

Budget & Appropriations

BOL Meeting Minutes - Published Draft



Committee Chair: Tyrae Woodson-Samuels

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10:00 AM

Committee Room

CALL TO ORDER

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With a quorum present, Chair Woodson-Samuels called the meeting to order at 10:25 a.m.

Others in Attendance: BOL: Legislators: David Imamura, Colin Smith, Nancy Barr (Remote); Committee Coordinators: Jill Axelrod, James Silverberg, Ethan Samuel, Dayana Gomez, and Sebastian Loreti; Lisa Hochman; Greg Casciato; Parks Dept: Robert Lopane, Budget Dept.: Larry Soule, Christina Rampata and Dianne Vanadia; Law Dept.: Justin Adin, Sean Carey, Mark Gardner, Taryn Langrin, Christine Feimer, Michael Callan; David Chen, Esq Bleakley Platt, Lalit Loomba, Esq., Quinn Law Firm.

Present: Legislator Woodson-Samuels, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Nambiar, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Williams, Legislator Williams Johnson and Legislator Gashi

MINUTES APPROVAL

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. [ACT-2026-4](#) **BOND ACT(Amended)-RBR07-Bronx River Pathway Reconstruction**

A BOND ACT (Amended) authorizing the issuance of an additional ONE MILLION, SEVEN HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$1,700,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County making the total amount ELEVEN MILLION, ONE HUNDRED THIRTY THOUSAND (\$11,130,000) DOLLARS to finance Capital Project RBR07 - Bronx River Pathway Reconstruction.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND INFRASTRUCTURE & HOUSING

Joint w/I&H

Guest: Dept of PRC: Robert Lopane, Director of Park Planning.

Budget Dept.: Dianne Vanadia, Associate Director

This Bond Act amendment request for \$1.7 Million would fund design, construction and construction management of project RBR07 that addresses the Bronx River Pathway reconstruction, bringing the project to a total of \$11.1 Million. Rehabilitation and improvements will be conducted throughout several segments on the pathway and include pathway pavement, footbridges, railings, stone walls and other upgrades. Design is being conducted primarily in-house and construction is anticipated to take 18 months to complete.

On motion of Legislator Williams, 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 Woodson-Samuels, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Nambiar, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Williams, Legislator Williams Johnson and Legislator Gashi

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

AN ACT amending the 2025 County Capital Budget Appropriations for Capital Project RP056 - Playland Infrastructure, Rides and Site Work.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, INFRASTRUCTURE & HOUSING AND PARKS & ENVIRONMENT

Joint w/I&H and PE

Law Dept.: Assistant Chief Deputy County Attorney Justin Adin

Budget Dept.: Christina Rampata, Deputy Director, Dianne Vanadia, Associate Director

With a motion by Legislator Williams seconded by Legislator Tubiolo the committee voted unanimously to go into executive session at 11:00 a.m. to discuss legal advice for ID #s 2026-40, 41, and 42.

With a motion by Legislator Williams seconded by Legislator Tubiolo, the committee voted unanimously to come out of executive session at 11:10 a.m.

This item was discussed in conjunction with items #3 and #4. Approval of these items would authorize the County to amend the 2025 Operating Budget to reduce the previously approved amount and the 2025 Capital Budget to increase the previously approved amount for Capital Project RP056-Playland Infrastructure, Rides and Site Work. The Bond Act amendment would increase the previously authorized bond number 83-2025, to \$36.5 Million for liquidated damages, as a result from the arbitration between the County and Standard Amusements LLC.

With a motion by Legislator Woodson-Samuels seconded by Legislator Pierce, the committee voted unanimously to go into executive session at 11:00am. With a motion by Legislator Woodson-Samuels seconded by Legislator Pierce, the committee voted unanimously to come out of executive session at 11:12am. The committee voted to go into executive session pursuant to the New York State Open Meetings Law Section 105(f).

On motion of Legislator Pierce, 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 Woodson-Samuels, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Nambiar, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Williams, Legislator Williams Johnson and Legislator Gashi

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

AN ACT to amend the 2025 Operating Budget in connection with Capital Project RP056 - Playland Infrastructure, Rides and Site Work.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, INFRASTRUCTURE & HOUSING AND PARKS & ENVIRONMENT

Joint w/I&H and PE

Law Dept.: Assistant Chief Deputy County Attorney Justin Adin

Budget Dept.: Christina Rampata, Deputy Director, Dianne Vanadia, Associate Director

Please refer to item #2 for discussion.

On motion of Legislator Pierce, 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 Woodson-Samuels, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Nambiar, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Williams, Legislator Williams Johnson and Legislator Gashi

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

A BOND ACT (Amended) to increase the amount of bonds authorized by Bond Act No. 83-2025 in connection with the resolution of a dispute entitled "Arbitration between the County of Westchester and Standard Amusements LLC a.k.a. Arbitration Proceeding." This would authorize the issuance of THIRTY-SIX MILLION, FIVE HUNDRED NINETEEN THOUSAND, TWO HUNDRED NINETY-FOUR (\$36,519,294) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, INFRASTRUCTURE & HOUSING AND PARKS & ENVIRONMENT

Joint w/I&H and PE

Law Dept.: Assistant Chief Deputy County Attorney Justin Adin

Budget Dept.: Christina Rampata, Deputy Director, Dianne Vanadia, Associate Director

Please refer to item #2 for discussion.

On motion of Legislator Pierce, 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 Woodson-Samuels, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Nambiar, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Williams, Legislator Williams Johnson and Legislator Gashi

5. [ACT-2026-5](#) **ACT - Workers Comp Settlement M.S.**

AN ACT authorizing the County Attorney and the Commissioner of Finance to compromise the liability of the County of Westchester and pay a reduced lump sum to a former County employee in lieu of future payments.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND LITIGATION

Joint w/LIT

Guest: Law Dept.: Associate County Attorney Sean Carey

Mr. Carey discussed the item.

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

Aye: Legislator Woodson-Samuels, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Nambiar, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Williams, Legislator Williams Johnson and Legislator Gashi

6. [ACT-2026-6](#) **ACT - Insurance Settlement Claims**

AN ACT authorizing the County Attorney to settle the insurance claims and resulting insurance coverage dispute with Berkshire Hathaway Direct Insurance Company, f/k/a American Centennial Insurance Company ("ACIC"), for THREE HUNDRED SIX THOUSAND (\$306,000) DOLLARS.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND LITIGATION

Joint w/LIT

Guest: Law Dept.: Senior Assistant County Attorney Mark Gardner

Mr. Gardner discussed the item.

On motion of Legislator Nambiar, 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 Woodson-Samuels, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Nambiar, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Williams, Legislator Williams Johnson and Legislator Gashi

7. [ACT-2026-7](#) **ACT - Retainer Amendment with Sheppard Mullin**

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to amend a retainer agreement with the law firm of Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP, for the provision of outside counsel legal services in connection with a default (the "Default") by Custom Marine, Inc. ("Custom") under Department of Public Works & Transportation (the "Department") Contract No. 12-517-REV, in order to increase the authorized not-to-exceed amount of the Agreement by NINE

THOUSAND (\$9,000) DOLLARS.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND LITIGATION

Joint w/LIT

Guest: Law Dept.: Assistant Chief Deputy County Attorney Justin Adin
Mr. Adin discussed the item.

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

Aye: Legislator Woodson-Samuels, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Nambiar, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Williams, Legislator Williams Johnson and Legislator Gashi

8. [ACT-2026-8](#) **ACT - Lawsuit Settlement of Jefferson v. Westchester County, etc.**

AN ACT authorizing the County Attorney to settle the lawsuit of Syreeta L. Jefferson v. Westchester County; Archdiocese of New York; St. Cabrini Home; Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus; Redemptorists of the Baltimore Province a/k/a The Redemptorists; and Does 1-10, in the amount of SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND (\$750,000) DOLLARS, inclusive of attorney's fees.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND LITIGATION

Joint w/LIT

Guests: Law Dept.: Assistant Chief Deputy County Attorney Taryn Langrin, Senior Assistant County Attorney Christine Feimer, and Assistant County Attorney Michael Callan

Ms. Langrin and Mr. Callan discussed the item.

On motion of Legislator Woodson-Samuels 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 Woodson-Samuels, Legislator Nambiar, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Williams, Legislator Williams Johnson and Legislator Gashi

Absent: Legislator Holstein

9. [ACT-2026-12](#) **ACT - Lawsuit Settlement of Gabari v. Westchester County, et al.**

AN ACT authorizing the County Attorney to settle the lawsuit of Melanie Gabari v. The County of Westchester, Jeffrey Munson, George Munson and Carol Munson in the amount of SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND (\$750,000) DOLLARS, inclusive of attorney's fees.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND LITIGATION

Joint w/LIT

Guests: Law Dept.: Assistant Chief Deputy County Attorney Taryn Langrin; David Chen, Esq., Bleakley Platt

Ms. Langrin and Mr. Chen discussed the item.

With a motion by Legislator Williams seconded by Legislator Tubiolo the committee voted unanimously to go into executive session to discuss legal advice at 11:38 a.m.

With a motion by Legislator Williams seconded by Legislator Nambiar, the committee voted unanimously to come out of executive session at 11:56 a.m.

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

Aye: Legislator Woodson-Samuels, Legislator Nambiar, Legislator Pierce,
Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Williams, Legislator Williams Johnson and
Legislator Gashi

Absent: Legislator Holstein

10. [ACT-2026-13](#) **ACT - Lawsuit Settlement Pompey v. Westchester County**

AN ACT authorizing the County Attorney to settle the lawsuit of Pompey v. Westchester County in the amount of TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$200,000) DOLLARS, inclusive of all costs and attorney fees.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND LITIGATION

Joint w/LIT

Guests: Law Dept.: Assistant Chief Deputy County Attorney Justin Adin; Lalit Loomba, Esq.,
Quinn Law Firm

Mr. Adin and Mr. Loomba discussed the item.

With a motion by Legislator Williams seconded by Legislator Tubiolo the committee voted unanimously to go into executive session to discuss pending litigation at 12:07 p.m.

With a motion by Legislator Williams seconded by Legislator Nambiar, the committee voted unanimously to come out of executive session at 12:25 p.m.

On motion of Legislator Tubiolo, 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 Woodson-Samuels, Legislator Nambiar, Legislator Pierce,
Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Williams and Legislator Williams Johnson

Absent: Legislator Holstein and Legislator Gashi

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator Nambiar seconded by Legislator Pierce the Committee adjourned at 12:27 p.m. by the following vote: