-212](#) **Amendments to the Co-op Disclosure Law**

Joint with Labor & Housing committee

Guests: Chief Deputy County Attorney Stacey Dolgin-Kmetz, Deputy County Attorney Justin Adin and Tejash Sanchala, Executive Director, Westchester County Human Rights Commission

Mr. Adin discussed amendments to the legislation made after the last meeting. Legislator Covill and Chairman Boykin said they want to be added as sponsors of the legislation. Legislator Shimsky said that a constituent who had been on many co-op boards had raised issues regarding the requirement that the co-op disclose firm mandatory minimum financial qualifications or a preferred minimum income. Legislator Covill suggested adding the following

language at the end of the last sentence in Section 2: "noting that these criteria may vary in the discretion of the Board weighing these factors when they make a decision on an application." Mr. Adin said he would add the language, and the committee approved the law as amended.

On motion of Committee Vice-Chair Borgia, seconded by Committee Chair Covill, the above item was signed by committee and sent to the Board of Legislators. The motion carried unanimously.

2. [RES-2021-98](#) **PH - Amendments to the Co-op Disclosure Law**

Joint with Labor & Housing committee

On motion of Committee Vice-Chair Borgia, seconded by Committee Chair Covill, the above item was signed by committee and sent to the Board of Legislators. The motion carried unanimously.

3. [2021-289](#) **Earned Sick Leave for Domestic Workers**

Joint with Budget & Appropriations and Labor & Housing committees

Guests: Chief Deputy County Attorney Stacey Dolgin-Kmetz, Deputy County Attorney Justin Adin and Sherry Leiwant, Co-President of A Better Balance

Mr. Adin explained that after the County passed the Earned Sick Leave Law in 2018, New York State passed Earn Sick Leave statewide. The State law preempts the County law, but does not provide protections for domestic workers, which the County law did. This law reaffirms Earned Sick Leave protections for domestic workers in the County.

Ms. Leiwant thanked the legislators for passing this law and protecting domestic workers.

On motion of Legislator Barr, seconded by Committee Vice-Chair Borgia, the above item was signed by committee and sent to the Board of Legislators. The motion carried unanimously.

4. [RES-2021-99](#) **PH - Earned Sick Leave for Domestic Workers**

Joint with Budget & Appropriations and Labor & Housing committees

On motion of Legislator Williams, seconded by Legislator Boykin, the above item was signed by committee and sent to the Board of Legislators. The motion carried unanimously.

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator Shimsky, seconded by Legislator Boykin, the Committee adjourned at 2:20 p.m.