

Environment, Energy & Climate

BOL Meeting Minutes - Published Draft



Committee Chair: David Imamura

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10:00 AM

Committee Room

CALL TO ORDER

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Joint w/ B&A and PWT

With a quorum present, Chair Imamura called the meeting to order at 10:19 AM

Others in Attendance: BOL: Legislator Damon Maher, Legislator Colin Smith, Legislator Symra Brandon (remote) Legislator Tyrae Woodson-Samuels, Robert Abbamont (remote), Flora White (remote), Jill Azxelrod, James Silverberg

Present: Committee Chair Imamura, Legislator Gashi, Legislator Parker, Committee Vice-Chair Pierce, Legislator Williams Johnson and Legislator Barr

Excused: Legislator Tubiolo

MINUTES APPROVAL

July 24th, 2023 10AM Minutes

August 1st, 2023 1PM Minutes

August 21st, 2023 1PM Minutes

August 25th, 2023 11AM Minutes

On motion of Legislator Parker, seconded by Committee Vice-Chair Pierce, the minutes were approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Committee Chair Imamura, Legislator Gashi, Legislator Parker, Committee Vice-Chair Pierce, Legislator Williams Johnson and Legislator Barr

Excused: Legislator Tubiolo

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

ACT-2023-215 BOND ACT(Amended)-RD017-MRF and Transfer Station Rehabilitation**Guests:**

Department of Environmental Facilities
Commissioner Vincent Kopicki
First Deputy Commissioner Lou Vetrone
Deputy Commissioner Nat Federici

Mr. Federici explained the project as funding needed for the design, construction and construction management of the MRF including roof replacement, lighting and misting systems, replacement of processing equipments and sorters as well as the repair of the tipping floor.

Legislator Williams-Johnson asked if this was originally a one million dollar bond and why there was an increase to fourteen million. Mr. Federici explained the original one million was for the design of the roof. This fourteen million is not just the roof, it is for rehabilitation of all of the district solid waste facilities which include the MRF building, Yonkers, Mount Vernon, White Plains and Cortlandt Manor transfer stations.

Legislator Pierce asked about increase in cost and intentions of putting solar for the roof? Mr. Federici said this is the first step of exploring a solar project, which is enforcing the roof so it can support it.

Legislator Pierce also asked about the solid waste projects and how the Legislators would be able to see where each bucket of money is allocated as it relates to each project? Mr. Federici explained the process and reasoning behind the monies being a obscure in the project by stating DEF goes to the State to approve projects and the easier way to move through the process, is by fitting in several different projects at once. Within the 14.8 million dollars, about 10.4 million will be used for construction and construction management. He provided an example using Yonkers who has 4 different roofs, which raises the expenses. He also noted the solar project does increase the pricing because of the steel framing.

Legislator Barr asked about whether this project was apart of routine upgrades or if our capabilities to process is being increased? Mr. Federici said it is a combination of both. Repair of the roof is because its at the end of its useful life but other things like the increase in sorters, increases our capabilities to process more and more efficiently which will give a much cleaner product.

Mr. Federici also talked about a new robotics initiative DEF would like to begin using at the MRF's to make the process more efficient.

On motion of Legislator Barr, seconded by Legislator Gashi, the above item was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Committee Chair Imamura, Legislator Gashi, Legislator Parker, Committee Vice-Chair Pierce, Legislator Williams Johnson and Legislator Barr

Excused: Legislator Tubiolo

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator Barr, seconded by Committee Vice-Chair Pierce, the Committee adjourned at 11:40 AM by the following vote:

Aye: Committee Chair Imamura, Legislator Gashi, Legislator Parker, Committee Vice-Chair Pierce, Legislator Williams Johnson and Legislator Barr

Excused: Legislator Tubiolo

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